

Round-The-Town Reporter With BEN McDONALD

judging from the number of telephone calls both at WMFD and this paper. The STAR-NEWSREEL, a regular Sunday radio presentation of the STAR-NEWS at 1:15 p. m. WMFD, really rang the listeners bell yesterday. The airing got off to a quick start when Captain C. H. Register, Wilmington Fire Department gave out with some very interesting facts about the fire.

It continued the fast pace when A. Ludoke, president, North Carolina Cooperative Bulb Growers association, gave an engaging interview on the flower situation here in New Hanover county. Ludoke, a native of Holland, told the story of flowers, as grown in this area, in a "make-you-want" to listen manner. It was a top spot in the broadcast.

In one of the most interesting parts of the program has had to date, Rose Garner, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Garner presented the studio audience as well as the listeners. Recently chosen "Queen of Hearts" in a popularity poll of fourth grade students in the Mattitt Village school, Rose took the "make-you-want" to listen manner. It was a top spot in the broadcast.

Remember, for spot news from Wilmington and vicinity listen to the STAR-NEWS Round-The-Town-Reporter at 1:25 and 6:25 p. m. every day.

PRIZE HIPPOPOTAMUS GIVES BIRTH TO HER SIXTH OFFSPRING

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The stork arrived at the suburban Brookfield zoo today, bringing with it the sixth offspring born to Bebe, the zoo's prize hippopotamus.

The stork was scheduled to arrive last Friday, but explained that carrying the estimated 50-pound youngster was enough to delay even one of his experiences.

Director Robert Bean said the baby was born in the tank where the temperature is held at 80 degrees, and that it will not come out of the water for three or four days.

Bebe's offspring have been sold to other zoos for a total of \$5,500. Since she came to Brookfield in 1935 she has given birth to five other healthy calves, three males and two females. One daughter, Memo, remains at the zoo.

Approximately five per cent of the crude oil refined in the United States is made into kerosene.

LISTEN HERE, "YOU-ALL" Come all you folks from other parts. Both folk and rural, And listen while I tell you this The word "you-all" is plural.

When we say "you-all come down", Or, "we-all shall be lonely", We mean a dozen folks, perhaps, And not one person only.

If I should say to Hiram Jones For instance "you-all's lazy" Or, "will you-all lend me your knife?" He'd think that I was crazy.

Now, if you'd be more sociable, And with us oftener mingle, You'd find that in the native tongue "You-all" is never single.

Don't think I mean to criticize, Or act as if I knew all. But when we speak of one alone We all say "you" like you-all.

Here And There The Wilmington American Legion, on one of the recent broadcasts, suggested that a "people's opinion" would be an excellent measure to enlist the general public's aid in solving problems that affect the community as a whole. The idea is catching on and the Legion has received a number of letters with sound suggestions which could be used in present conditions.

Many have inquired as to just what this "people's opinion" is all about. It's all very simple. It's a matter of writing letters. The letters don't have to be literary masterpieces. All that is asked is that they tell in clear, concise everyday language the opinion of the writer. Most everyone has an idea how certain problems can be solved. Don't keep it to yourself. Send it to the Legion, the newspaper, the radio station or to this column. But get it in—and right now.

Your suggestion may be the very thing that will help your neighbors. The letters will be read by competent judges. The letters, offering sound, reasonable and efficient means for the solution of current problems, in the opinion of the judges will then be read over.

Cabinet May Fall



SENATOR CHARLES MCNAIR

PRIME MINISTER of Italy, troubled Algi de Gasperi (above) sees his cabinet tottering as parties split on the issue of "Obligatory vote" for all adult Italians. Bitterly opposed by radical parties, the plan to compel voting by everybody is heartily advocated by the conservative and liberal parties. (International)

JEWISH MOB MARCHES ON HOTELS OCCUPIED BY ANGLO-U.S. GROUP

VIENNA, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Between 200 and 250 Jews Sunday marched on hotels here where members of the British-American committee on Jewish problems are staying. The marches finally dispersed after four jeepsloads of international military police arrived.

