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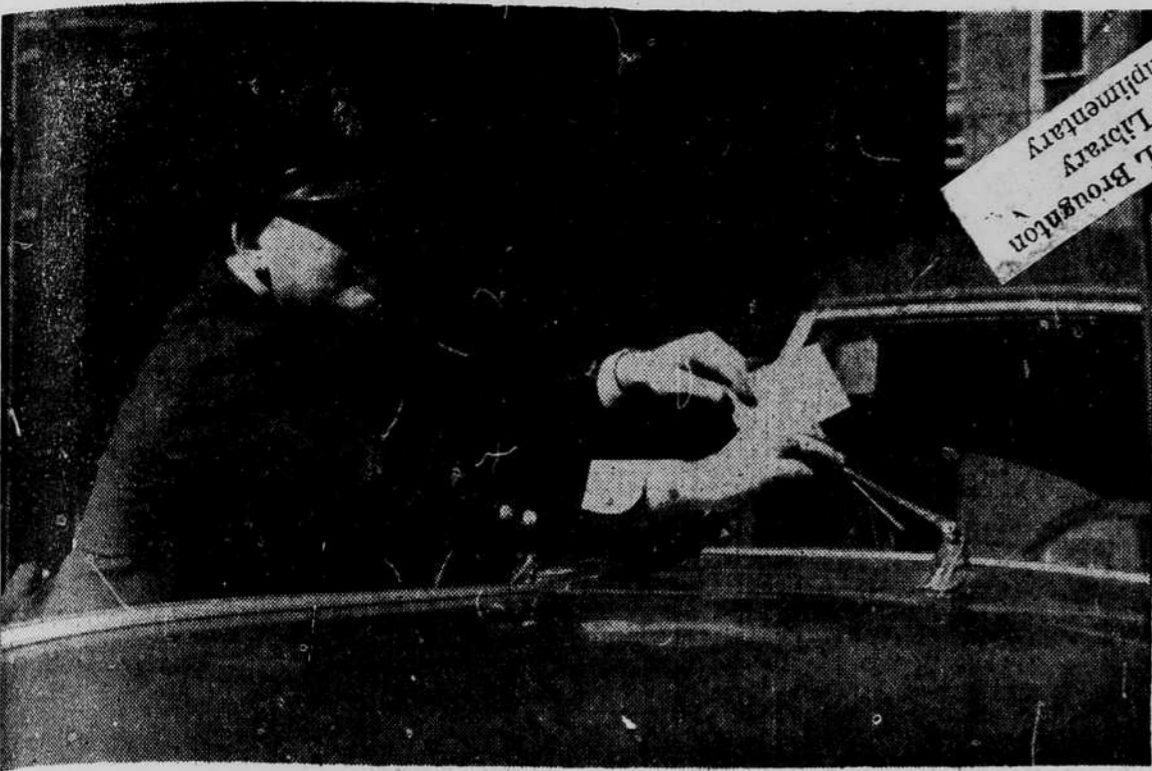
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Oh-Oh! You've Parked There Too Long!



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 a penny or too long for a nickel. So-o-o-o, Police Officer Jack Hall's putting one of those little red tickets 'neath the windshield wiper.

For a penny you can park only 12 minutes, and an hour for a nickel, beside most meters. 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? —STAR STAFF PHOTO BY PETE KNIGHT.

"GREEN LIGHT" FOR PROJECT

Truman Lifts Bans 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 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 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 Wilmington 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 to 400 feet; increasing the Wilmington 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 approach to the anchorage basin from 1,500 to 4,500 feet 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 and including the turning basin of the same depth and 600 feet wide, at a point one and one-quarter miles above.

Other Projects Nine thousand dollars was authorized as first cost also for a channel eight feet deep and 90 feet wide in the Inland waterway from the waterway via Motte and Banks channels to a point within Masonboro inlet at Wrightsville.

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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.

TODAY and TOMORROW by WALTER LIPPMANN

Our relations with the Soviet Union cannot long remain what they are now. Unless they become much better, they will surely become much worse. In fact, it is unavoidable, there is about to be a series of issues which will test specifically how good are the prospects of collaboration as against the prospect of a world wide competition in power and influence.

as to whether the internal weakness of Greece is to become the occasion for a movement by Marshall Tito against the city and port of Salonika. There will be another in Turkey where a readjustment of the status and control of the Dardanelles is indicated and is necessary; the question will be whether or not the readjustment is brought about by negotiations and international agreement. There may be a test also in Manchuria if it should transpire that the intent of the Yalta bargain is to be put in question.

