

### AUTHORITIES HINT AT NEW EVIDENCE

#### Officers Decline Nature Of Finding In Bordeaux Knifing Affray

Investigation into the death of Mrs. E. F. Bordeaux, 30, mother of three children who was slain Sunday afternoon in a public playground, Riverside apartments, reached new heights last night according to police.

Although officers would not disclose the nature of their new findings, sufficient evidence for a coroner's inquest is expected to be ready Thursday night, date set for the hearing, they said.

Acting Coroner E. L. Strickland who previously said the case offered unusual difficulties said last night there were still no new developments which would be of use at a coroner's hearing.

Meanwhile the grief-stricken husband of the slain woman contacted at the home of a relative here, told reporters he was overwhelmed with sorrow at the loss of his wife. He declined further comment on the matter, other than to say that his only knowledge of the tragedy is that he heard her scream after she had been stabbed and that he rushed out, picked her up and placed her on a cot in their living room.

He said that the three children, one an infant, were being cared for by relatives and friends and were getting along well.

A Recorder's court hearing has been set for Friday when the immediate fate of Mrs. Corene Graham Collins, accused slayer of Mrs. Bordeaux will be decided. Mrs. Collins who told reporters she stabbed her neighbor in "self defense" after she had "swung" at her with a pair of metal knucks, and who said later she was "sorry and if the incident could be re-lived—it would never happen," remained in jail pending the outcome of Friday's hearing.

### WINE AND WOMEN AND MONEY STAND CANDIDATE TAKES

JACKSON, Ga., Feb. 12.—(U.P.)—J. Darden Watkins, 71, announced today that he would run for governor of Georgia on a platform of "Women, Wine and Money" provided it did not cost more than \$25.

"As governor," said the aged veteran of the Spanish-American and first World War, "I will promise to do nothing and will see to it that no one else will do anything.

"I'll give Georgia four years of quiet, old-fashioned government and let any man who wants to go to hades in his own way.

"If I run, I'll be elected," Watkins predicted.

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### IT'S STILL WINTER SO DEPUTY JAILOR WANTS FEDORA BACK

N. J. Calder, one of the New Hanover county jailers, whose hat was misplaced the other day as he listed his taxes, is looking for a head that fits his hat.

So, if you're the person who took the wrong hat or stole Calder's hat, and if you're wearing the hat and happen to drop around to the local bastion, you are liable for a long siege of hard luck, and possible prosecution.

As Calder started to list his taxes, being a gentleman in the presence of ladies in the hallowed halls of the court house, he removed his headress, and when he looked for it, it was gone.

### "MEMO FOR JOE" ON DISPLAY HERE

"A Memo for Joe," a compilation of service names prepared by the Wilmington chapter of the American Red Cross, is on display this week in the window of City Optical company, 218 North Front Street.

For the first time in Wilmington, the memory book was created during the 1945 Red Cross fund raising campaign. Each donor who gave \$7.00, which provided Red Cross services for ONE second in the battlefields, was given a special certificate award and the opportunity to present the name of a serviceman to appear in "A Memo for Joe."

Mrs. E. B. Snipes, 1805 Chestnut street and principal of Chestnut street school was appointed by the Red Cross to write the names in the book. She has been working on the book since last March and recently completed it. Mrs. Ida Speiden, local Red Cross secretary, said yesterday that the book later may be sent to the City library as its permanent home.

### NURSERY SCHOOLS MAY CLOSE SOON

H. M. Roland, Superintendent of New Hanover county public schools said yesterday that unless some arrangement is made for some responsible organization to take over the sponsorship of the county's four nursery schools, they will be closed within two weeks.

Their future remained in doubt last night with the announcement that Federal aid for the two white and two Negro nursery schools will be discontinued after Feb. 28, and the statement by Roland that to date no organization has expressed its willingness to assume sponsorship of the schools.

