Wilmington Morning Star Wilmington and vicinity: Wednesday partly cloudy and mild.

To End Row

cussions To Thrash Out

Remaining Details

MEET AGAIN TODAY

Labor Secretary Says

Strike Could "Be Settled

In Next Few Days

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There! We've been telling you Chief Casteen's boys would get you if you didn't watch out.

The luckless owner of the above pictured car either parked too long for one penny or too long for a nickle. So-o-o-o, Police Officer Jack Hall's putting one of those little red tickets 'neath the windshield wiper.

"GREEN LIGHT" FOR PROJECT

For a penny you can park only 12 minutes, and

Incidentally, Policeman Hall, whose beat, is roughly, from Grace to Chestnut streets in the business district, says he tags from five to 15 cars per day and each ticket cost the ticketee \$1. Who says Time is free?

an hour for a nickle, beside most meters.

-STAR STAFF PHOTO BY PETE KNIGHT.

DETROIT, Feb. 19.-(AP)-A four-hour General Motors **PIUS TO DELIVER** and CIO United Auto Work-WORLD MESSAGE ers conference adjourned late **Fuesday** with no agreement in the 91-day-old strike and a Pope To Broadcast From Federal mediator blocked in an effort to lengthen the sessions. Special Federal Mediator James F. Dewey said both the company Papal Throne This Morning At 11:30 and the union declined his sug-

gestion that they schedule extended negotiating sessions, saying it was "more expeditious" to confer between meetings in separate groups.

Dewey's effort to get GM and the UAW to spend more time at the conference table coincided with

See GM-UAW on Page Two.

FORGERY CHARGE PINNED TO WOMAN

Wife Of Veteran, Wounded In Service, Faces Several **Counts Here**

> O. Max Gardner, former Governor of North Carolina,

24-HOUR STAMP SERVICE P.O. TO OPERATE SLOT MACHINES

AUTO PEACE MOVE BOGS DOWN AGAIN

in all first-class postoffices of the nation, including Wilming-

ton, early in the new fiscal year

Postoffice department wit-

nesses, appearing before a ses-

sion of the House Appropria-

tions committee recently, let it

be known that the department

proposes to spend \$1,500,000

during the fiscal years 1946

and 1947 on coin - operated

Non-Profitable

fer from those now in general

use and owned by private in-

terests, will make no profit and

will return full value in stamps

for the coins inserted. They will

be installed in the lobbies of

thousands of postoffices so that

the public can buy stamps 24

The new machines, which dif-

stamp machines.

which gets underway July 1.

By JACK C. LUNAN Wilmingtonians, in the not too distant future, will be able to purchase stamps at the postoffice any hour of the day or night.

While the stamp windows will continue to serve the public only during the usual scheduled hours, closing up shop on the dot of 6 o'clock each night, opportunity to purchase stamps will go on uninterrupted 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

Exected Move This bit of news, trickling out of official Washington, did not catch Postmaster Wilbur Dosher fully unawares. For he has been expecting such a move it seems, for sometime.

In a nut-shell, the postoffice department intends to establish coin-operated stamp machines

Tar Heel Named FOOD SHOPPERS



NAM members. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmington vho have been beleaguered and harried effort" to abolish price control, crease, a 65-cent hourly minimum since 1941 by rising food prices, the newly-selected stabilization rate and a return to the 40-hour can now throw off his cap and director said its leaders, in effect, week. demand: shout hurrah.

See 24-HOUR STAMP on Page Two Says Henry Ford II Asked

Prices Or Else They have nipped a proposed "Pay us the prices we ask, or price-rise in fruit and vegetables in we won't produce the goods you the bud-like Jack Frost, you might need. ... say, because the story revolves He carried his hold-the-priceon the arris of plain old ice. line battle to the American people

Present Custom in a radio : dress after protesting It goes like this: The farmer and to the House Banking committee shippers who send fruit all over the that Henry Ford II, youthful presicountry use the railroads' ice-cars. dent of the Ford Motor co., had And it's the farmers and shippers demanded an 'outrageous increase' who pay for the ice that gets pack- of 55 per cent in automobile prices.

ed with the food and for the labor His testimony prompted the comthat does the packing. mitte At present the total cost per ton ness.

