

FORECAST

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy weather Friday; no important change in temperature.

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Greater Prosperity!

NAVY AT CAMP DAVIS MEANS MORE MONEY

"Greater prosperity over what we normally expect" was predicted yesterday by John H. Farrell, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and city industrial agent, when the news broke that the U. S. Navy definitely will take over Camp Davis.

"It means that more dollars will be coming into Wilmington and that, of necessity, all our local merchants, as well as the entire population, will benefit thereby," Farrell said. "Of course," he added, "it depends upon the number of personnel to be stationed at the camp. The greater the number of personnel, the greater the number of extra dollars coming into the city."

According to Army statistics, the average soldier spends an average of \$15 on his time off from 4:00 p. m. Saturday to midnight Sunday. I guess that the average sailor will do the same."

Off-Time Spending A member of the local U. S. Navy recruiting service confirmed Farrell's guess yesterday in the post office. "My guess is that the average Navy man spends even more on his time off than the average Army man does. Fifteen dollars is the very least in my estimate," he said. Confirmation of the Navy's See NAVY on Page Three

UAW-GM PARLEYS NOW STALEMATED

Negotiations in Adjournment While Dewey Confers With Schwollenbach

DETROIT, March 7. —(AP)—The bitter General Motors strike that has idled 175,000 production workers and nearly 100 plants throughout the country dragged through its 107th day Thursday with across-the-board negotiations in adjournment, at least until Friday.

James F. Dewey, Federal labor mediator, who for seven weeks had sought to bring the corporation and the CIO United Auto Workers into a wage and contract agreement, was in Washington reporting on the stalemate to Labor Secretary Lewis B. Schwollenbach. He was expected to return to Detroit tonight.

Awaits Reply The Detroit city council awaited a reply from the White House on its appeal to President Truman to intervene in the stubborn labor-management battle. In Washington it was said there were no indications that any immediate White House action was in prospect.

Lost Wages By union estimates the strike to date has cost General Motors employees \$120,910,000 in lost wages. The management figured the wage loss at \$137,174,000 basing its calculations on a 45.6 hour work week against the union's 40-hour week. In supplemental charges filed by the union Thursday with the National Labor Relations board the UAW-CIO contended that the workers' idleness was due to "the unfair labor practices committed by the corporation," and asked that the strikers be compensated for their loss of employment.

The union action follows the recent rejection by the management of a UAW proposal that the workers return to their jobs at an increase of 18 1/2 cents an hour while an arbiter decides other issues, including the union demand for a total increase of 19 1/2 cents an hour.

A GM counter proposal called for an unconditional return to work at the corporation's latest offer including an 18 1/2 cent an hour wage increase and other contract agreements concerning vacations and the check-off of union dues.

BRIGADE BOYS' CLUB DIRECTORS REELECT SOLOMON PRESIDENT

The board of directors of the Brigade Boys' club, at a meeting last night in the Brigade armory, Second and Church streets, re-elected three officers and elected one new officer for the coming term.

Those re-elected are: Harry Solomon, president; O. D. Curtis, secretary, and Elliott Livingston, treasurer. J. Fred Rippey is the newly elected vice president of the organization.

The Weather

FORECAST: North and South Carolina: Friday, no important change in temperature; partly cloudy.

(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. 62; 7:30 a. m. 65; 1:30 p. m. 67; 7:30 p. m. 65.

Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 79; 7:30 a. m. 76; 1:30 p. m. 77; 7:30 p. m. 85.

Precipitation: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.—.00 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey).

Wilmington: High 1:40 p. m. 8:43 p. m. Low 11:23 a. m. 5:15 a. m.

RAILROAD STRIKE THREAT FADES OUT

President To Appoint Fact-Finding Panel In Rail Wage Dispute Shortly

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—The threat of a railroad strike on Monday faded away Thursday as President Truman invoked the fact-finding machinery in that industry which he proposes for others.

The White House announced that the President will appoint a fact-finding panel in the rail wage dispute "very shortly." Under the Railway Mediation act, this will automatically bar a strike for 30 to 60 days.

In Committee Mr. Truman proposed last year that Congress set up similar machinery for other industries. Instead the House passed a more stringent strike-control bill by Rep. Case (R-S. D.). In the Senate, Labor legislation is still in the committee stage.

The Brotherhoods of Railroad Trainmen and of Locomotive Engineers had scheduled a progressive strike against 384 railroads and terminals to start at 6 a. m. Monday.

