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New Fight Looms Over Alarm Box

Attorneys Deny Knowledge of Committee to Block Council Decision

SOLONS STANDING BY Contracts For Successful Bidder For 111 Boxes Not Yet Signed

Indications are that "there'll be a hot time in the old town tonight" and several nights to come over the heated issue of Wilmington's contract with the Wilmington Electric Supply company for 111 Horni fire alarm boxes.

Two days ago two attorneys, Vaughan Allen and Colonel Royce L. McClelland, held private conferences with City Manager A. C. Nichols and City Clerk J. R. Benson about the Horni award.

Allen and McClelland represent the Gamewell company. It was reported yesterday that a "citizens' committee" was being banded to ask the council to rescind the Horni award and that, should the council fail to do so, an injunction to block the contract might be made.

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LEHMAN ASKS U. S. TO RATION FOODS

Retiring UNRRA Director Outlines Steps to Aid Hungry Nations

ATLANTIC CITY, March 19.—(AP)—Herbert H. Lehman, retiring director general of UNRRA, Tuesday called for a return to wartime food rationing and drastic reduction of the use of cereals in making beverages as necessary steps to save some of the famine stricken world from starvation.

Outlining seven measures to help feed food to hungry nations, Lehman emphasized that his program might reduce, but could not prevent, world famine.

Half Enough Food "There will be barely half enough food to go around next year," he said. "Many millions must go hungry, many will starve."

He urged the slaughter of livestock to save grains for human consumption, extension of the Anglo-Canadian-American corn, wheat and soybean board to include Russia and the continuation of the board after the Jan. 1 deadline for U. S. participation in UNRRA.

Assistant Secretary of State William Clayton, chief of the American delegation, underlined Lehman's statement with a warning that everyone must be prepared to "make greater sacrifices."

Earlier he had told the 47 delegates that the United States

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Educator



Dr. L. E. Spikes, superintendent of city schools in Burlington, has been offered the presidency of East Carolina Teachers college at Greenville. He is expected to make his decision regarding acceptance this week.

HALF RED CROSS QUOTA REPORTED

Many Firms Here Listed In "100 Per Cent" Group In Campaign

"The money we have received so far, is pure gold, and just what we want, and need," local American Red Cross campaign officials said last night.

Co-chairmen Harry Solomon, and F. P. O'Crowley said last night that over-all collections of about \$20,000 as reported yesterday, shows an all-out effort on the part of some groups, while indicating that others are lagging in making their collection reports.

At closing time yesterday Atlantic Coast Liqueur had oversubscribed its quota "easily," according to Marion Westbrook, chairman for the ACL campaign. It's quota of \$3,500 had been oversubscribed by \$112, when the report was made.

The chairman said that his workers were pointing to an over-subscription of \$1,000.

On the campaign honor roll for industrial groups, and business and professional groups are: S. and B. Solomon company, American Moll-Solomon company, American Moll-Solomon company, Jones Furniture company, I. Shrier and Sons, Pearl-sall and company, and Colonial stores.

KORNEGAY NAMED UNION PRESIDENT

Wilmington Labor Group Holds Annual Election of Officers

C. B. Kornegay was elected president of the Wilmington Central Labor union, American Federation of Labor, at the union's annual election of officers last night in Labor Temple, 107 1/2 N. Third street.

Other officers installed for the coming year are: V. L. Smith, vice-president, J. Paul Horton, recording secretary, E. M. Bordeaux, financial secretary, A. W. Burriss, sergeant-at-arms, L. H. Rouse, J. L. Evans and B. R. Drynan, trustees, and W. M. Hewlett and P. J. Whitman, publicity.

L. H. Rouse was elected vice-president of the State Federation of Labor from the Wilmington district.

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IRAN DEFIES RUSSIAN WARNING TO APPEAL TO UN TO RID COUNTRY OF RED TROOPS; 26 DIE IN ARMY C-47 TRANSPORT CRASH

Plane Bursts In Mountains In California

Disaster Described As One Of Worst In Peacetime History

WRECKAGE CATTERED Rescue Parties On Snowshoes Find Parts Over Half-Mile Area

TRUCKEE, Cal., March 19.—(UP)—Twenty-three Army priority passengers and three crewmen were killed Tuesday when an Army C-47 transport exploded like a "puff of fire" and crashed in fragments along a snow-covered mountain canyon 11 miles north of this Sierra Nevada town.

A searching party on skis and snowshoes found the wreckage and the dead scattered over a half-mile area along Proffer creek, a half-mile northeast of Hobart Mills, a lumbering community nine miles, north of Truckee.

One of Worst Disasters It was one of the worst peacetime disasters in American aeronautical history.

Constable N. F. Dowley, who reached the scene, said victims "heads and arms were scattered all over the place."

"I just can't talk about it," Dowley said. "It's awful."

"We found the main fuselage broken and horribly mangled. The wings were broken up in two other pieces."