Union Sets Up Machinery For Walkout Over Nation

Federation Head Says "We Will Continue Bargaining, All Efforts Will Be Made To Settle Dispute"; Seek \$10 A Week Raise

MEMPHIS, Feb. 19.-(AP)-The nation's 250,000 organized telephone workers set up the machinery for a coast-to-coast strike Tuesday to be set in motion when all avenues of peaceful negotiation are closed."

Joseph A. Beirne, 35-year-old president of the independent National Federation of Telephone workers, announced: "We will continue bargaining with the company and all efforts will be made to set-

BOWLES BLASTS

For 55 Per Cent Increase

In Car Prices

tle the dispute." Beirne made his statement to newsmen shortly after the federation's 40 autonomous unions grant-**CRITICS OF OPA** ed the executive board authority to call a national strike whenever it

'considers proper." Picket Lines Planned

The resolution, adopted by a vote of 121,997 to 30,761, also directed that when a strike is called "all other affiliates respect all picket lines." Seven unions, representing WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. -(U.P.)- 26,913 members, failed to vote.

OPA Chief Chester Bowles charg- Beirne said the telephone worked Tuesday night that "irrespon- ers in further negotiations "might sible leaders" of the National As- consider a re-discussion of their sociati of Manufacturers, have minimum wage demands in the threatened a "sit-down strike light of the settlements in the steel against the American people" and and automobile industries."

demanded their repudiation by Union demands, directed chiefly to the far-flung system of the Denouncing full-page NAM ad- American Telephone and Telegraph vertisements as a "propaganda company, are for a \$10 weekly in-

Offer Falls Short

The A. T. and T. has reported offers to increase wages of all operators \$5 a week and grant other employes hikes ranging from

\$3 to \$6. Labor department statistics for November reported that telephone workers in all branches of the industry average a little more than \$1 an hour.

A union spokesman said the current wage scale for operators is: mittee to summon Ford as a wit- in smaller towns, \$18 to \$20 weekly

On Cape Fear Work Work projects totaling \$1,538,000 on the Cape Fear river and its approaches, were given the "green light" by President Truman when he signed legislation striking out

Truman Lifts Bans

the clause which prohibited appropriations for such work until six months after the end of the war and which has not yet been officially designated. In addition, the appropriations

which were a part of the Rivers 68,000 BY 1950 and Harbors act passed the Congress in March 1945, include \$9,000 to be expended for work on the Inland waterway and \$35,000 on the Intracoastal waterway, both items covering costs of work in the Wil-

mington area In This Area Projects in this area authorized by the March 1945 Rivers and Harbors act include work on the Cape Fear river, at and below Wilmington, with Federal costs placed at \$675,000.

Increasing the width of the authorized 30-foot channel between the inner end of the ocean bar channel and Wilmington from 300 ice firms in the city. to 400 feet; increasing the V liming-

Improvements in

FORECAST HERE

A population of 68,000 people Farrell bases his prediction

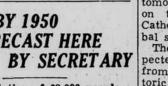
tial increase in the establishment of factories, warehouses, and wholesale, retail, and serv-

BY SECRETARY

in 1950 was predicted for Wilmington by John H. Farrell, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and newly appointed city industrial agent, last night. on:

Catholic church in the uneasy global situation. The Pontiff, they said, was ex

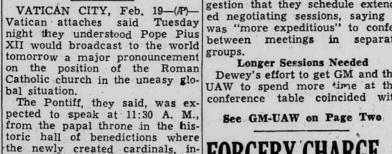
(1) An anticipated substan-



pected to speak at 11:30 A. M., from the papal throne in the his-toric hall of benedictions where the newly created cardinals, in-cluding four from the United

States, will gather to receive their first insignia of office. **Congratulations** Pour In Congratulations poured in today from all parts of the world to the 32 new princes of the church who

were made cardinals at a prece-dent-setting consistory Monday. The new cardinals, including those from the United States, spent the morning receiving felicitations from beribboned members of the



ton Turning Basin width from 600 to 800 feet is also a part of the above projects.