Law-Abiding After the White House announcement, however, A. F. Whitney, president of the trainmen, said in See RAILROAD on Page Three

WALLACE READY FOR 'BERRY FETE'

Governors Of North And South Carolina Plan To Attend

WALLACE, March 7.—Preparations are on in full swing for North Carolina's greatest event, "The Sixth Annual North Carolina Strawberry Festival," which is being revived after victory and will be staged here in Wallace for 10 big days, May 1 through May 11.

Festival headquarters over the Wallace Drug store is a beehive of activity as plans are being made and executed to bring to this section, the greatest entertainment and largest crowd of visitors ever assembled at any celebration.

Governor's Day Wallace streets and store fronts will be gaily decorated and the opening day will be marked by a spectacular street parade featuring bands, marchers, pretty girls, floats, crowds and numerous eye-catching attractions. There will be "Governor's Day," when Governor R. Gregg Cherry will meet the Governor of South Carolina here to enjoy the Festival.

There will also be Governors from several other states. There will also be a "Mayor's Day," during the Festival, when Mayors from almost all the towns and cities in North Carolina will convene here as the guests of Mayor Aubrey Harrell, founder of the Festival which has become an institution throughout the land.

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TODAY and TOMORROW

by WALTER LIPPMANN

Mr. Churchill believes that a settlement with the Soviet Union is possible only if we deal with her by uniting America with Britain to form a combined power throughout the world. There is nothing, he says, that "our Russian friends and allies admire so much as strength, and there is nothing that they have less respect than for military power we would, he argues, "possess so formidable a superiority as to impose effective deterrents" against "the indefinite expansion of their power and doctrines." If we do this, this is to

say, if we hold the Russians in check by presenting them with a combined Anglo-American front, the United Nations will have a chance to develop.

This is Mr. Churchill's thesis. If ever there was a man who held earned the right to be listened to with the utmost seriousness, it is Winston Churchill talking on the basic issues of war and peace. He will be listened to, and his speech may well mark the beginning of one of the great debates of modern times.

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U.S. CALLS ON RUSSIA TO GET TROOPS OUT OF IRAN IN STRONG MESSAGE ON "BIG THREE'S" POLICIES; CITY BID FOR CAPE FEAR WORK STRENGTHENED

Bailey Urges Group To OK Project Bill

Subcommittee Shows "Real Interest" In Washington Hearings

\$1,500,000 MEASURE

Colonel Gillette Believes Appropriations Will Be Approved

Wilmington's bid to get the Cape Fear river channel widened and deepened received new strength from two important sources yesterday.

Senator Josiah Bailey of North Carolina, in a personal appearance before a Senate appropriations subcommittee, urged that a \$1,500,000 appropriation for the project be re-inserted into the War department's civil functions bill.

He said the subcommittee "showed real interest" and that the outlook on the whole is "very promising."

Recommended By Engineers Already recommended by U. S. Army engineers and approved by congress, the project was recently eliminated from the civil functions bill in a drastic "economy" slash.

The project, divided into three sections is as follows: (1) Deepening the Cape Fear channel to 32 feet and lengthening the southerly approach to the anchorage basin from 1,500 to 4,500 feet, at a cost of \$790,000.

Widening Channel (2) Widening the 30-foot channel between the inner end of the ocean bar channel and Wilmington from 300 to 400 feet and the turning basin from 600 to 800 feet, plus a channel 12 feet deep and 100 feet wide from the eastern entrance of the inland waterway to connection with the main channel three miles above, at a cost of \$675,000.

(3) Construction of a channel 25 feet deep and 200 feet wide in the northeast Cape Fear river, extending from Hilton bridge to and including a turning basin 600 feet wide one and a fourth mile above, at a cost of \$73,000.

Senator Bailey said the subcommittee completed its hearings Thursday afternoon and will "mark up" the bill in a few days.

Colonel Gillette Predicts Colonel George W. Gillette, chief of U. S. Army Engineers of this district, provided the other source See BAILEY on Page Three

FIRE DESTROYS CITY BLOCK OF BUILDINGS AT FUQUAY SPRINGS

FUQUAY SPRINGS, March 7.—(AP)—An early afternoon blaze, fanned by strong winds, Thursday leveled virtually an entire city block of Fuquay Springs' business area, causing damage tentatively estimated at \$150,000.

The blaze, cause of which had not been determined, completely destroyed the main store and adjacent warehouse of the Proctor-Barbour company, a general supply concern. Mayor W. F. Rogers said the fire apparently started in the tractor repair department of the company.