There were no disorders, although leaders of the marchers brushed aside Russian and American members of one patrol when they attempted to divert the group from bus stop Schottenring into a side street. Members of the Patrol called the marchers to go to the Jewish headquarters a few blocks away, where the demonstration broke up.

BRIDGES SEEKING LIGHT ON LETTER

Senator Calls On Bowles To Clarify Letter Promising Wage Order

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Sen. Styles Bridges, (R., N. H.) Sunday night asked Chester Bowles, the new stabilization director, to clarify whether he has committed himself to a wage increase policy favorable to CIO unions and unfavorable to AFL or non-union workers.

Bridges released the text of a letter he sent to Bowles Saturday and also the text of a letter which Bowles purportedly wrote to CIO President Philip Murray on Feb. 15.

He charged that the "outstanding feature" of the Bowles missive "is a definite promise that, upon becoming Economic Stabilization Director, you would issue a wage order of great advantage to all steel workers belonging to the CIO and to the distinct disadvantage of all steel workers belonging to the AFL or other unions, or none."

Bowles had no immediate comment on the accusation.

Bridges asked him to confirm that he had sent such a letter to Murray and "if so, do you now consider that you had any right to make such a pledge of favoritism to Mr. Murray before assuming the high office to which you have been named?"

SENATE COMMITTEE TO HAVE LABOR ACT READY BY MARCH 4

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—A three-man Senate sub-committee may agree this week on the terms of armed services merger legislation proposing autonomy for the Army Air Force.

Headed by Chairman Thomas (D-Utah), the Military sub-committee reportedly hopes for a decision at a Tuesday meeting on its biggest unsolved problem—whether to recommend one or three cabinet members to direct the proposed new integrated setup.

Military officials who have had a look at a half dozen or more suggested drafts of the bill said there seems little doubt that the sub-committee will recommend separate status—equal to that of the Army and Navy—for the Army Air force.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH HELD IN SLAYING OF CHILD IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(AP)—A 14-year-old high school boy was charged today with the slaying of three-year-old Sybil Gurfein whose partially clothed body was found submerged in a bathtub when her parents returned home after leaving her in his care.

The boy, Jack Turk, was missing when the parents returned home, but later was arrested in New Jersey. Police said he admitted stuffing gauze into her mouth. Later he said, he taped her mouth with adhesive tape and then tied cord around her neck and placed her in the bathtub before leaving.

The child was clad only in her pajama top when the body was discovered by her father, Jack Gurfein, a jewelry salesman, this morning.

MOTHERHOOD DIGNITY BEING FORGOTTEN IN WORLD, CARDINAL SAY

ROME, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Samuel Cardinal Stritch, of Chicago, said Sunday that the "sanctity and dignity and power of motherhood are being forgotten" in the world.

"There has appeared again the Venus ideal in womanhood," he asserted. In taking formal possession of the Church of St. Agnes Outside the Walls, Cardinal Stritch expressed the hope that the Virgin Mary would inspire Catholic women in the "work of God."

Dressed in the full robes of a Prince of the church with an ermine cape, the Cardinal blessed the 2,000 persons gathered in the church for the solemn ceremonies, including an honor guard of Boy Scouts.