To Widen Approach

Appropriation of \$790,000 was provided by the act to increase the southerly approcah to the anchorage basin from 1,500 to 4,500 fee and for a 32-foot depth in channel between the outer end of the ocean bar channel and Wilmington.

An item of \$73,000 in the appropriation for this area was listed as first cost on a northeast Cape Fear river project and which would provide a channel 25 feet deep and 200 feet wide from Hilton bridge, to Company Accepts SEC Proand including the turning basin of the same depth and 600 feet wide, at a point one and one-quarter miles above.

Other Projects

See TRUMAN LIFTS on Page Two within 30 days, providing for stock

It's An Ill Wind

If the wind blows your copy of The Morning Star away, I am sorry, But, If you will phone 2-3311, The Star-News Circulation Department will send you a copy by special messenger. Please call before nine o'clock.

Thanks, Your Morning Star Carrier.

pansion of port and airport facilities.

(3) Most important, a homebuilding program which will attract many outsiders to move here, especially old and retired

TIDE WATER PLAN NEARS APPROVAL

viso Calling For Amendment In 30 Days

channel eight feet deep and 90 company, by the Security and Ex-feet wide on the Inland waterway change Commission may be only a from the waterway via Motte and matter of days now, following fil-Banks channels to a point within ing of an answer by the Tide Water Masonboro inlet at Wrightsville company, accepting a proviso by SEC that the plan be amended

distributions originally agreed upon between the company and General Gas and Electric company in addition to the new common stock

of Tide Water. with SEC, George D. Conant, acting purchasing agent and merchandise manager for Tide Water said last night. On the basis of the proposed

amendment has already been filed See TIDE WATER on Page Two

MCDONALD WARNS OF SPY THREATS

North Carolinian Says Network Probable From Nations Fearing U.S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.— (P) — The Senate Atomic Energy committee was told Tuesday that "it is inevitable that a network of spice will infest our country from a nation that fears us."

Dr. Ralph McDonald, North Other Projects Nine thousand dollars was au-thorized as first cost also for a zation plan of the Tide Water thorited plan of forecast amid these other occurences:

1. The White House declined to comment on a published report that the FBI has given President Truman a document naming more than 100 persons as cooperating with a foreign spy ring seeking atomic secrets here and in Canada. **Decline** Probe

2. The House committee on Un-American activities discussed the amendment has already been filed spy operations reported from Canada but decided against making an investigation at present. Rep. Rankin (D.- Miss.) of the committee demanded an inquiry.

3. President Truman was officially disclosed to be selecting a board of five or six civilians to appraise the results of the forthcoming atomic bomb test on war-

ships in the Pacific. This panel ap-

See MCDONALD WARNS on Page 2

And So To Bed..

street in the wind and rain,

"I did it for my three-year-old daughter," Mrs. Nancy Ammons, Lauringburg told officers who ar-See POPE PIUS on Page Two rested her yesterday on charges of forgery.

Savings and Trust company.

"My husband who is a veteran of World War II, is unable to

work." Mrs. Ammons told officers.

UP HEAVY MAJORITY

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 19-(U.P.)-First returns of strike ballots from 300,000 members

of the country's two most pow-

erful railroad brotherhoods,

the Locomotive Engineers and

the Railroad Trainmen, almost

unanimously approve a nation-wide rail walkout, it was an-

nounced Tuesday night.

FOR NATION STRIKE

Mrs. Ammons was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Charlie Snow, as she attempted to obtain money

been appointed Undersecretary of the Treasury by President Truman, the White House announced Tuesday.

by methods officers described as "forgery," from the Wilmington

FOR GERMAN TRIP

'During his service with the U.S. Visit Husbands In Ja-See FORGERY CHARGE Page 2

pan, Either RAILROADERS ROLL

J. D. Taylor, U. S. Clerk of from \$4.30 to \$5.30. "You know what that would have

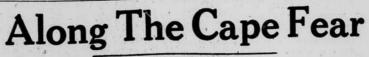
Court in the Customshouse here, meant." Major Boyd said. "The wishes he could do something about farmer and shipper would have

had to pay the railroad the extra it, ladies, but he can't. Ever since the government an- dollar, the merchant would ha nounced that the wives of serv-icemen overseas would be permit-ted to join them and live with them on foreign soil, Taylor has been besieged by local locies that the ertra dollar." them on foreign soil, Taylor has been besieged by local ladies WITHDRAW PLANS whose husbands are stationed out-