Along The Cape Fear

NO TABOO TODAY—Despite an old newspaper taboo against the practice, we are whistling while we work today. We're whistling because we're happy. And we hope our notes are in unison with some other whistling, that's been going on in Wilmington for 68 years.

Yes, we've found out all about the Old ACL Whistle, and from what we have found out the old gentleman should win the presidency of the BLEW (Blow Loud, Emancipated Whistles) society without a hitch.

THE FULL STORY — The Old ACL Whistle has been blowing seven times per day six days per week since 1878 — and it's not out of breath yet.

The man who made the whistle was Captain Richard Bradley Register who, in his early years, was a machinist at the ACL shop plant. He made it by hand — surely one of the greatest "by hand" creations in this country.

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Wilmington-New Hanover Airport Authority Gets Down To Business



The name for the new guiding board for the highly promising airport here is month-filling. But all portens are the airport will live up to its rather imposing name. Anyway, picture above is the first formal meeting of the new board. From left to right, or clockwise around the board table are Lenox Cooper, Hargrove Bellamy, Addison Hewlett, Sr., ex-officio adviser, Albert Perry, chairman, Harry Gardner, and Hamilton Hicks, secretary.—STAR STAFF PHOTO BY PETE KNIGHT.

GOVERNMENT GETS PHONE SETTLEMENT

Walk-Out Averted After Agreement Reached On Wage Pattern

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—The long-threatened nationwide telephone strike definitely was called off Thursday.

Operators already were leaving their switchboards and picket lines were forming at scattered points when the union ordered the walk-out cancelled 25 minutes before the 6 a. m. deadline. An agreement on a new wage formula granting \$5 to \$8 increases to some 250,000 phone workers had been reached shortly under all-night pressure by the U. S. Conciliation Service.

The executive board of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, independent, ordered the strike cancelled five minutes after a "pattern" contract had been signed with the American Telephone and Telegraph company by its long lines affiliate.

The walkout had been called by the long lines unit and 16 other affiliated unions. Thirty-four other NFTW units had been instructed to observe picket lines.

Delayed receipt of the union's notice, or premature walkouts, caused service interruptions in Washington, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Oklahoma City and parts of Maryland, Texas and Michigan. Picket lines were set up in several cities.

A. T. & T. officials in New York said a survey showed that service was normal throughout the country by 9 a. m.

To February 1 Edgar L. Warren, chief of the U. S. Conciliation Service, called the new wage rates a national pattern in his announcement of the settlement. The increases will date back to February 1, 1946, and the rates will remain in effect until March 6, 1947.

The long lines wage agreement, providing some \$8,800,000 a year in pay increases to more than 19,000 See GOVERNMENT on Page Three

AGE OF SPEED! Airport Authority Sets Fast Opening Pace Here

Bluethenthal Field, In "Good Condition", Expected To Be Turned Over To Group Early Next Week

The Wilmington-New Hanover Airport authority opened full throttle yesterday in its campaign to make Bluethenthal airfield the outstanding airport of the South.

In its second meeting since its creation by the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, the authority telephoned high Army officials in Atlanta, Ga., in an effort to get Bluethenthal field put into first class condition and turned over to the county and the authority by March 13.

"Early Next Week" The high Army officials promised the authority "highest priority" in the matter and said they would come to Wilmington "early next week" to get the project moving.

"We will have the field okayed by the Civil Aeronautics Administration and turned over to us by March 13," Hamilton Hicks, U. S. Army engineer and secretary of the Authority, said yesterday, "if at all possible."

\$11,000,000 Airport "Because then, when we go to the CAA meeting in Raleigh on March 13 to discuss airport operation and maintenance, we'll have a complete \$11,000,000 airport to lay on the discussion table."

The entire airport authority, consisting of Albert Perry, chairman, Hicks, Harry Gardner, Lenox Cooper, and Hargrove Bellamy, will attend the Raleigh meeting.

John H. Farrell, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and city industrial agent, plans to go with the group.

In their meeting yesterday, the Authority members talked over the matters of a manager and a "name" with Addison Hewlett, chairman of the county commissioners and ex-officio advisor to the authority.

Discuss Manager The group said it had already received a number of inquiries concerning the manager's job.

"We don't want to be too hasty, however, about hiring one," chairman Perry said. "We want a thoroughly experienced man who not only knows the airport business."

