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Truman At 62



Press photographers snapped this picture of President Truman on the eve of his 62nd birthday anniversary. Taken on the White House grounds, the President's broad smile would indicate that he is in good health and happy, despite worries over the coal strike and other emergency matters.

COMMITTEE URGES Soap Box Derby Rules USO CONTINUANCE

Civic Leaders, Camp Le- MARITIME GROUP jeune Authorities Speak Before Group

A resolution urging the City council to appropriate approximately \$10,000 in additional funds to the City Recreation depart-ment for the continuance of USO facilities here for servicemen was yesterday passed by the Recreation Committee of the Community

The appropriation to the Recrea- retiring commander of the cmotion department for the current the selection of Capt. A. G. Ford, city fiscal year is \$23,000. It was mission's New London, Conn., supplemented up until December training station, as chief officer of 31 by approximately \$30,000 from the Brunswick river lay-up basin the federal government.

Miss Doris Marsolais and arrive in Wilmington to assume

Charles E. Robertson, USO dire active control of the 500-ship protors, said that the building would ject about June 20, by which time Akron, Ohio informed the coclosed on June 16 by the ships are expected to be routed sponsors this week that the supply National USO organization be- into the basin. cause Wilmington is now a "leave

It was explained that a USO door count" showed that 10,000 may be located in the northern end be inadequate to meet the demand servicemen were using the build- of the North Carolina Shipbuilding

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MEAT SLAUGHTER CONTROL WIDENS and operations concerned there-

OPA Extends Order To Dressed Lambs, Sheep, Yearlings

OPA Wednesday ordered an extension of meat slaughter controls in another effort to curb black markets.

lambs, yearlings and sheep. all cattle, calves and hogs in order to divert livestock to larger packing houses.

the custom slaughtering of lamb, yearlings and sheep. Custom slaughterers butcher for a fee ani-Custom

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CITY SUMMONSED

Suburban Residents Secure Court Orden DWINDLES TO MERE 12-HOUR SUPPLY;

Papers Are Served; Citizens Join well Company In Court A

Three residents of Sunset Park hearing on Monday, My yesterday joined the Gamewell served on Mayor W. Rona against the city's contract with the day afternoon. Wilmington Electric Supply company for 111 Horni fire-alarm

Creek school.

Burney Approves The petition for intervention, up by the city. bearing the name of the Gamewell | The petition was drawn up by company as well as the names of Rountree and Rountree, Wilmingthe three citizens, was approved by Judge John J. Burney, Superior court, about noon yester-

The summons for the city to appear in court here for the case See COURT ORDER on Page Two

SELECTS OFFICER

Capt. A. G. Ford Appointed

Chief For Brunswick

River Lay-Up Basin

for surplus merchant ships.

Capt. Ford, officials said, will

Heaquarters at NCSC

company yards, said officials.

Dredging operations in the basin,

Capt. Ford will have charge of the

basin, the storing of ships in it,

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GOVERNMENT PUTS

GRAIN CEILING UP

25 Cents; Effective At

bushel in the ceilng price of corn, fully informed.

producers and grain to be har- tatives aboard.

Siamese Twins, Mother

here Tuesday and are "in no im- was 9 pounds 4 ounces.

He said the mother, Mrs. Mary circumstances.

vival, saying only that their pres- Springer said.

PORTAND, Ore., May 8.—(P)—| mortality rate in such cases is

mediate danger," Dr. Joseph V. Twins were expected, the phy-

both girls, are taking nourish- at Deep River, a small community

culture department and the Office radio.

The purposes of the price hikes

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Springer, who delivered them, re-

Hurse, 26, Deep River, Wash., is

in good condition and the twins,

Reserves Comment

ment on the twins chance for sur-

ent condition is good but that the

Dr. Springer would not com-

vealed Wednesday.

Midnight, May 13

15 cents for wheat, 5 cents for oats,

9 cents for barley, 10 cents for rye,

and 18 cents per hundred pounds for

grain sorghums.

vested this year.

of Price Administration.

DOING WELL

in Washington yesterday disclosed company and the Star-News.

it was said, will continue to be carried on the U. S. engineers, but

company in its order of intervention shortly after five o'clock yester-

"Prevent Damage" In joining the Gamewell comboxes.
They were: Richard H. Davis, 5
Central boulevard, manager of the Coastal Service station; David H. Craig, 306 Central boulevard, should be declared null and void timekeeper with the Atlantic "to prevent irreparable damage" Coast Line railroad; Leona Col- to the tax-payers of Wilmington well James, 604 Central boulevard, and "to protect public funds," former teacher at Bradley's and because it is "contrary to the provisions of state law" and "contrary to the specifications" drawn

No Comment Col. Royce McClelland and Vaughn Allen. Gamewell attorneys,

Be Opened Tomorrow

At Three Places

"Operation Crossroads"

Date To Be Placed

Face Up On Tabla

Press on Board

Army Drones

These planes and Army "drone"

sician said, but until delivery he

Two Brothers

The father, A. Hurse, is a logger

near the mouth of the Columbia

river. There are two other chil-

dren, boys of about 3 and 2 Dr

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here Wednesday.