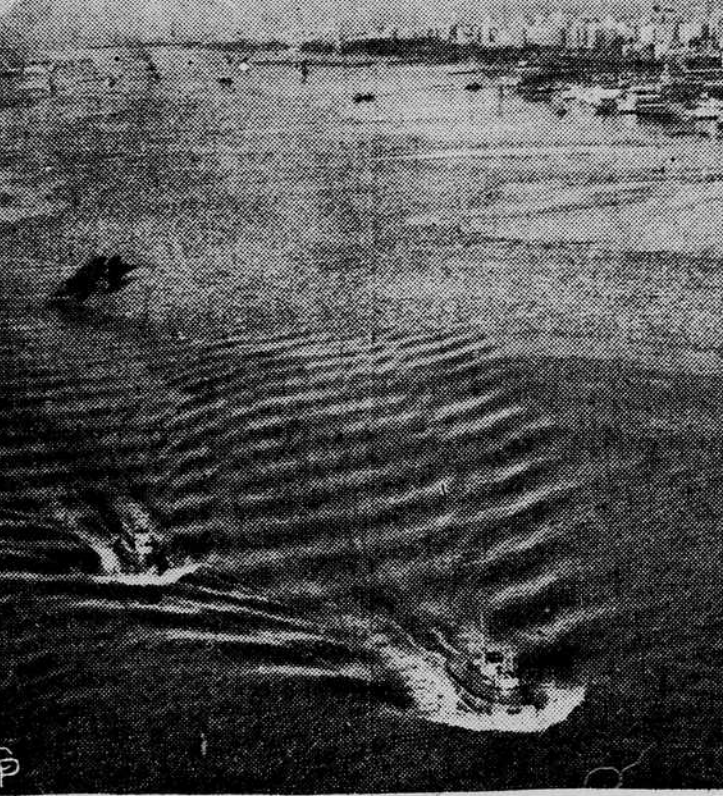
The weekly fee per child has been set at \$5. Arrangements as to hours may be made with Miss Mary Elizabeth Goverman, head of the High school nursery unit. Preference will be given to mothers of children whose husbands were lost in service, and to children of widows who are left without means of supporting their children, Roland continued.

**GIRLS WANT BATHS**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(U.P.)—The Civilian Production Administration today was asked to help make it easier for some South Carolina girls to take baths.

Robert Laffie, of Columbia, S. C., asked the CPA please to allot some 84 bathtubs to Columbia college. He said only one tub is available for all students.

Laffie said tonight he believes the college is going to get more bathtubs.

### NAVY TUGS EASE HARBOR TIE-UP



TWO OF THE FORTY-FIVE Army and Navy tugs operating in New York Harbor to alleviate the tie-up caused by striking tugboat workers, head downstream in the North River to pick up fuel barges. The entire harbor, paralyzed by the strike, is almost devoid of movement. Mayor William O'Dwyer has issued emergency orders rationing all fuel for homeowners and businessmen until the crisis is over. (International)

### Fire-Fighting Equipment Approved By Underwriters

By PHIL WRIGHT  
Is Wilmington's fire fighting equipment and total facilities sufficient to meet and successfully combat potential fire disaster?

The question has arisen among the public with recent indications that additional equipment may be purchased. Some city officials indicate that the present facilities and those to be purchased soon will be adequate for Wilmington's needs, while others say that the facilities are meager should a fire with major potentialities get started in the city.

**Five Hill Stations**  
Serving the city now are five hill stations with a total of five triple-combination engines, with pumping capacity of 750 gallons each. In addition there is one 600 gallon capacity engine with triple combination.

Of the 750 gallon units, four are of the American La France type and one is the Seagrave type which has a quadruple combination. The 600 gallon capacity pumping unit is a Mack model with triple combination.

**Triple Units**  
The triple combination units carry hose, pumps and boosters. The quadruple model has in addition to these facilities, the ladder.

One of these was purchased by the department in 1917, another in 1927, one in 1928, one in 1935, and the Seagrave quadruple combination unit in 1939. One of the American LaFrance models was delivered in 1943.

The aerial truck which carries ladders for use in case of fires which threaten the taller buildings, is an American La France model. It was purchased by the city in 1916 and has been in continuous service since.