CHARLOTTE MAN HELD

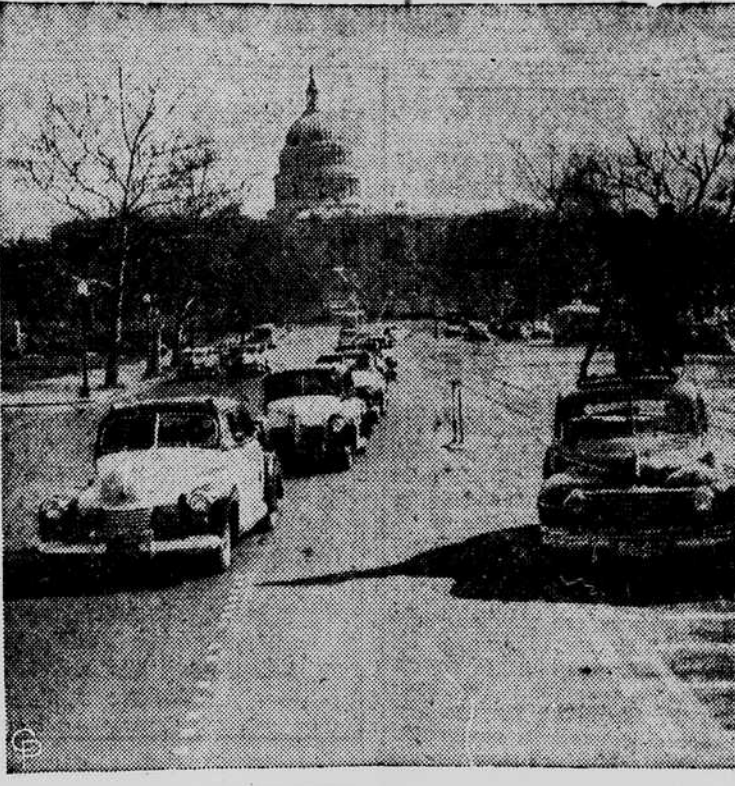
CHARLOTTE, Feb. 24.—(AP)—John McCall, of Charlotte, is being held by Charlotte police on a murder warrant in connection with the fatal shooting, Saturday night of Earl Deaton, 35, of Charlotte, it was announced Sunday by C. L. Sykes, police detective who investigated the affair.

Deaton died at a local hospital a short time after he was wounded by four revolver bullets in the abdomen.

STRIKE SETTLED

ROCKINGHAM, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Union ratification here Sunday of an agreement between M. Lowenstein and Sons, Inc., who recently purchased the Entwistle mills, and Textile Workers of America (CIO) representatives ended a strike of approximately 500 workers idled since September 17, 1945. The mill will reopen for work Monday morning.

CHICAGO TAXI VETS IN CAPITAL



SOME OF THE 500 EX-SERVICEMEN who drove their taxicabs to Washington to seek the help of the President and Congress in their fight to get hack licenses for operating in Chicago are shown driving down the Capital's Pennsylvania Avenue. This photo was made after the vets' delegates had called on members of Congress. (International)

Marines Haven't Landed But Wake Well In Hand

By TOM LAMBERT WAKE ISLAND, Feb. 24.—(AP)—There are no United States Marines today on Wake Island where the Marines made history.

A leatherneck detachment is scheduled to arrive here later for duty, but now the Navy and Army are occupying the island whose defenders late in 1941 won world renown for a hopeless fight against overwhelming odds.

Many Navy Men The Army maintains about 100 air transport command and communications personnel here. Approximately 1,200 Navy personnel under Navy Capt. E. A. Junghans Ox Bethesda, Md., are transforming Wake into an island which would scarcely be recognizable, either by the Marines who defended it or the Marines who proudly planted the United States flag when the island was surrendered by the Japanese at the war's end.

Seabee's diligently are knocking down Japanese emplacements and installations and constructing buildings for the Americans. Steam shovels which dwarf the few remaining pieces of Japanese equipment are gouging roads and leveling a site for a new Navy base. Jeeps bustle along dusty windwhipped roads. Transport planes land here and are serviced for flights westward to Tokyo or eastward to the mainland.

American ships stand close in to the reef, unloading equipment and supplies for the base. In contrast to the situation at most bases, officers are living in tents, using their helmets for washing and shaving. Enlisted men living in permanent quarters have hot showers, movies and two cans of beer a day.

"There have been no demobilization demonstrations on Wake Island," Capt. Junghans remarked proudly.

