

Wilmington and vicinity: Rain and not much change in temperature today; Thursday clearing and much colder, preceded by rain in morning.

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TRAGIC END OF SEARCH FOR SON



Elevated Railroad Operator Elliot Gallagher (right) is restrained by Police Sgt. Joseph Palumbo (center) and a friend from seeing the mutilated body of his six-year-old son Richard, covered with a blanket. After an all-night search, the boy's body was found beneath the third rail of the Dorchester, Mass., rapid transit tracks.

Fund Misuse Charge Denied By Coleman

OVERSEAS SUPPLY MOVEMENT LAUDED

Rotarians yesterday heard Thomas Fuller, former colonel in the Transportation corps, now assistant to the freight traffic manager of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, describe the operations of the T. C. during World War II, at the regular meeting of the club in the banquet room of the Friendly cafeteria.

Introduced by W. H. Henderson, freight traffic manager of A. C. L. Fuller, whose commands included a tour as Chief of Transportation of Advanced Allied Forces at Salerno, told members that the corps was first under the Quartermaster Corps but after a stretch under the Service of Supply, was activated in July, 1942, as a separate service.

Termining the Overseas Supply division the most important branch of the corps, he disclosed that with divisions in Brooklyn and San Francisco, the division handled all requisitions for overseas shipments as materiel and prevented the congestion on railroad and highways around harbors that occurred during the last war.

The job overseas was very different, Fuller said, with operations being conducted on a "do the job the best and quickest possible with what you have on hand" basis. Not many people realize that from Casa Blanca to Tunisia is 1800 miles," he said in discussing some of the problems of the African invasion and campaign, "and the railroads could handle trains loaded with only 250 net tons six times a day."

"A train made 250 miles in one 24-hour period. This was supplemented by trucks, ships and pipelines," he added. Fuller described the transportation problem in Italy as "tough" with much rebuilding necessary as the Germans destroyed railroads and bridges during retreat.

Although 600 tons unloaded from a ship in a 24-hour period is considered good, Fuller said, a world's record was set in Naples by the corps in unloading 6,500 tons of cargo from a Liberty ship in that length of time.

"When the history of the war is written, the part that the Transportation corps played in winning it will be shown in its true significance," he concluded. Fuller was stationed with the ACL in Fayetteville prior to entering the service.

Jaycees Study Measures To Help Sick Veterans

Landis Welsh, chairman of the Veterans' Rehabilitation committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, in making the committee's report at the regular weekly meeting of the club last night declared "we have to do something for war veterans who need emergency hospitalization now."

The declaration came following queries by members as to whether the Blue Cross movement will eventually take care of wounded veterans of the community who need emergency hospital or medi-

Commissioner Says He Sees No Misappropriation Of Chest Money

Complete denial that he had accused any group or organization of misappropriation of funds in connection with current discussions of expenditures by the Community Chest was made last night by Louis J. Coleman, member of the New Hanover county Board of Commissioners.

"Any such statement attributed to me was erroneous," Coleman said. "During the discussions I did say that it appears to me that all of the money is going to the Chest and that some of it is not going to the indigent people for whom it was contributed. But there is a lot of difference between what I said and any indication I suggested there has been any misappropriation of funds."

Coleman's statement came as a result of discussions that have been carried on here between the New Hanover county Board of Commissioners and Community Chest and Associated Charities officials relative to a deficit which faces the Charities organization and present attempts to find sufficient funds for the Charities board to continue normal operations.

Coleman had been quoted as saying that the way in which money had been expended constituted misappropriation of funds. His denial followed this quotation.

CITY INSTALLING STORM DRAINAGE SEWERS ON GRACE

The short jog between Nutt and Water streets will be closed to traffic today as city workmen progress in their job of installing storm sewers on Grace street, J. A. Loughlin, City engineer, said last night.

With a City Council appropriation of approximately \$5,000 for the work, the City engineer's department is installing the storm sewers between the Cape Fear river and Front street. The installations were practically complete last night between the river and Nutt street.

The sewers are being installed to take care of excess water that forms above and east of Front street during storms and heavy rains. Loughlin said the work should be completed in about 10 days.

cal care, as well as cases of needy veterans who will require such care in the future. Welsh who, with other members on the committee, has made an investigation of some cases of veterans needing emergency treatment and those hospital and medical facilities, told the club the committee had made recommendations and suggestions in the behalf of veterans, as follows:

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UAW, General Motors To Resume Talks; House Hits Truman, Passes USES Bill; Army To Stay In Germany Indefinitely

Byrnes Says Eisenhower, Truman Agree

DEPARTMENTS DIVIDED

Secretary's Statement Clears Up Confusion On Zone Administration

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes made it plain today that the Army, which had hoped to get out by June 1, would continue to administer the American zone in Germany indefinitely.

This means, Byrnes told his news conference, that the State department will continue in its policy-making role and will not venture into the administrative field where it has had no experience.

Byrnes' statements went far toward clearing up confusion on the administration in Germany which had existed since Oct. 30.