RAILROADS PLAN THROUGH SERVICE

Coast-to-Coast Trip to Be Possible Without Change March 31

CHICAGO, March 19.—(UP)—The first coast-to-coast sleeping car service will be inaugurated March 31, joint announcements by six major railroads said Tuesday night.

The first through sleepers for the West coast will leave New York attached to New York Central and Pennsylvania railroad trains on March 31. On the same day trains will leave Los Angeles and San Francisco with sleepers destined for the Atlantic seaboard.

The announcements ended a controversy started several months ago by the Chesapeake & Ohio and Pere Marquette railroads. The two, in nation-wide advertisements, showed pigs going from coast to coast in freight cars although human passengers have to make at least one change.

Current train service from the East to the West must be broken by layovers in New Orleans, Memphis, St. Louis or Chicago.

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That Old Cry Of "Chung Kwo Wan Sui"



The old defiant cry of "Chung Kwo Wan Sui" (China for 10,000 years) rings through the streets of Shanghai once again as 4,000 students carrying posters written in Chinese, Russian, and English parade in protest against the slow withdrawal

of Soviet troops from Manchuria. All placards carry the message: "Soviet troops should be withdrawn from Manchuria," and "looted material should be returned". This is an exclusive NEA Telephoto.

WORKER SCARCITY REVEALED BY USES

Survey in Section Shows 25,000 Needed With 14,000 Employed

During final preparations for employer contracts by the Local U. S. Employment Service, survey figures for New Hanover, Pender, Brunswick and Columbus counties show that approximately 14,000 people listed with USES, are employed in nonagricultural jobs.

The above figure is a little more than half of the total of approximately 25,000 employees reportedly needed to man the number of jobs in the counties, Manager Harold M. Hinkle said.

199 Firms A total of 199 firms in the four counties, employing 25 or more persons each, is responsible for 19,188 of the 25,000.

This figure includes firms employing seasonal help, and substantial lay off by other industries, has also been taken into consideration.

Large Businesses According to reports made by firms of the four counties, there are two firms employing 1,000 or more persons. There are six firms employing a total of 250 or more, 16 firms employ 150 or more, and 11 firms require the service of 100 or more persons.

In the less-than-100-employee group, are 18 firms employing 75 or more, 25 firms employing over 50 people, and 121 employing more than 25.

Intensive Drive The USES office plans to begin an intensified campaign among the firms who have listed their total number of employees, Hinkle said.

Contacted first, will be employers of the 25 employee group, of which there are 199 listed. All non-agricultural employers will be contacted.

"We are after the employer who offers the type job wanted by the persons seeking work," the manager said.

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DEEP CHANNEL NEARER Senate Passes Bill For Cape Fear Work

Bill For Appropriations For Work In Improving River For Ocean Traffic Now Goes Back To House

The \$1,465,000 appropriation to widen and deepen the Cape Fear river channel was passed by the United States senate yesterday.

The senate's okay climaxed a sustained effort by Sens. Josiah W. Bailey and Clyde R. Hoey to get the appropriation written back into the War department's civil functions bill after the budget bureau had cut it out in an "economy" move.

The bill now must go back before the House of Representatives for final approval.

\$73,000 Missing There is some doubt that the \$1,465,000 appropriation covers the original Cape Fear proposal. Before the Budget Bureau cut out the appropriation, Congress had already approved the project at a cost of \$1,538,000, split into three sections—\$70,000 for deepening the channel, \$675,000 for widening, and \$73,000 for construction of a turning basin and widening and deepening of the channel in the Northeast Cape Fear river.

Since the \$790,000 and \$675,000 projects total \$1,465,000, it appears

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FARRELL REVEALS INDUSTRIES SEEK LOCATION IN CITY

"More than a dozen big-time industries" have already started negotiations to locate branch firms and factories in Wilmington, John H. Farrell, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and city industrial agent, disclosed at a Chamber meeting yesterday.

Farrell also revealed "a large increase" in persons seeking information about Wilmington, its stores, its factories, and its entire economic set-up.

"Tourist inquiries" are also on the up-grade, Farrell said, particularly inquiries concerning the city's recreational facilities and the beaches.

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Action Shoves Disputes To Fore Of Coming Meet

Iranian Move Comes In Face Of Warning From Russia That Such Action Would Be Considered "Unfriendly Act"

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—Oil-rich Iran defied a Russian warning Tuesday and appealed to the United

Nations Security Council for help in getting Soviet troops out of its territory.

It asked UNO for a "just determination" of the case, emphasizing that Russia was violating a written agreement, and that Moscow agents were interfering in Iran's affairs.

The action, taken here by Ambassador Hussein Ala on orders from Premier Qavam es Sultaneh, shoved Iran's dispute with her big neighbor toward a climax at the Council's meeting in New York next week.