American Delegation Recalls Peace Pledges Made At Moscow

PARIS, May 8 .- (A)-U. S. Secetary of State James F. Byrnes To Be Available Soon proposed abruptly Wednesday night that the conference of Foreign Ministers recognize its failure to agree on terms for Eu-Information Booths Will rope's peace treaties and refer their differences to a 21-nation

Peace Treaty

Task May Go

poses Conference For

June 15 Or Earlier

MOLOTOV OPPOSED

peace conference June 15.

The ministers' conference peared to be breaking up in dis-Preliminary organization plans cord between the Soviet Union and were mapped out late yesterday the western powers, and a member afternoon at a meeting at the Wil- of the American delegation said mington Star-News office for the that while it probably would last 1946 Soap Box Derby races which into next week, there seemed little will be staged here during the lat- hope of resolving the major difter part of July under joint spon-

Molotov Demurs

The U. S. Maritime commission sorship of the Raney Chevrolet Byrnes' proposal won promp support from both Foreign Secre-Rules of the Derby competition, entry blanks and other information tary Ernest Bevin of Britain and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault will be available early Friday to all prospective race pilots at the of France. But Soviet Foreign minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov Raney showrooms on Princess

street, the Brigade Boys' club and "At Moscow," Byrnes was quotthe Star-News office. Owing to the ed by an American source as saydrastic paper shortage, National ing, "There was a promise to the world that we will have a peace conference. We must earry out that promise. That will be the of books containing rules and regubest celebration the world can lations governing conduct of the The basin chief's headquarters race, car construction, etc., will have on V-E Day."

Pledges Made

American sources said Byrnes cited as the American position a oledge by the Moscow conference last December by the Big Three to the French - that the European peace conference would be no TO TELL PUBLIC "rubber stamp" but would have the real purpose of advising the "rubber stamp" but would have major powers. Thus, Byrnes was said to have pointed out, there was no real need for the Foreign Ministers to achieve complete accord. Listing the points of dis-

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SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 8-(P)-MILLS AT ROANOKE Orders to Bikini atomic bomb com-RAPIDS MAY CLOSE manders "are to lay our cards on OVER COAL STRIKE

news conference aboard his flag-ROANOKE RAPIDS, May 8-(AP) ship carrier, the USS Shangri-La, -Eight textile mills here, employing more than 5,000 persons are The commander of Navy Air fa-WASHINGTON, May 8. -(P)- cilities assigned to "Operation making plans to close within three The government announced Wed- Crossroads" added: "For the sake weeks unless the coal crisis is allenesday increases of 25 cents a of public safety, hte people must be viated, Mill officials said Wednes-

L. S. Neal, purchasing agent for mills, reported that the coal supply Some of the means to be employnow on hand is sufficient for only ed in gathering data for evaluation slightly more than two weeks opof the bombing will be demonstrat- eration. He said that the coal strike The increases become effective ed Thursday when the Shangri-La was also affecting operation of the at 12:01 a. m., May 13 and will apmakes a test run off the coast from
ply to grain now in the hands of
here with press and radio representation of the
here with the press and radio representation of the
here with the press and radio representation of the that several commodities used in textile manufacturing would not be The operation will include the obtainable because of curtailed The increases were announced first public launching from any railroad operations. in a joint statement by the Office of Economic Stabilization, the AgriHeads Loyal Order Here

GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY COAL STOCK

BYRNES RECOGNIZES MEETING FAILURE



W. Paul Sammons (left), who was recently installed as governor of the Loyal Order of Moose, Wilmington Lodge No. 343. C. O. Goodyear, past governor of the Lodge shakes hands during the ocremonies. The Wilmington lodge has a membership of over 600.

CITY MAKES BID

Shipyard Transfer Viewed 'Favorably'

Cherry Says State Prepared To Spend \$1,-000,000 On Project; Drydock Construction Also Proposed

Star Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8.—(SPECIAL TO THE stores by R. C. Fergus and Sons STAR)-Wilmington's bid to become one of the outstanding seaports of hte Atlantic Seaboard was considerably strengthened on Wednesday when the U.S. Maritime commission reacted "very favorably" to a proposal that the commission transfer the North Carolina Shipbuilding company's property and facilities to the North Carolina State Ports authority for development

The Weather into a port terminal.