Heavy Damage The former Pan American base shows as heavy damage as any inflicted on Wake installations. Gaunt rusty steel girders rise from the concrete foundations, some of which are surprisingly little damaged. The Pan American Hotel and the old Naval Air Station administration's repair buildings now are only shells, the framework having been burned and blasted in both Japanese and American raids.

The Japanese used the buildings' girders liberally in constructing their emplacements and dugouts. A few Pan American personnel are here surveying sites for possible new installations. Pan American survey flight airplanes already have landed here.

Air Base Now Wake Island presently is serving as an airbase and stopover point on the regular Naval Air Transport route from Honolulu to Tokyo. Occasionally an Army air transport command plane lands although the Army mostly flies a more southerly route from Honolulu via Kwajalein and Guam.

There are still many evidences of Japanese occupation, evidences which indicate a frontal assault might have been costly. Along the shoreline and along the lagoon fronting the three islands which comprise Wake Island Atoll—Wilkes, Wake and Peale islands—the Japanese erected a series of defensive positions, some of which now are succumbing to Seabee bulldozers.

Many Tank Traps The Japanese knitted barbed wire entanglements along the beaches which sloped upward into a series of pillboxes, machinegun nests and rifle pits. Tank traps laced the three islands and minefields studded most of the approachable beaches. Unable to burrow deeply underground because Wake Island is only a few feet above sea level, the Japanese scuffed small depressions in the coral surface and erected a framework which they covered with coral.

Even these emplacements, however, and the revetted coastal artillery batteries proved vulnerable

to the United States air attacks and sea bombardments. At Peacock point on Wake Island, Japanese eight-inch batteries pointed forcefully toward the sea and along the beaches six-and-five-inch batteries flanked by smaller caliber guns show the effect of the American battering.

Concrete strips chipped and cracked and some collapsed under the shells, bombs, rockets and machinegun bullets. Thirty fighter planes and one two-engine bomber, all stripped by souvenir hunters, prove the accuracy of the strafing American fighters.

Along the beaches which the Japanese stormed Dec. 23, 1941 to overwhelm the Marine defenders is evidence of what the capture of Wake cost. Two Japanese patrol craft which carried 800 victorious Japanese Marines to the beaches thrust their bows out of the water a few hundred yards from where the U. S. Marines met the final assault.

The former Japanese liner Suwa Maru tips her prow out of the water from the beach which she made after being torpedoed in June, 1943 by a U. S. submarine. Offshore lies a Japanese destroyer which U. S. Marine shore batteries sand and further offshore lies another warship which a Wake Island Marine fighter pilot sent to the bottom with a single 100-pound bomb.

From various reports he has obtained, Capt. Junghans estimates about 70 Marines and civilians were killed during the Wake Island assault by the Japanese. The same reports indicate at least 205 Americans are buried on Wake. Those buried include prisoners who died after capture, plus 98 American civilians executed here in October, 1943.

Sentenced to Death Rear Adm. Shigematsu Sakabara, commander of Japanese forces on Wake Island, was sentenced to death Dec. 24, 1945 at Kwajalein for those killings.

American loss of life at Wake falls far short of Japanese deaths. An estimate 800 Japanese died in the assault on the island and in later United States attacks; 1,300 died of starvation after American forces clamped a blockade on the island.

"Death Island" The blockade, combined with frequent air-sea attacks, caused the Japanese to name the place "Death Island."

A Japanese diary found on Wake contained 268 entries between April, 1944 and March, 1945. The writer listed 243 air attacks during that period. The blockade was so tight the Japanese were unable to land a ship at Wake after early in 1944. For months before their capture, the Japanese were reduced to two small meals daily and were eating birds, rats, grasses and shrubs.

Return Trip For Capt. Junghans his assignment here was a return. When a task force directed by Admiral Halsey first assaulted Wake early in 1942 Junghans was along as an aviator for Admiral Spruance, then aboard the cruiser Northampton. Flying a Curtiss observation plane launched from the cruiser, Junghans, with five other planes, spotted the warship's fire, then fought off a Japanese floatplane fighter which attacked them six times. They then ducked into the clouds to confuse the Japanese anti-aircraft gunners, pushed their planes into shallow glides and divebombed Wake.