"Unfriendly Act" The appeal threw into doubt the continued existence of Qavam's government since the Soviet charge d'affaires in Moscow had warned him last week that any such move to take the case before the Security Council would be considered as an "unfriendly act."

The Russian warning was reported in official dispatches to Washington. However, some diplomats believe that the full publicity given Iran's action may be a strong protection to Qavam.

After the appeal was made to the Security Council Ambassador Ala declared that his government's action "should not be interpreted as an act of unfriendliness by the other party," meaning Russia. His government was compelled to take this action, he said in a statement.

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TRUMAN RESTATES UNO CONFIDENCE

President Says Nations Must Abide By Charter For World Peace

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(UP)—President Truman and Secretary of States James F. Byrnes Tuesday reaffirmed full United States support of the United Nations Organization as the best means for achieving lasting peace and security.

They invited other member nations to give the UNO similar backing.

Their words, coming virtually on the eve of the security council meeting in New York, carried pointed significance in view of the current Russian-Iranian crisis. They were construed as an indirect appeal to Russia to work out her Iranian and other problems within the framework of the UNO.

Full Support Mr. Truman said the United States supports the United Nations charter and "the fullest implementation" of its principles. He made the statement in a message transmitting to congress a report by Byrnes on the UNO general assembly in London early this year.

He said the United States seeks to achieve the purposes of the charter and to perfect it "as experience lights the way."

"To do less than our utmost in this essential effort of peace-loving nations, whatever may be the obstacles and difficulties, would be a great betrayal of the trust of

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JUNIOR CHAMBER TO FRONT CIRCUS

W. West Namer Chairman Of Committee For Annual Boy Scout Event

Carroll Tinsley, chairman of the Youth Welfare committee, a Junior Chamber of Commerce project, announced last night that the club will sponsor the annual Boy Scout circus.

The circus will be held May 10, and about 36 Jaycees have been named on a committee to arrange for its being, with Wallace West, chairman.

Although the circus was not sponsored by the group last year, the Jaycees helped with arrangements, the entire sponsorship being under the management of the Scouts.

Golf Tourney Ed Ward, chairman of the athletic committee for the group, announced plans for the club's golf tournament this year.

Cyrus Johnston, chairman of the Jaycee Minstrel committee, announced that try-outs for the minstrel will be held tonight at 7 o'clock at the Boy's Brigade headquarters.

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VETERANS TO GET SPECIAL TESTING

Those Passing Will Be Eligible For High School Diplomas, Roland Says

Veterans passing special tests are eligible for high school diplomas in North Carolina regardless of the length of time they have spent in school, H. M. Roland, superintendent of New Hanover county schools said last night.

Advices to this effect are expected to be received here today, following a conference held at Raleigh yesterday of school and veterans administration officials, and which was attended by T. T. Hamilton, Jr., principal of New Hanover High school, Roland said.

Testing Centers Under the plan, which was presented to the Raleigh conference by Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, director of the division of instructional service in the state department of public instruction, testing centers are to be established throughout the state so that the

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GLOVE FROM THE HEART

And Sad Little Boy Here Can Be Happy Once More

Baseball, the "national pastime," is deeply rooted in the hearts of most Americans.

Just how deeply rooted, and in what large hearts, was revealed in Wilmington yesterday.

one shining purpose—to save enough money to buy a baseball glove.

This little boy, like thousands of other little boys, wants to be a big league player some day.

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Along The Cape Fear

GREENFIELD GOODS—Who should we bump into yesterday but our good friend Mr. Louis T. Moore, of the New Hanover Historical Commission. We have bumped into Mr. Moore so much lately we fear he is covered with bruises. But we're going to continue to bump into him as long as he can give us the goods we're looking for.

Yes, he gave us the goods again yesterday—the goods on Greenfield. And what follows is the sum, and substance of what he told us.

OLD DOC GREEN—The original name of Greenfield was Greenfield Plantation and Garden, and the original owner was Dr. Samuel Green. But somewhere along the march of time between then and now the final "s" was dropped.

Ioo had, too, because that final "i" has a liquid sound to it suggestive of the lake lipping on the shores.

Or don't you think so? Anyway, Greenfields was the original name and we have old Doc Green to thank for it.

BACK TO 1750—What we really wanted to know about Greenfield—r Greenfields, take your choice—was its age. If you remember, we have already agreed that Greenfield(s) is the best garden in the U. S. A. What we wanted to prove is that it's also the oldest.

Does anybody know of any garden in the whole country that dates back beyond 1750? See CAPE FEAR On Page Two

And So To Bed..

The most zealous cow in the country is owned by J. C. Williams, Audubon.

Four years ago this cow gave birth to a calf on Thanksgiving. Three years ago she produced another on New Year's Day. Two years ago she did it again on Christmas.

And this year she calve'd a bovine George Washington on that gentleman's birthday. Do you have a calendar in your barn, Mr. Williams?