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WAIT, The Age-Old Problem And It Tries Patience Of Job-Seekers At USES

"How long do I have to wait?" is a common question of applicants for new and continued claims, and those seeking jobs at the United States Employment Service, Harold M. Hinkle, manager said yesterday.

"Time required to answer some of these questions is from five to 15 minutes, depending upon whether the applicant is new or continued," Hinkle said.

Applicant Irritated "The irritated applicant often has to be referred to about 25 different people, before his question is satisfactorily answered," the manager said.

"I have waited here all day," is an example of some plug lines the office gets, and when the applicant goes out and returns for further information, he often dashes up with "about that job, will I get it here, or do you want the man to see me?"

"Be back in an hour," he shouted through the open window.

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CITY CONSIDERING SUNSET PURCHASE

Nichols Says No Definite Conclusions Reached On Water Proposal

The City of Wilmington's proposal to purchase the Sunset company, which supplies water to Sunset park, is "still under consideration," City Manager A. C. Nichols revealed last night.

Nichols and W. F. Evans, Jr., head of the city's Water department, who have been studying the proposal for some time, have not reached "any definite conclusions," Nichols said.

No Obligation Nor is the city under any obligation to purchase the company and its facilities. According to a bulletin received from Harry McMullan, attorney general of North Carolina, there is no North Carolina statute which requires a municipality to purchase a privately owned water system operating within the city limits, but it would have authority to do so if it were found proper to make such a purchase.

City Attorney W. B. Campbell confirmed McMullan's statement last night.

No Predictions Nichols said he cannot make any predictions as to when the negotiations with the Sunset company will be completed or as to whether the city ever will make the purchase.

TOBACCO BOARD BACKS PROPOSED BRITISH LOANS

RICHMOND, Va., March 7.—(AP)—The board of governors of the Tobacco Association of the United States, in mid-winter session here, Thursday night unanimously adopted recommendations that the United States loan Great Britain the proposed \$3,750,000,000 and that the Office of Price Administration raise the ceiling price on cigarettes.

Resolutions asking the federal government to negotiate for the removal of trade barriers and tariff discrimination now in force in several foreign countries affecting the export of American tobacco, also were adopted by the board.

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And So To Bed..

Yesterday an out-of-town resident, unfamiliar with the city's parking meters, stopped a local citizen on Front street.

"Would you show me how to work this thing?" he asked. "Certainly," said the practiced in-towner.

He showed the man the slot to drop the nickel in and explained at length the inner-workings of the meter.

The out-of-towner thanked him profusely, dropped in the nickel, watched the time-scale pop up, got into his car, and drove away.

"Be back in an hour," he shouted through the open window.

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Soviet Action Held Contrary To Agreement

Note On Red Activities In Manchuria Not Ready For Publication

ASK QUICK REPLY

State Department "Trusts" Russia Will Abide By Tehran Accord

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—The United States Thursday night called upon Russia to live up to its agreements and get out of Iran immediately.

The State department made public the note delivered to Moscow Wednesday. It said that the United States "can not remain indifferent" to the Soviet decision to keep troops in Iran. And it asked an answer "promptly."

In the 1,000-word document, the United States declared that the Russian action was contrary to the assurances of the American-British-Soviet declaration of Tehran in 1943, and expressed "earnest hope" that the Soviet Union would withdraw all forces immediately from Iran.

"Promote Confidence" Such a withdrawal, the U. S. note said, would "promote the international confidence which is necessary for peaceful progress among the peoples of all nations."

It closed with a request that the Soviet Union notify the U. S. promptly of its decision on the matter and said this country hoped that verdict would "be in accord See SOVIET on Page Three

WAGE "PATTERNS" NOT "CEILINGS"

Stabilization Board Says Such Agreements Are Not Raise Rates

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—The National Wage Stabilization board ruled Thursday that wage increase "patterns," established under the administration's new wage-price policy, represented neither a "floor" nor a "ceiling" on pay raises.

At the same time, in a "guiding statement of policy" issued over protests from Labor members, the board announced that, although no patterns technically could be set after Feb. 14, it would stress industry relationships in setting the equivalent of patterns after that date.

Wage Pattern (A "wage pattern," under terms of the wage-price policy, is general application within an industry or a locality of wage increases made between V-J Day and Feb. 14, 1946—either voluntarily or as a result of arbitration awards, fact-finding recommendations, or other governmental proposals.)

Today's policy statement was made to assist labor and management in the "completion of collective bargaining and in the filing of wage increase applications." It sets up eight major principles which the board will follow in ap-

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