On that date, President Truman made public a letter from General Dwight D. Eisenhower urging that American participation in the Allied government of Germany be turned over to civilians "at the earliest possible moment," and "no event later than June 1, 1946."

Mr. Truman said then that the head of the American civilian government in Germany, when appointed, would be responsible not to the State Department, but directly to the President.

In the intervening months it became apparent that some differences existed between the State and War departments on the part each was to play in the civilian administration. Lately neither department has made a secret of its eagerness to have the other undertake primary responsibility under the President for the administrative job.

Byrnes said Secretary of War Patterson is exceedingly anxious to transfer the administrative job to the State department or anywhere else. Byrnes added, however, that both Patterson and Eisenhower finally had agreed with him that it would be best for the Army to continue until a small civilian administrative force can do the job.

The transfer can not be made, Byrnes said, until central German administrative agencies, manned by Germans, are established. Byrnes added that the President now agrees with this view.

J. E. L. WADE NAMED CHAIRMAN OF LEAGUE LEGISLATIVE GROUP

RALEIGH, Jan. 29.—(AP)—James E. L. Wade, a former state senator and present Wilmington city council member, has been appointed chairman of the legislative committee of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, it was announced today by Mrs. Davetta L. Steed, executive secretary of the league.

Wade was selected by Mayor Walker Lyerly of Hickory, president of the league. The Wilmingtonian is a past president of the league and was instrumental in its reorganization in 1934.

The legislative committee is to formulate and recommend a legislative program to be considered by cities and towns for submission to the 1947 General Assembly.

WEATHER

(Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday.

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Harry L. Hopkins



HOPKINS RITES SET FOR FRIDAY

Confident Of Presidents Dies In New York After Long Illness

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Harry Hopkins, the lanky, loose-jointed man of mystery who was trusted by the late Franklin D. Roosevelt with many of the nation's highest secrets, died today.

Even in death, there was a hint of mystery in the man who was so close to the late President that he lived for three and a half years at the White House.

A formal announcement by Dr. C. P. Rhoads, superintendent of Memorial hospital said: "Harry Hopkins died at 11:35 a. m. today. The nature of his illness was obscure and final determination cannot be made until further facts are available."

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday at St. Bartholomew's church, Park avenue and 50th street.

The 55-year-old son of an Iowa harness maker was considered in Washington as one of this nation's most powerful men. He spoke rarely in public, but his long lean face, topped by thin brown hair often was seen in the background of momentous, inter-national meetings before and during World War II.

As Mr. Roosevelt's closest confidant, Hopkins was present at the historic Atlantic Charter meeting with Prime Minister Winston Churchill in 1941. Hopkins was at Cairo to meet with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, at the Big Three meeting in the Crimea.

President Harry S. Truman last May sent Hopkins as a personal emissary to talk with Marshal Josef Stalin in Moscow on matters arising from the collapse of Germany and the war with Japan.

Hopkins also is survived by two brothers, Dr. Lewis Hopkins of Tacoma, Wash., and Emery Hopkins of Seattle, Wash.; and a sister, Mrs. Adah Aime of New York.

Along The Cape Fear

MARY BAKER EDDY—A gentleman called in with reference to an item appearing herein the other day. The item was about a statement ALONG THE CAPE FEAR had picked up to the effect that years and years ago the insurance companies wouldn't insure anybody who lived east of the Wilmington and Weldon railroad because of the prevalence of malaria in the area.

This gentleman asked us to check back and find out if the first husband of Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science, didn't contract the fever here in Wilmington and die.

BURIED AT ST. JAMES—The item was checked with Miss Emma Woodward, librarian of the Wilmington Public Library.

Mrs. Eddy's first husband is buried here, at St. James cemetery.

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Wyatt Urges Ceilings On All Housing

FILIBUSTER ROLLS

Military Committee Asks For Full, Detailed Report On Rapido River Battle

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The House passed today a bill to switch the United States Employment Service back to state control a year earlier than President Truman wanted.

Southerners in the Senate kept a marathon filibuster going against something else the President wanted—a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission to deal with racial and religious discrimination.

By a 263 to 113 roll call vote, the House sent to the Senate a bill to put U. S. Employment offices back under state management next June 30. They operated under Federal control during the war. Mr. Truman wanted to keep them there during reconversion.

If the Senate okays the House measure, administration leaders expect the President to veto it. Recently he vetoed one that would have restored USES to the States within 100 days.

Committees were busy on: Price Controls—To help veterans get homes, Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt urged the House Banking committee to approve legislation to put ceilings on prices of all houses and on building lots in cities.

The committee arranged to begin hearings Tuesday on a measure to continue the Price Control and Stabilization Acts for a year beyond their June 30 expiration date.

Full Employment—Members said a joint-Senate House committee made good progress today toward a compromise on the so-

HINES TO SPEAK TO GUARDSMEN

A full attendance of the 212 members of the Cape Fear division of the U. S. Coast Guard is expected tonight to hear Lt. Comdr. L. H. Hines, commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard auxiliary, Sixth Naval district, at a general meeting at 8 o'clock in the Customhouse.

