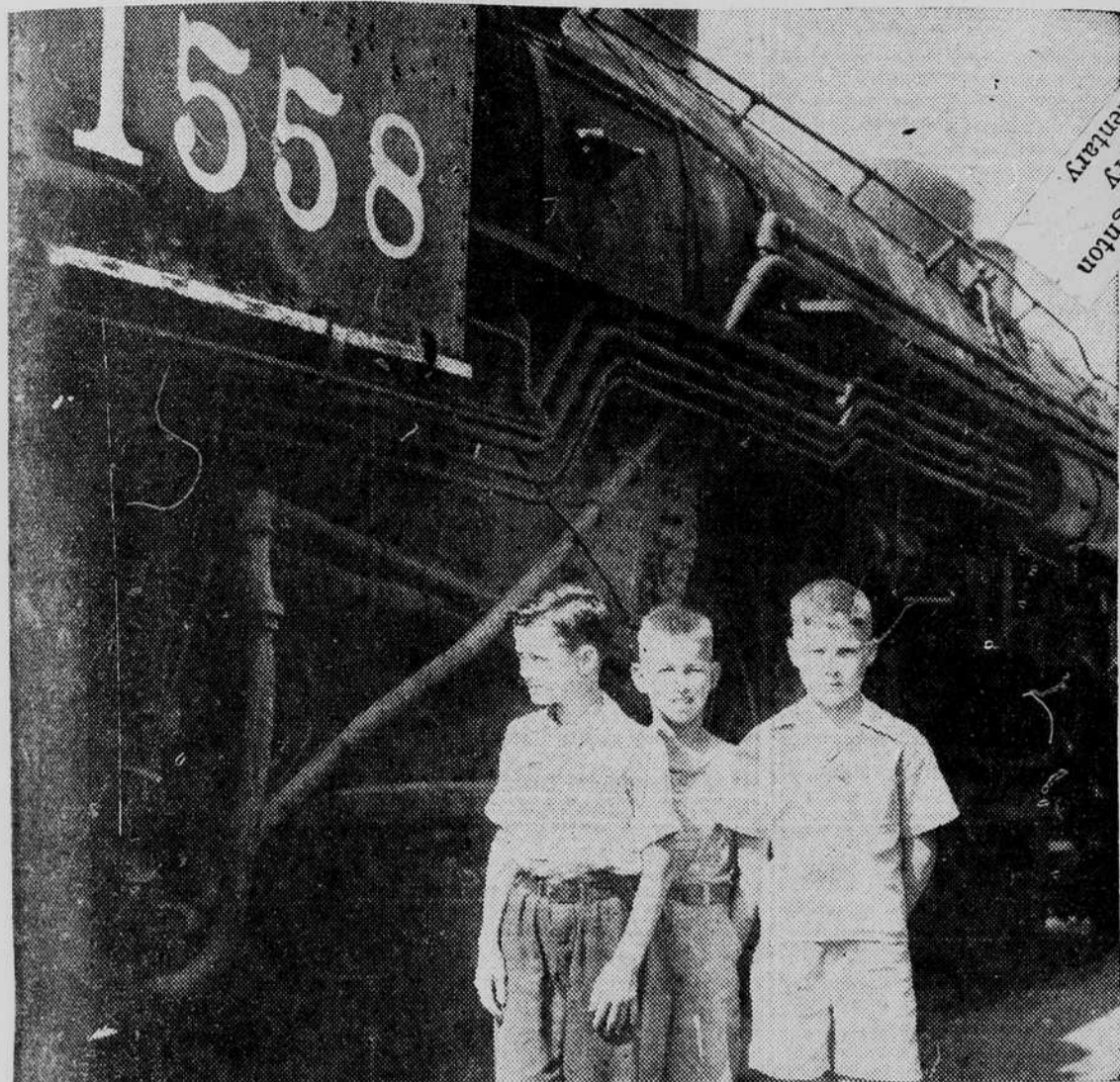


Wilmington and vicinity: Clear to partly cloudy and cooler Wednesday with scattered thundershowers.