The truck was remodeled completely in 1939 when a new tractor was bought and put into use and a new bed and new ladders were also installed.

**Bigger Hull**  
The fire boat Atlantic will, if present plans materialize, get a new and bigger hull and other vital new parts to equip her with sufficient properties to battle fires which occur in shipping and those convenient to the waterfront.

The boat a 50-footer, 14 feet wide with a five foot draft now has a 150 kermath propelling motor. Although her hull was repaired in December 1945 and the engine and equipment completely checked with any needed repairs being made at that time, officials say that a larger and faster boat would prove more satisfactory and guarantee more efficient service in case of need.

**New Trend**  
The purchase of a new fire boat, which is being negotiated now is a move which is indicative of the trend in the department. The idea seems to be that the department should have sufficient facilities under any circumstances, not necessarily that equipment on hand is not in good shape, or that a surplus must be purchased.

Fire Chief J. Ludie Croom said the two Dodge auxiliary engines which the department bought from the Army in 1944 were bought in anticipation of annexation of territory to Wilmington proper through the city limits extension plan, which plan was then in its embryonic stages. "We anticipated the additional service we would be called upon to render, and prepared for them," he said.

**Civilian Skip Pump**  
The trucks which are auxiliary units with a 500-gallon pumping capacity have a civilian skip pump mounted on each chassis and carry 1,000 feet of two-inch hose each. These units are triple combination, one carrying 225 gallons of fire-fighting fluid while the other carries 225 gallons.

In addition to these there is an auxiliary International truck which carries 150 gallons of water and a pumping unit with a 30-gallon capacity, plus a 12-foot roof ladder. This unit is used for minor fires, Chief Croom explained.

### LETTER BOX

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year to care for the needs of this group, and it is obvious that only a limited group can be cared for under the \$1,500 per annum budget. So far it has been impossible to find a director to head this organization, so it has never been set up.

The Community Chest has maintained that the care of the permanently sick and disabled and those requiring considerable cash outlay for food, shelter, and medical care is a proper charge for the county and city governments and therefore no funds from the Community Chest could be used to feed, house or otherwise care for this group.

This thinking on the part of the Community Chest has the backing of a committee sent here by the State Board of Public Welfare to make a survey of the local situation, but the directors of the Associated Charities have maintained that feeding the hungry, clothing the naked is of paramount importance and should take precedence over anything else and that those contributors who make the Community Chest possible are willing and anxious that some of their funds be used to feed the hungry and to care for those unable to care for themselves.

The two agencies have not been able to reconcile their differences and the Associated Charities has appealed to the county government for assistance so that the hungry may be provided with food. Here the matter now stands and something must be done at once if people in our community are not to suffer.

As things have reached an impasse, it seems that the public who are rightfully concerned should have full information from both sides and the public should decide.

It is true that under the Constitution of North Carolina the county government is charged with the care of the indigent and that tax funds should be provided for this purpose. This law is still in effect but there is another law governing this matter, a law much older than our Constitution and also still in effect. I refer to the laws of religion which is so ably defined in both the old and the new Testaments.

The religious law intended that the churches should care for those in need but the churches have stopped doing that and this has made it necessary for the charitable organizations to come into being and do the things that the church was supposed to do.

Let me say in advance I am quoting from memory and am not claiming that these quotations are verbatim but they are close enough so that they can be recognized. "On the first day of the week, let everyone lay by in store as God has prospered you." They were not admonished to lay by in store to pay taxes, but to feed the poor and care for the other church duties.

All of you remember the rich young man who came to Jesus and asked what he could do to inherit eternal life. You recall he had been an exemplary person and kept all the commandments, but the Master said, "One thing thou lackest, go, sell all thy goods and give to the poor." The Master did not say, sell your goods and pay your taxes. Again the Master said, "I was hungry and you gave me no meat, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was naked and you clothed me not, etc." He was asked when these refusals were made and He said, in as much as ye did it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me."

No mention of taxes there. Another time when Jesus was questioned about paying der unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." I think the things last covers the entire subject. There is an amount that should be paid in taxes and there is also an amount that must be given to the poor.

