

INSURORS INSTALL 1946-47 OFFICERS

Murray Leads Group At Wrightsville Beach Convention

The installation of new officers and the presentation of "awards for outstanding service" to past presidents banqueted the annual convention of the North Carolina Association of Mutual Insurance Agents at the Ocean Terrace hotel, Wrightsville Beach, last night.

The new officers are Murray White, High Point, president; Ed. L. Beam, Charlotte, first vice-president; and Edgar Towle, Wilson, second vice-president.

Perry On Board R. A. Perry, Wilson, retiring president, and W. C. Cates, Henderson, were elected to the board of directors.

A new secretary and treasurer will be selected at today's session. The "awards for outstanding service" presented by the new president, went to the following past presidents: Cliff Westbrook, Charlotte; Floyd Hugh Craft, Greensboro; Hugh H. Murray, Raleigh; P. P. Phillips, Durham; Harry Lattimer, Wilmington; J. M. Zachary, Charlotte; C. C. Fox, Satesville; George Jones, Charlotte; and Perry.

Fire Marker Award

After Perry gave the welcoming speech to the 200 delegates at the banquet, a singular award was made to Past President Jones by Bill Baldwin, executive secretary of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Agents.

Jones was given the traditional "fire-marker" award—a duplicate of the "fire-markers" once nailed to insured houses—for his outstanding fire insurance work for the past year.

The first day of the insurers' two-day conference opened at 10 o'clock yesterday morning with President Perry calling the delegates to order in the convention hall.

Discussion Series After official greetings were extended by Wofford Humphries, chief deputy commissioner of the North Carolina Insurance department, a series of fire insurance discussions was held.

First on the agenda was John F. Fletcher, manager of the North Carolina Automobile Rate Administrative office, explaining the recent changes in automobile rates and classifications.

The next topic, modern fire protection, was discussed by Sherwood Brockwell, state fire marshal.

Landon Hill, fire insurance manager of the North Carolina Rating Bureau, spoke next on the recent mercantile rate reductions.

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'CUT-OFF' DATE JUNE 20 IN SALE

Bids Must Be In On Floating Drydock, WAA Says

Special to The Star WASHINGTON, June 14.—The War Assets Administration Friday announced a "cut-off" date for bids on the Wilmington floating drydock, now being offered for sale or lease.

The WAA said that no bids or proposals will be accepted after June 20.

When no acceptable proposal is submitted for an industrial facility, the Office of Real Property Disposal reserves the right to re-accept all bids and set a new "cut-off" date, the WAA stated.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley



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PRESIDENT TRIED TO STOP JACKSON

Truman Reveals Attempt To Have Black Charges Withheld By Justice

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP)—President Truman revealed Friday that he tried to stop Supreme Court Justice Jackson from issuing his sensational blast at Justice Black but Jackson went ahead anyway.

Jackson sent the president an advance copy of his statement describing his "feud" with Black and assailing the latter's participation in Supreme court decisions in which his former law partner was interested. It reached the White House on Sunday, the day before Jackson released it at a news conference in Nuernberg and called it to the Judiciary committees of Congress.

No Discussion Mr. Truman shot a message to Jackson suggesting that the justice not release it until the two of them had a chance to talk it over.

Asked whether Jackson then discussed it with him by telephone, the chief executive said he did not. The president's disclosure to his news conference of these activities behind the scenes did not make clear whether Jackson actually received the presidential advice before he acted and thus disregarded it. Due to the time difference between Washington and Nuernberg, the interval between the time Jackson's statement reached the White House and the time it was made public had been only a few hours.

Truman Disappointed In any case Mr. Truman made it clear that he disapproved of Jackson's action in dragging the discussion within the supreme court into the open, but the president indicated that was the end of it as far as is concerned. He said in answer to questions that he expects no resignations to result. Asked whether Black had threatened to resign if Jackson were appointed

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PRICE OF SUGAR TO BE INCREASED

OPA Also Cuts Supply To Commercial Bakeries By 14 Percent

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP)—In a move to make more bread available by cutting down on cake and other pastries, the OPA Friday reduced the sugar ration of American bakeries about 14 percent.

At the same time, there were these other developments on the food front:

1. An OPA official said the retail price of sugar soon will be raised 1-5 of a cent a pound—one cent on a five-pound package — to offset a wage boost for sugar refinery workers.