Boyd said that the Chicago comside the U.S.A. mittee submitted its proposal to Accepts Applications

the Interstate Commerce Commis-President A. F. Whitney of the Trainmen said that ballots Taylor accepts the ladies' appli- sion But so thing happened, and cations for passports and sends the committee suddenly withdrew received from 60 of 300 rail-roads involved were 99 per hem on to Washington for approv- it.

al. The ladies whose husbands are "I can't say exactly what made lucky enough to be in England the committee change its mind." or China or the Philippines have Major Boyd said, "but I have a received their passports without a hitch. It's the ladies whose husbands book, and decided that he just



as though we've almost bit off ring. A lot of people, it seems, know more than we can chew. And con- all about the old Shell road, and sidering that what we're chewing they all wanted to tell Ben about on is oystershells from the old it. Shell road, we might wind up in the

dentist's office buying a set of new instrument for conveying the story, In case you don't know what possible task of trying to answer

we're talking about—and we kind of wonder whether we ourselves When he fainted. w

Yesterday we printed some stuff general confusion and phone-ring-

a lot of questions about ' it and a stretcher, the calm figure-voice, rather-of Mrs. J. D. Edwards hoped to get some answers.

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We got 'em.

teeth.

MESPONSE, BUT YES Mon-day night, Ben McDonald, Star-News Round-the-Town reporter, read our little piece over the radio -sort of a pre-view, you know. -sort of a pre-view, you know. Well, no sooner had Ben signed See ALONG CAPE FEAR on Page 2

FORECAST North Carolina: Wednesday partly cloudy and mild. South Carolina: Partly cloudy and cool-er Wednesday. (Eastern Standard Time) (By U S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday. Temperatures 1:30 a.m. 48; 7:30 a.m. 54; 1:30 p.m. 58; 7:30 p.m. 61. Poor Ben, who was merely the 1:30 p.m. 61. Maximum 62; Minimum 43; Mean 53; Normal 48. found himself faced with the im-Humidity 1:30 a.m. 79; 7:30 a.m. 80; 1:30 p.m. 87; 7:30 p.m. 90.

When he fainted, we took over. TO THE RESCUE.-Out of the

about the old Shell road. We asked ing, and after we got Ben put on

came to our rescue. 1:00 p.m. Masoonboro Inlet 10:34 a.m. Born here in 1880, Mrs. Edwards

(Continued on Page Two)

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m.-

Total since the first of the month-

7:46 a.m. 8:12 p.m. 4:24 a.m.

of ice is \$4.30, and when the Wilmingtonians go to market and buys

Bowles urged his radio audience maximum. a head of lettuce he is also paying to support President Truman's

Urges Support

the farmer and shipper for the ice which accompanied that nead of lettuce on its journey from the field to support President transform - "the new wage-price program - "the new, all-out attack against the forces of inflation." He emphasized that, despite BOOST PROPOSED

NAM's "huge publicity campaign," Now, according to what Major H. E. Boyd, Traffic Manager of Wilmington's Port Traffic associa-wen "are reasonable, patriotic people who would not condone . . tion, said yesterday, the National armed forces he was physically Wives Of Servicemen Can't Perishable Freight committee, Chi- See BOWLES BLASTS on Page Two

cago, which acts as an agent for the railroads, proposed some time TOBACCO OUOTAS ago to boost the total cost per ton of freight-ice in North Carolina **GIVEN BOOST FOR**

COMING SEASON WASHINGTON, Feb. 19-(P) -The Agriculture department announced Tuesday that 1946

planting allotments for firecured and dark-air-cured types of tobacco will be increased 20 and 10 per cent, respectively, over basic allotments made in 1943.