There are basic functions in this matter of helping the needy in which the government does have a part. I think all of us are agreed on Old Age Assistance, Aid for Dependent Children and Aid for the Blind. Only governmental functions could make these plans uniform and national in scope and to set up units to dispense these funds. Certainly no church could get that much uniformity, but the church has not been relieved of its responsibilities and the laws of God have not been changed, so it is our responsibility to give to the poor now just as much as it was then and it is only through a local organization such as the Associated Charities that we are allowed this privilege of giving and if you are a Christian giving is still a privilege. You get an indescrib-

### Beach Boy Scouts Win Advancement By Court

Advancements to a number of Scouts marked the Court of Honor held in conjunction with a parent's night program on Monday night at the Community church, Carolina Beach, under auspices of Troop No. 21 Boy Scouts of America. Over 150 persons were in attendance.

The following Scouts received advancement in rank: Tenderfoot air scout candidates, Jason Brown, Billy Siler, Richard Rhodes; star scouts, Jason Brown and Phil Harroll; merit badges, Jason Brown, public health, book-binding, safety, woodcarving; Benny Shumate, public health, pathfinding, safety, personal health; Jimmy Thomas, woodcarving, pioneering; Wallace Aron, pathfinding; Donald Williams, first aid; Clarence Borrell, first aid; Phil Harrell, personal health.

### Supreme Court Agrees To Hear Gardner Plea

RALEIGH, Feb. 12.—(U.P.)—The State Supreme court today agreed to hear the appeal of Dr. G. D. Gardner, Asheville physician under a 3-10-year sentence for manslaughter in connection with an illegal operation, during the week of April 9.

Gardner's appeal file was due today but action of the court extended his time. It was granted on a writ of certiorari. He was sentenced on January 31. R/P/slaugh-dencedtETAOIN NIOA

able feeling deep down inside of you when you give something to someone in need, but do you ever have that same feeling when you pay your taxes?

Under our present setup, not one dime of Community Chest funds are being used to feed the hungry and there are those who are hungry. Inasmuch as the Community Chest is the only agency soliciting funds our people are deprived of a privilege that is rightfully theirs if they believe in the Bible and I believe most of our people do.

In order to find out if our people want to follow the Biblical law, I would suggest that a committee from the Community Chest and the Associated Charities prepare a questionnaire with a ballot and mail to each person who is a contributor to the Community Chest and have that person say whether or not he or she wants a part of their donation to go toward helping our more unfortunate citizens. I think I know what the answer will be from those who believe the Biblical laws are still in effect. Such a questionnaire would not cost much and it is a democratic way of letting our people make their own decision on a matter that is so vital to our personal religious life and means so much to our community.

Please let me say honestly and sincerely that I am not taking this stand for selfish reasons and to avoid additional work being given to the Welfare Department. The Welfare Department can and will do any job required of it at any time when it is for the best interest of this community. My sole desire is to do the best job possible for the benefit of both our clients and the public and to do it in the most democratic way possible.

J. R. HOLLIS,  
Supt. Public Welfare,  
Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 12, 1945.

### HOT CARS IN STATE

RALEIGH, Feb. 12.—(U.P.)—Highway Patrol Major H. J. Hatcher said today that automobile theft rings were operating in North Carolina, and that stolen license plates were being put on "hot" cars. He said that 301 cars were reported stolen in North Carolina in January and 205 were reported recovered. In many instances, he said, the stolen autos were stripped and torn down and parts transferred to other cars to prevent identification. Hatcher suggested that owners not only lock their ignition switches but their car doors and, if possible, place their cars in a secure place.

### INCREASED PARKS PROGRAM STUDIED

Although hampered by war-induced shortages of labor and equipment, major improvements and additions to the city parks yesterday appeared likely following an announcement from city hall that consultants have made suggestions which are being studied. The announcement also said a master plan for the city is now being developed and will include recommendations for an extensive parks program.

In a summary of current developments, Ralph W. Snell said his department was filling in a swamp at Burn Mill Creek between Meets avenue and Market

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