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The Thrill That Comes Once In A Lifetime



Three boys who'd never in all their lives before even seen a train yesterday actually rode on one! Above, at the engine, they are, left to right, Dawsey Atkinson, Roland Melton, and Ennis Larkins. In the bottom picture, the three boys are buying their tickets for the trip, which they made to Leland.—STAR STAFF PHOTO BY BOB HODGKIN.

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Initial Train Ride Thrills Students

By PHIL WRIGHT
Three young boys, all students at Bradley's Creek school, and members of Miss Helen Lindsey's third grade, who had "never seen a locomotive", yesterday went down to the station of Atlantic Coast Line, bought their tickets and a ticket for their teacher and took a ride on the "iron horse" to Leland, a distance of ten miles.

The boys, Roland Melton, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Melton, Wrightsville Sound; Ennis Larkins, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Larkins, Seagate; and Dawsey Atkinson, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Atkinson, Greenville Sound, said they had "a grand time" on their first train ride.

On the ride they were taken all

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HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS
By Alley
OLE OMAN SAY SHE'LL SEW UP DE LIL HOLE IN MAH POCKET WHAR I LOS' A DIME EFN SHE KIN SEW UP DE TOP EEN' TOO!



Illustrated by The Bill Bly (Trade Mark Reg. U. S. Pat. Office)

The Weather
FORECAST
North Carolina: Partly cloudy with scattered thundershowers and cooler Wednesday.
South Carolina: Slightly cooler Wednesday, partly cloudy with scattered thundershowers.

TEMPERATURE
1:30 am, 83; 7:30 am, 71; 1:30 pm, 80; 7:30 pm, 75.
Maximum 81; Minimum 70; Mean 75; Normal.

PRECIPITATION
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., 0.00 inches.
Total since the first of the month, 2.04 inches.

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

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Today and Tomorrow
By WALTER LIPPMAN
They say that the President is much disturbed, as he well may be, by the failure to get anywhere in making peace. Some good may come out of this if he and Mr. Byrnes will admit that there may be something radically wrong with the strategic conception and planning of their diplomatic campaign.

IRAN REPORTED CLEAR OF REDS

Premier Says Soviet Troops Left According To Deadline

NEW YORK, May 21.—(AP)—Iranian Ambassador Hussein Ala reported to the United Nations Security Council Tuesday night that he had received information from his government that all Soviet troops were withdrawn from Iranian soil by May 6.

Internal Interference
The communications from Qavam did not mention alleged Russian interference with the internal affairs of Iran, which Ala said Tuesday night was still continuing.

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JAYCEES FLY TO GOLDSBORO MEET

Plan Air Journey For Breakfast With Wayne County Members

Approximately 15 air-minded Junior Chamber of Commerce members will take to the air Sunday morning for a one hour flight to Goldsboro, where they will eat breakfast and return here at nine o'clock for church services.

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AIRPORT AUTHORITY MOVES TO SECURE LANE ROUTE TO BERMUDA, CARIBBEAN; CITY COMPLETES SUNSET WATER DEAL

\$45,000 Set As System's Sales Price

Gholston To Retain Pumps, Wells And Real Estate Of Company

CHANGE OVER JULY 1 City To Buy Property For \$10,000 Less Than Original Offer

The City of Wilmington yesterday successfully completed negotiations with J. G. Gholston to purchase the Sunset company's water and sewage distribution systems for \$45,000.

This is \$10,000 less than the original offer submitted by Gholston to the city.

The city council approved the reduced figure in special session yesterday morning. J. R. Benson, acting city manager, W. F. Evans, Jr., head of the city's water and sewage department, and Gholston, owner of the company, worked out the final details of the transaction yesterday afternoon.