These increases will allow total planting of 82,000 acres for the fire-cured type and 40,000 for the dark air-cured type. Last year 63,100 acres of firecured and 42,700 of dark aircured were harvested.

nue today.

ton.

Because today Wilmington's

Mrs. Martha Jane Turner is

the lady, and she has lived 85

of those 102 years in Wilming-

Response To Query

The news came out in re-

sponse to yesterday's Along

the Cape Fear feature in the

Star. Among the many ques-

tions broached in the feature

oldest lady is 102 years old.

The department said it allowed the 20 per cent increase in the fire-cured type because foreign demand is expected to increase substantially.

as a starting wage and \$26 to \$2 maximum; in larger towns, \$24 to \$26 as a starting wage and \$38

Willing To Bargain The resolution, empowering the executive board to call a general

See MEDIATION on Page Two

WILMINGTONIANS **TO ATTEND MEET**

Page And Hiers In Charlotte To Aid In Promotion Of Shipping

Two Wilmington businessmen, R B. Page, publisher and Chairman of the State Ports Authority and J. T. Hiers, executive general agent of the Wilmington Port Commission, are in Charlotte today for scheduled joint meeting of the North Carclina State Ports Authority, North Carolina Traffic League and the Charlotte Shippers and

Manufacturers association. **Promote Shipping** Discussion on promotion of coastal and foreign shipping through this state's ports will be the prin-cipal item of business to come be-

fore the joint meeting. At noon the delegates will be guests at an informal luncheon to

See WILMINGTONIANS on Page \$

LIGHT A LOT OF CANDLES!

Wilmington's Oldest Lady Is 102 Years Old Today

By LARRY HIRSCH way, is the oldest inhabitant hereabouts?" If anybody in town happens to Mrs. Turner apparently wins have a cake big enough to hold the race by many, many 102 candles and doesn't know lengths. what to do with it, he might Born in Bladen county in bring it over to 400 Mercer ave-1844, Mrs. Turner moved to

Wilmington when she was 17, and she liked the town so well she's hasn't budged since. Eyes Sparkling

And according to the Rev. J. O. Walton, pastor of the South Side Baptist church here, her eyes are just as sparkling and her mind is just as clear as

they were when she became a charter member of the church back in 1924.

was this one: "Who, by the See OLDEST LADY on Page Two

Our relations with the Soviet as to whether the internal weak-Our police are not only pub-lic servants but also public Union cannot long remain what ness of Greece is to become the they are now. Unless they become occasion for a movement by much better, they will surely be- Marshall Tito against the city and angels. Yesterday afternoon an elderly lady, about to cross Front

come much worse. In fact, it is port of Salonika. There will be unavoidable, but there is about to another in Turkey where a readbe a series of issues which will justment of the status and control test specifically how good are the of the Dardanelles is indicated prospects of collaboration as and is necessary; the question will egainst the prospect of a world be whether or not the readjustwide competition in power and in ment is brought about by negotiainfluence. tions and international agreement

TODAY and TOMORROW

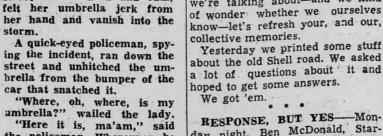
by WALTER LIPPMANN

One test will come in Iran on There may be a test also in Man March 2, the date fixed by the churia if it should transpire that agreement of the Big Three for the intent of the Yalta bargain the evacuation of Iran. Another is to be put in question. test will be posed in the negotia-

tions of the Italian treaty - and Trieste hout the Dedeasout Trieste hout the Dedeasout Trieste hout the Dedeasout the Manchurian, is Trieste. bout the Dodecanese an immediate, direct, and primary Islands and the Italian colonies responsibility of the United States in Africa. There will be another See LIPPMAN on Page 12

test in Greece-in the final analysis

cap.



the policeman. Whereupon he adjusted it, placed it in her hand, and sauntered off, a small halo shining above his

OYSTER-CHEW-Well, it looks off than the telephone started to

couldn't afford it."

See PASSPORTS on Page Two The Weather

cent in favor of a strike. Similar approval was contained in the first returns of ballots from engineers of "several" railroads, Locomotive Engi-

neers President Alvanley Johnston said.