VETS' AID PLANNED ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 24.—(AP)—In a move designed to aid veterans in their home churches, the council of Methodist bishops Sunday sanctioned the employment of returning chaplains for special work among former service personnel.

The average cost of drilling oil wells has increased more than one-third from the prewar price.

Radio Programs WMFD Wilmington—1400 KC

- 7:30—"Family Altar"
7:45—"Musical Clock"
8:00—"News With Martin Agronsky"
8:15—"NBC Musical Clock"
8:30—"Your Sunshine Hour"
8:45—"Musical Clock"
8:55—"Tip Nod"
9:00—"The Breakfast Club with Don McNeil"
10:00—"My True Story"
10:25—"Betty Crocker"
10:30—"Hymns of all Churches"
10:45—"One Woman's Opinion"
11:00—"Breakfast in Hollywood" - Tom Breneman
11:00—"Kellogg's Home Edition"
11:45—"Ter Malone"
12:00—"Glamour Manor"
12:30—"Club Matinee"
1:00—"Baukhage Talking"
1:15—"Musical Interlude"
1:30—"News"—Wilmington Star News
1:45—"Let's Dance"
1:55—"Man on the Street"
2:00—"John B. Kennedy—News"
2:15—"Evel and Albert"
2:30—"Bride and Groom"
3:00—"Al Pearce and His Gang"
3:30—"Ladies Be Seated"
4:00—"Jack Berch and Boys"
4:15—"The World's Most Honored Flights"
4:30—"Time for Women"
4:45—"Hop Harrigan"
4:55—"Terry and Pirates"
5:15—"Hawaiian Harmonies"
5:30—"Lone Ranger"
6:00—"Kierman's Corner"
6:15—"Musical Interlude"
6:20—"Sports Parade"
6:25—"New Wilmington News"
6:30—"Evening Request Program"
7:00—"Headline Edition"
7:15—"Raymond Swing"
7:30—"The World's Most Honored Flights"
8:00—"Evening Request Program"
8:15—"Heddy Hopper Hollywood"
8:30—"The Fat Man"
9:00—"I Deal in Crime"
9:15—"Brever Top"
9:30—"Chester Morrison"
10:00—"Jimmy Gleason's Diner"
10:30—"Carolina Playboys"
10:45—"String Ensemble"