FORECASTS
South Carolina and North Carolina:
Thursday, fair and slightly warmer,
(Eastern, Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hoursending 7:30 p.m., yesterday.
TEMPERATURES

HUMIDITY

1:30 am. 90; 7:30 am, 57; 1:30 pm, 37 7:30 pm, 57.

PRECIPITATION Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm. 0.00 inches.

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Along The Cape Fear RARE EVENT-It's always alyour big toe against a sample

B-17 bombers will be sent through See COMMANDERS on Page Two about something along the Cape ant about it. Fear of yesteryear, and then have somebody tell us that we told the Bryant Lumber company at Hilstory correctly.

Because it happens so seldom. Now In Good Condition Red Cross street.

Of course if we were standing on that venerable thoroughfare right base of their spines, were born Their combined weight at birth now we would tread lightly and politely and do our jumping out in the sand-and-sawdust street. But even if we were standing on had no intimation of any unusual it now we probably really couldn't

with soccer shoes on our feet. STUB A SAMPLE—No, we prob-both years anyway. ably couldn't even make a small Another thing: The planks were

ource of great joy to us to write some time. Or ask Mr. J. N. Bry-Mr. Bryant is the owner of the

ton, and he is the man who in spected those huge, hard planks One of these rare events happen- of which the sidewalk was built. ed this week, and we are jumping Yes, it is Mr. Bryant who makes up and down with joy hard enough us jump with joy today, because to bust through that sturdy old he is also the man who told us that Cape Fear wooden sidewalk on everything we said about the old wooden sidewalk was right.

> PRIME PINE-Mr. Bryant alsidewalk-story that we didn't know. For example:

The sidewalk was built in 1894 it now we probably really couldn't or 1895—Mr. Bryant isn't quite bust through it anyway, not even sure which. But we won't dispute other. No doubt the project lapped overcoats and also

dent in it, because it was made of bought from a lumber company in long-leaf hard pine planks, 12 Cerro Gordo by the Fore and Fostinches wide and 2 inches thick.

If you don't know how hard that

packed dance floors. Posters Galore He said he was not against danc-

MOSCOW, May 8. -(A)-A letter ing dances and not one announcing

dancing craze, Timofeyev gave

Until They Drop

Over 400,000 Idled By Miner Walkouts

CPA Urges Utility Companies To Ration Electricity; Congressional Group **Moves To Control Strikes**

WASHINGTON, May 8 .- (AP)-The coal strike crisis moved rapidly Wednesday night toward perhaps the most momentous showdown in the country's peacetime history as the government warned that its emergency coal stocks available for public distribution are less than the nation normally would consume in 12 hours.

Simultaneously, the Association of American Railroads announced that 400,000 men employed in industries served by the railroads have been laid off as a result of the strike.

stages:

The Civilian Production admin

istration, seeking to prevent "collapse of essential services," urged

utility companies to ration electri-

city drastically in states east of

the Mississippi river and in Minne-

In Two Stages

CPA proposed that the rationing

system be put into effect in two

1. Prohibition of electricity for

advertising, display lighting, car

heating, air conditioning, places

of amusement and progressive cur-

tailment of commercial and indus-

trial usage on a percentage or

2. Prohibition against all uses

except for public health and safety,

hospitals, food processing and other essential community serv-

Break Now Due

the fuel shortage spreading rapidly

throughout the economic system.

it became apparent that some sort

But there was yet no change in

"No progress" was the report on

Senators Busy

control legislation. Senator Fast

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WITHDRAW TRAINS

Sixteen Passenger Units

Serving Branch Lines

To Be Taken Off

Sixteen passenger trains will be

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in

accordance with General Order 60,

issued by the Office of Defense

strike according to an announce-

ment issued here late yesterday

afternoon by James B. Sharpton,

Assistan: Passenger Traffic Manag-

provide branch line passenger

service. It is not contemplated

that there will be any service in-

terruption to mainline through

Diesel's Employed

trains to be discontinued by the

Coast Line, and consequent minor

inconvenience to its patrons, is due

solely to the fact that the elastic-

ity of its fleet of oil-burning die-

sel electric locomotives should be

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The relatively small number of

er of the road.

passenger trains.

COAST LINE WILL

A group of Congress members

With the paralyzing effects of

hours-of-use basis.

sota, Iowa and Missouri.