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MEDIATION LAST HOPE OF STOPPING STRIKE OF 250,000 PHONE WORKERS; AUTO PEACE MOVE BOGS DOWN AGAIN

Conferees Block Plan To End Row

Refuse To Lengthen Discussions To Thrash Out Remaining Details MEET AGAIN TODAY Labor Secretary Says Strike Could "Be Settled In Next Few Days"

DETROIT, Feb. 19.—(P)—A four-hour General Motors and CIO United Auto Workers conference adjourned late Tuesday with no agreement in the 91-day-old strike and a Federal mediator blocked in an effort to lengthen the sessions. Special Federal Mediator James F. Dewey said both the company and the union declined his suggestion that they schedule extended negotiating sessions, saying it was "more expeditious" to confer between meetings in separate groups.

PIUS TO DELIVER WORLD MESSAGE

Pope To Broadcast From Papal Throne This Morning At 11:30 VATICAN CITY, Feb. 19.—(P)—Vatican attaches said Tuesday night they understood Pope Pius XII would broadcast to the world tomorrow a major pronouncement on the position of the Roman Catholic church in the uneasy global situation.

FORGERY CHARGE PINNED TO WOMAN

Wife Of Veteran, Wounded In Service, Faces Several Counts Here "I did it for my three-year-old daughter," Mrs. Nancy Ammons, Lauringburg told officers who arrested her yesterday on charges of forgery.

RAILROADERS ROLL UP HEAVY MAJORITY FOR NATION STRIKE

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 19.—(UP)—First returns of strike ballots from 300,000 members of the country's two most powerful railroad brotherhoods, the Locomotive Engineers and the Railroad Trainmen, almost unanimously approve a nationwide rail walkout, it was announced Tuesday night.

Along The Cape Fear And So To Bed..

OYSTER-CHEW—Well, it looks as though we've almost bit off more than we can chew. And considering that what we're chewing on is oystershells from the old Shell road, we might wind up in the dentist's office buying a set of new teeth.

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

By JACK C. LUNAN Wilmingtonians, in the not too distant future, will be able to purchase stamps at the post-office any hour of the day or night. Postoffice department witnesses, appearing before a session of the House Appropriations 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 stamp machines.

Tar Heel Named FOOD SHOPPERS GET TINY HOPE

Proposed Increase In Fruits, And Vegetables Nipped In Bud Mr. and Mrs. Wilmington who have been beleaguered and harried since 1941 by rising food prices, can now throw off his cap and shout hurrah.

PASSPORTS TABOO FOR GERMAN TRIP

Wives Of Servicemen Can't Visit Husbands In Japan, Either J. D. Taylor, U. S. Clerk of Court in the Customhouse here, wishes he could do something about it, ladies, but he can't.

Wilmington's Oldest Lady Is 102 Years Old Today

By LARRY HIRSCH If anybody in town happens to have a cake big enough to hold 102 candles and doesn't know what to do with it, he might bring it over to 400 Mercer avenue today.

The Weather

FORECAST North Carolina: Wednesday partly cloudy and mild. Partly cloudy and cooler Wednesday. (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday.

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.—(P)—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.

BOWLES BLASTS CRITICS OF OPA

Says Henry Ford II Asked For 55 Per Cent Increase In Car Prices WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(UP)—OPA Chief Chester Bowles charged Tuesday night that "irresponsible leaders" of the National Association of Manufacturers, have threatened a "sit-down strike against the American people" and demanded their repudiation by NAM members.

Offer Falls Short

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

WILMINGTONIANS TO ATTEND MEET

Page And Hiers In Charlotte To Aid In Promotion Of Shipping Two Wilmington businessmen, M. 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 a scheduled joint meeting of the North Carolina State Ports Authority, North Carolina Traffic League and the Charlotte Shippers and Manufacturers association.

TOBACCO QUOTAS GIVEN BOOST FOR COMING SEASON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(P)—The Agriculture department announced Tuesday that 1946 planting allotments for fire-cured and dark-air-cured types of tobacco will be increased 20 and 10 per cent, respectively, over basic allotments made in 1943.

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