J. Irving Corbett, commander of the Cape Fear division, said, in discussing the program for tonight, that future operations and forthcoming activities of the division will be projected. He said it is highly important that all members be present to aid in outlining this program.

Lt. Comdr. Hines, principle speaker at tonight's meeting, recently succeeded Lt. Comdr. Louis A. Hanson, Wilmington, as commandant of the Sixth Naval district auxiliary.

Commander Corbett recently returned from Porto Rico where he was on active duty with the Coast Guard as captain of the port of Ponce.

AND SO TO BED!

It takes a lot of pennies to fight infantile paralysis, and every one helps. And Mrs. W. M. Ezzell, 65, who lives on Castle Hayne road is doing her part.

Mrs. Ezzell took an empty mason's jar, punched a hole in the top, and put the following inscription on the jar: "For the Crippled Children."

Every day, during the past week, when she sat down to a meal she dropped some pennies into the jar.

When her daughter, Mrs. Roy J. Cook, went to visit her, Mrs. Ezzell asked if she would take the jar to the "proper authorities" who would see that the crippled children got the money.

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Now, When We Jet To Europe—



Indulging in fancy about what they'll do to existing records when the Army turns its jet-propelled Shooting Stars loose on a test flight to Europe, pilots of the planes that set new California-New York speed marks are shown looking at a chart in New York. They are (l. to r.) William H. Council, Capt. John Babel and Capt. Martin Smith.

Chamber Activities To Be Broadened

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce yesterday moved to widen its scope of activities with a view toward attracting more industrial plants and organizations to the city and county and to enlist the efforts of all local civic organizations in a cooperative effort to keep the city "on the map" in post-war days.

At a meeting of the Chamber's board of directors approval was voted to form a "committee on committees."

This overall committee, Secretary John H. Farrell pointed out, will aid in enlarging upon the work of committee activities and facilitate the work of the Chamber in carrying out its objectives.

The new set-up is aimed to aid the Chamber in handling efforts to secure new industries for Wilmington. It will also help in the cooperative efforts planned with civic clubs here and generally act as a stimulus in any new business projects.

GASOLINE EXPLODES IN RALEIGH BURNING OVER 14 AUTOMOBILES

RALEIGH, Jan. 29.—(AP)—At least 14 automobiles were damaged, some of them beyond repair, when gasoline from an overflow tank caught on fire and exploded in the heart of Raleigh at about 10:30 tonight.

Strangely enough, although the flames ranged for nearly three blocks from the Fayetteville street front of the Sir Walter hotel westward along Davie street, no buildings caught fire. And so far as could be determined immediately, no one was killed or injured.

The explosion, which shook nearby large buildings and could be

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County School Buses Rank With Best In U.S. System

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Steel Heads Want Higher Ceiling Set

OPTIMISM GROWING

Tugboat Operators Threaten Strike As Teamsters Accept Settlement

By The Associated Press General Motors and the CIO United Auto Workers agreed yesterday to resume wage negotiations but the U. S. Steel corporation said it would need a ceiling price increase of "very much more" than \$4 a ton to grant striking steelworkers the 15 cents an hour wage boost already offered.

In Washington, meanwhile, high optimism was expressed by Reconversion Director John W. Snyder over prospects for settling the steel, General Motors and other strikes.

Snyder said, however, his hopes were based on recent trends toward "free collective bargaining" settlements and commented:

"When you see the customers of steel—Ford and Chrysler, for instance—getting ready to do business, that's a hopeful sign."

Referring to reports, never officially confirmed, that a \$4 a ton price increase had been offered in an effort to get "big steel" closer to the CIO demand for an 18 1/2 cents hourly increase, Irving S. Olds, board chairman of U. S. Steel, said in a statement:

"On the basis of an annual production of 16,000,000 tons of finished steel, which is approximately 80 per cent of our present capacity, either a wage increase of 15 cents an hour or one of 18 1/2 cents an hour will require a very much larger steel price increase than the \$4 a ton price increase previously mentioned.

"The fundamental question arises as to whether it is wise and in the public interest artificially to force up price levels for a basic product such as steel for the purpose of paying a wage increase to steel workers beyond the point

WHISKEY CREEK PROJECT DENIED

Proposed improvements to Purviance creek—known in New Hanover county as Whiskey creek—have been acted upon unfavorably by the South Atlantic division of Army Engineers, according to advices received last night from Brig. Gen. James B. Newman, Jr., U. S. Army division engineer whose offices are in Atlanta.

The improvements, proposed by citizens owning property adjacent to the creek, were requested last year. These would have consisted of deepening the creek channel to four or five feet and widening it to 60 or 75 feet. Extent of the operations, as requested by the citizens, would have been from the Inland Waterway to the highway bridge which crosses Purviance or Whiskey creek on the Long Loop highway.

In turning down the requested improvements General Newman said that "adverse conclusions are based on the fact that the estimated cost of the improvements would be greater than would be justified by the benefits to be expected."

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make as many as three trips each day while most of them make two trips.

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