Water And Sewage
The deal involves only the actual water and sewage distribution systems. Gholston will retain the pumps, wells, and real estate of the company.

Under the terms of the transaction Gholston will continue maintenance of the systems until July 1.

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GOVERNMENT ACTS IN RAIL DISPUTE

Takes Hand To Get Bigger Pay Boost Than Board Approved

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(AP)—The government took a hand Tuesday night to get railroad workers a bigger wage increase than an official fact-finding board has recommended.

The action follows the assurance President Truman gave the union leaders Saturday in persuading them to postpone their strike until Thursday that he was "confident" progress could be made in further negotiations.

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Along The Cape Fear

PROUD HUMBLE, CONFUSED,
It makes a person proud to live in a city as rich in historical lore as Wilmington. Few cities in the U. S. A. can boast of a past like the Port City's—you can count them on your fingers and still have enough fingers left over to play "Dixie" allegro fortissimo on the piano.

NUMBER ONE RATING SHIPYARD BOOSTED FOR REGULAR BASE

Based on its number rating as a low-cost production yard, the North Carolina Shipbuilding company, together with three other U. S. yards, was yesterday recommended to congress for retention as permanent Maritime commission facility.

At the same time, in its report through the Navy to the House Appropriations committee, the Maritime commission asked that the Brunswick river surplus fleet lay-up basin here—nearly 35 per cent completed—be declared a permanent site for the storage of 500 surplus government-owned dry cargo ships.

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\$15,600,000 for the whole layup program.
Other Yards
Also contained in the Navy department's annual Naval appropriations bill, were recommendations for continued operation of the Bethlehem-Alameda yard, Alameda, Calif., the Kaiser Corp., Richmond, Calif., and the Kaiser Corp., Vancouver, Washington.

KINSTON COUNTS TOLL OF TORNADO

Two Dead, 45 Hurt, And \$100,000 Damage In Wind Storm

KINSTON, May 21.—(AP)—This community was recovering Tuesday from the effects of a sudden tornado which struck three sides of the city Monday night, killing two persons, injuring 45 others and causing property damages which may run as high as \$100,000.

The sudden twister, which was described by eye witnesses as having struck without warning, took the lives of Mr. and Mrs. John Potter, an aged couple who lived with their family two miles north of the city on the Snow Hill highway.

House Demolished
Mrs. Potter died in a hospital early Tuesday. Her husband was killed almost instantly when their house was demolished after taking the full effects of the twister.

Although no other local Maritime Day celebration has been announced, merchants are expected to display American flags in the downtown area as in past years.

Others Being Treated
A check of local hospitals late Tuesday revealed that 20 persons still were being treated for injuries, many of them with broken limbs. All however, were expected to recover barring complications.

At least nine buildings, including four residences, were demolished by the storm which first struck a few hundred yards to the east of the Kinston corporate limits.

Then the storm, weirdly skipped several hundred yards before it struck again, this time in a field on the Eli Perry farm demolishing the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Baker.

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ADMIRAL JOHNSON TO SPEAK IN CITY

Assistant Chief Navy Personnel Addresses Propeller Club

Tonight's observance of Maritime Day by the Propeller club of the United States, Port of Wilmington, will be highlighted by an address of Rear Admiral Felix Leslie Johnson, USN, assistant chief of Naval personnel.

A small number of persons, outstanding in matters of port development throughout the state, have received invitations to attend a dinner meeting at the Cape Fear Country club at 7 o'clock this evening, at which time Admiral Johnson will speak.

Arriving here this morning, the high-ranking Naval officer will also address today's luncheon meeting of the Wilmington Kiwanis club.

A native of Aberdeen, N. C., Admiral Johnson attended high school at Warrenton and the University of North Carolina before his appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy in 1916.

Graduated and commissioned in 1919, he subsequently progressed in grade until his promotion to Rear Admiral on Oct. 10, 1943.