COAL STRIKE MAPS GIVE THIS READING AS OF WEDNESDAY

By The Associated Press The 39-day-old bituminous coal strike chart gave these readings Thursday: Idle: Unemployment figures

soar past 800,000 with workers in related industries joining 418,000 idle soft coal miners at accelerated pace. Settlement: None in sight.

Miners: Quiet returns to strike front after flare - up which killed one and wounded six Tuesday in Harlan County,

Automobiles: Chrysler and General Motors watch situation See MAPS on Page Two

SEAFOOD BY AIR SLATED BY SEA of "break" would have to come

2,500 Pound Cargo Of Iced the stalemate negotiations between John L. Lewis and mine operators. Fish To Be Flown To Charlotte Today

Two thousand five hundred moved for quick action on strike North Carolina ocean waters, will land (D-Miss) announced to the be flown from Wilmington to Char- Senate that he and others would lotte this morning in Wilmington's first reach into the "fresh fish by air" commercial market.

The shipment, consisting of flounder, trout, and mullet packed with ice in 20-pound metal containers, is being sent to Charlotte Atlantic and Pacific Tea company local fish merchants.

Short Trip

A giant Douglas South East Air lines plane will pick up the shipment at Bluethenthal airport a 9:30 this morning and land it in Charlotte only two hours and ten minutes later.

This inaugural commercial shipment occurs a scant two weeks and one day after another South East the commission by Congressman Airlines plane flew the first fresh Transportation, in order to confish ever to take to the air to Govserve coal on account of the deernor R. Gregg Cherry in Raleigh clining supply incident to the coal on April 24. On that day, E. W. Clemmons

commercial fisherman of Wrightsville Beach, and representatives of The Star presented Governor Cherry with about 10 pounds of fish newly netted from the ocean. Speaks for Cherry

Speaking for Governor Cherry, absent from Raleigh yesterday, John Hardin, his secretary, said much encouraged about the pros- that today's shipment "bears out the predictions made by the governor that a new, important, and sion would turn the shipyard over valuable industry is being added to to the State of North Carolina upon North Carolina's already long list completion of present Maritime of commercial enterprises." contracts this fall. The SPA would Eldridge Fergus, the man respon-

then act as agent for developing sible for today's shipment, said

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YOUTH WHIRLS

See SHIPYARD on Page Two

The proposal was submitted to

Gregg Cherry; J. Melville Brough-

ton, the SPA's counsel; R. B.

Page, SPA chairman; J. T. Hiers,

executive general agent of the Wil-

mington Port commission; and W.

C. Park, the shipbuilding com-

pany's production superintendent.

Show Interest

deal of interest in the proposal,'

Broughton said, "and we feel very

Under the proposal the commis-

pect of its fulfillment."

"The commission showed a great

Soviet Writer Complains About New Dancing Craze

complaining that a dancing craze- lectures, literary or musical eveso added a few chapters to the from hot fox trots to gliding nings. Kazan is by the Volga, 450 waltzes—is sweeping Kazan was miles east of Moscow. published prominently today in the | Criticizing the youth organization Soviet youth newspaper, Komsomol- for not turning attention to the

The writer, Y. Timofeyev, de- this repor clared that sometimes the dancers rettes while whirling about tightly-

ing, but asserted he could find species of wood is, you just stub See CAPE FEAR on Page Two 50 posters daily in Kazan announc-

At every step there are posters advertising dances-in movie house foyers, in halls. in theaters and in the circus arena-with notations that dancing will continue until 2 or 4 a. m. or "until you drop."

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And So To Bed

Two elderly, well-dressed citizens stood in front of a Front Street haberdashery the other afternoon

"I'll bet you," said the first, "that I can." "Two-to-one says you can't," replied the second.

"Two-to-one?" said the first.
"Very well, sir. I'll take that." They sealed the bet by shaking hands.

Then the first elderly man took a pitcher's stance, reared back in his sober blue serge suit, and threw the cardboard ring from a hat box across Front street. It missed ringing the radiator ornament on a parked car by inches.

"Pshaw," said the first man. "Pay me, sir," said the sec-

DAT DEPPITY SHO' MUS PUT A HEAP O' PENDENCE

IN ME - EVY TIME A CHICKEN IS STOLE, ME BOUT IT!



HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

AXE ME WHUT I KNOWS



WASHINGTON, May 8.-(AP)-Raise On Corn Amounts To the table" for the American people, Rear Adm. R. A. F. Sprague told a

The new order, effective May 16, applies to live and dressed It is not as broad as the regulation effective April 28, which restricts the slaughter of virtually

Custom Slaughtering The new measure covers only

mals owned by another person.