- 8:00—"News Report for 15 Mins.—NBC"
Quincy Howe and News Period—NBC
Walter Kierman and News—ABC—east
Repeat of Terry Serio—ABC—west
8:15—"Melody Sketches and Sports—NBC"
Jimmy Carroll Songs, Orchestra—CBS
Repeat from Dick Tracy—ABC—west
Serial Superman Repeat—MBS—west
8:30—"Eileen Farrell Song Show—CBS"
Repeat of Jack Armstrong—ABC—west
Capt. Midnight's Repeat—MBS—west
8:45—"Lowell Thomas and Newcast—NBC"
World News and Commentary—CBS
Cal Tinney's Commentary—ABC—base
Tennessee Jed, in Repeat—ABC—west
Tom Mix, Serial Repeat—MBS—west
7:00—"Radio's Supper Club—NBC—basic"
Fifteen Min. Sponsored Series—CBS
News Commentary & Overseas—ABC
Fulton Lewis, Jr. & Comment—MBS
7:15—"News & Comment of World—NBC"
Tenor Jack Smith Sings—CBS—basic
Raymond Swing and Comment—ABC
Dance Music Hour. (15 Mins.)—MBS
7:30—"Carolyn Gilbert with Songs—NBC"
Bob Hawk & Quiz Show—CBS—basic
Dancing Music Hall Hour—other CBS
Lone Ranger's Drama of West—ABC
Frank Singler Newcast—MBS—basic
Raymond Swing and Comment—ABC
Inside of Sports, Bill Brandt—MBS
8:00—"America Cavalcade Drama—NBC"
Fox Fox by News from London—CBS
Lum and Abner Comedy Skit—ABC
Buildup Drummond Adventures—MBS
8:15—"Heddy Hopper's Hollywood—ABC"
8:30—"Howard Barlow & Concert—MBS"
8:45—"Joan Davis & Comedy Variety—CBS"
Far Man, Detective, Dramatic—ABC
Sherlock Holmes in Quiz—NBC
8:55—"Five Minutes News Period—CBS"
9:00—"Voorhees Concert & Guest—NBC"
9:30—"I Q. Quiz Series—NBC"
Crime Photog. Dramatic—CBS—basic
I Deal in Crime, Drama Show—ABC
Gabriel Heatter and Comment—MBS
9:15—"Real Life Stories, Drama—MBS"
9:30—"Information Please—NBC"
Forever Tops, Paul Whiteman—ABC
Spotlight Bands, Guest Orchestras—MBS
9:45—"Five Minutes News Period—NBC"
10:00—"Contented Concert Orchestras—NBC"
Screen Guild Players and Guest—CBS
Jimmy Gleason's Diner Comedy—CBS
Henry J. Taylor in Comment—MBS
10:15—"Music from Jon Gart Trio—MBS"
10:30—"I Q. Quiz Series—NBC"
Crime Photog. Dramatic—CBS—basic
Bob Hawk's Quiz Repeat—other CBS
Ralph Nounan String Ensemble—ABC
Detective Quiz—NBC—basic
11:00—"News for 15 Minutes—NBC—basic"
The Supper Club Repeat—NBC—basic
News, Variety, Dance 2 h.—CBS & ABC
News; Dance Band Shows—2 h.—MBS
11:15—"Variety & News to 1 a. m.—NBC"

LUXURY GOODS TAX TO STAY THIS YEAR DOUGHTON ASSERTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Chairman Doughton (D-NC) of the House Ways and Means committee predicted today that high wartime excise taxes on "luxury goods" will be continued through this year at least.

Doughton told newsmen he personally could see "no use in the world" for buyers holding back on the purchase of furs, silverware, luggage and jewelry in the hope of a tax cut by July 1.

Expressing a similar view, Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the Senate Finance committee commented that he "could see no use for action at this time" on revising the excise list.

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OVER THE NETWORK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25 Eastern Standard Time P. M.—Subtract 1 hour from EST, 2 hours for MST. Changes in program as listed are due to corrections by networks made from late to incorporate.

5:45—From Page Farrell Serial—NBC Sparrow and the Hawk Serial—CBS Tennessee Jed, Drama Skit—ABC—east Hop Harrigan in Repeat—other ABC Tom Mix, a Serial Series—MBS—basic

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1. Frozen water 4. Female deer 7. District of 8. River (Russ.) 10. Pheasings 11. Female 13. Ireland (poet.) 14. Eucalypt (Australia) 15. Fruits 17. Girl's name 18. Bone (anat.) 19. Corrode 20. Pause 21. Contorted 22. June-bug 23. Drama 25. Little girl 26. Sign of the infantive 28. Ever (poet.) 29. Church of a monastery 31. Vendor 33. Scottish-Gaelic 34. Test 35. Marks with word "ste" 36. A parody 37. Spirit lamp 38. Bitter vetch 39. Humor

DOWN 3. Goddess of dawn 4. French novelist 5. Verbal 6. Sooner 7. Male progenitors 9. City (Eng.) 10. Gourd-like fruit 12. Chair (poet.) 14. Encountered 16. Grass cured for fodder 20. English painter 21. Martial 22. Clamor 23. Any destructive insect 24. Looks askance 25. Title of respect 26. External coating of a seed 27. Metallic rocks 29. Dissolves 30. River (Eng.) 32. Den 35. Stitch

Saturday's Answer 29. Dissolves 30. River (Eng.) 32. Den 35. Stitch

CRYPTOQUOTE—A cryptogram quotation

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