A veteran of campaigns and service in the Asiatic and South American areas prior to World War II, he was commended by the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific fleet for services during a part of his command of the U. S. S. President Adams from July, 1943, until November, 1944.

In November, 1944, he was transferred to duty as Assistant Chief of Staff to the Commander, South Pacific. In June, 1944, he returned to the United States and, after fitting out the U. S. S. Springfield, commanded that cruiser from her commissioning on Sept. 9, 1944, until May 15, 1945.

Many Decorations
On June 29, 1945, he reported for duty in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, and on Jan. 9, 1946, he assumed duty as Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel.

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Clipper Service To Resort From Bluethenthal Sought

New Hanover - Wilmington Airport Authority Begins Action Today For Colonial Air Lines Schedule

By LARRY HIRSCH
A strong movement to get a Wilmington-Bermuda-Caribbean airplane service established at Bluethenthal airport with Colonial Airlines will be initiated by the Wilmington-New Hanover Airport authority this morning.

Albert Perry, authority chairman, said yesterday that the authority will "do everything in its power" to get Colonial's proposed clipper service to the rich resort island routed through Wilmington with Bluethenthal airport as the hopping-off point.

Congressman J. Bayard Clark, speaking from his home in Fayetteville, last night pledged his "utmost support and cooperation" to the movement to get the Bermuda plane as located here.

"Wilmington is the best — and really the only logical — place for such a base," he said.

Congressman Clark also revealed that President Roosevelt some years ago heartily approved the preliminary plans to get Bermuda run established in the South.

Application Filed
The other contender for Colonial's planned route is Charleston, S. C. The airline has already filed an application with the Civil Aeronautics board and President Truman to extend its route south into the Caribbean, and Charleston is reported to "have a good chance" of becoming the terminus.

"The authority is doing everything in its power to get the hopping-off point," he said.

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WIDOW WILL GET 'BENEFIT' CHECK

Mrs. Helen Thompson Cox To Receive \$700 From State Fund

Mrs. Helen Thompson Cox, widow of A. D. Cox, former Assistant Chief of Police, Carolina Beach, will today be given checks totaling \$700, benefits due her under the North Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement fund.

Carolina Beach Chief of Police E. V. Leonard said last night, the presentation will be made by Sheriff C. David Jones this afternoon.

The checks bear the signature of George Ross Prou, auditor for the state retirement plan, and are dated as \$700 for burial and \$500 for widow's benefits.

Cox, it is understood, was not a member of the Retirement plan, but the plan sets forth that heirs

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BACK AT HOME

Judge Allen Praises Work Of Representative Clark

Declaring that the defeat of J. Bayard Clark in the Democratic primary on Saturday would be a calamity to progress in the Seventh Congressional district, Judge R. C. Allen, retiree, who recently returned to North Carolina after residing in Oklahoma for the past 20 years, yesterday praised Mr. Clark as a man who enjoys the highest standing in Congressional circles at Washington and well worthy of support and re-nomination for the Seventh district seat in the House of Representatives.

Judge Allen, who plans to reside here in the future, is building a new home in Forest Hills and will only make periodic business trips to Oklahoma. He will leave for Tulsa on Thursday to attend a meeting of his company which furnishes natural gas that great oil and gas state. He is and has been for many years, general counsel and vice president of his company.

A native of Bladen county, Judge Allen was practically

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And So To Bed

Back due to the war lots of local ladies were busily engaged last night to landage people in case of an air raid.
One day in auto accident involving several cars happened on a local street corner.
After the debris was cleared away a man was seen lying quietly face-down near the curb. The police ran to his side turned him over, and anxiously inquired how badly he was hurt.

"I'm not hurt at all," said the man. "I fell off the curb while I was looking at the accident. All of a sudden a lady ran up to me and told me not to move a muscle until she ran home to get her bandages."
That, of course, is what was told us just as we were ready to go to bed last night.

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