Validate Stamp 2. The agency will validate a second sugar stamp for home canning July 1. Spare stamp 10 in family ration books will be good for five pounds through Oct. 31.

The current coupon, spare stamp 9, also is good for five pounds through October.

3. The possibility arose that the retail price of coffee may be raised three to five cents a pound. Effective during the July-September quarter, bakers will receive only 60 percent as much sugar as they used during the corresponding quarter in 1941, OPA announced. They now are receiving 70 percent.

Flour Limitations The reduction, which places bakeries on the same basis as most other industrial users of sugar, was prompted by Agriculture department limitations on flour production.

At present, mills may grind only 75 percent as much flour a month as they did last year. On July 1 this goes up to 85 percent. OPA said that because of these

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DADDY MUST GO A-HUNTIN'

Long And Cold Winter Prospect For Babies

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP)—A dapper diaper man said Friday that things look better on the baby bitches front this summer, but he warned: Look out for another long, cold winter.

One In Ten John K. Jones, president of the National Institute of Diaper Services, told a news conference that he was speaking only for the one baby in 10 in this nation who wears diapers furnished by the service.

Things are looking up for these kids (who live chiefly in

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GOVERNMENT SETTLES MARITIME STRIKE BY LIBERAL WAGE INCREASE TO WORKERS; U.S. OFFERS TO SHARE ATOMIC SECRETS

Plan Set To Destroy Bomb Store

List Of Safeguards Suggested For World-Wide Ratification

BARUCH GIVES PLAN Nation To Hold Monopoly Until Conditions Are Met

NEW YORK, June 14.—(AP)—The United States Friday offered to destroy the store of atomic bombs and share the atomic secrets for peaceful use if the world would set up adequate safeguards to make sure this weapon never again could be used as an instrument of war.

These safeguards included:

1. Surrender of the veto power by the five major nations on all matters pertaining to atomic development.

2. Creation of an international atomic development authority with absolute power over atomic raw materials and production.

3. Adoption of international laws "with teeth" providing for severe punishment of violators on a basis to be determined by the United Nations.

Baruck Speaks The United States position was outlined before the opening session of the U. N. Atomic Energy Commission by Bernard M. Baruch, U. S. representative on the 12-nation Security Council agency.

The white-haired 75-year-old Baruch made it clear in his historic statement that the United States would hold a monopoly in the atomic field until the conditions are met.

Would Destroy Bombs When that time finally comes, he said, the United States would be willing to agree that the manufacture of atomic bombs shall stop, all existing bombs shall be destroyed and the authority shall be given full information "as to the know-how for the production of atomic energy."

The delegations, seated at the crescent-shaped council table, listened solemnly as Baruch, pronouncing his words slowly and distinctly, laid down his proposals for outlawing the lethal atomic bomb and expressed hope that the commission eventually would be able to ban the use of other terrible weapons, such as gas and bacteriological bombs.

Must Have Guarantee "Before a country is ready to relinquish any winning weapons," Baruch asserted, "it must have more than words to reassure it. It must have a guarantee of safety, not only against the offenders in the atomic area, but against the illegal users of other weapons—bacteriological, biological, gas—perhaps, why not?—against war itself."

MEMORIAL COMMISSION WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—An Andrew Johnson Memorial commission would be established under a resolution introduced in the Senate Friday. Majority Leader Barkley (D.-Ky.) and Senator Hoey (D.-N.C.) offered legislation to establish a commission to formulate plans for preservation of the birthplace of the 17th President of the United States.

BUDGET HIGHER Municipal Expense Increase Foreseen

Newly Annexed Area, Port Traffic-Industrial Agency Merger May Add \$106,000 To City Costs

Wilmington's municipal budget for the fiscal year 1946-47 might exceed the present fiscal year's budget of \$1,644,842 by well over \$100,000, city hall estimates revealed yesterday.

Two factors alone—the service budget for newly-annexed Sunset Park and East Wilmington and the proposed merger of the City Industrial agency with the Wilmington Port Traffic association—might add at least \$106,000 to the total budget.

The Weather

North Carolina—Considerable cloudiness with scattered thundershowers and not quite so warm in north portion Saturday.

South Carolina—Partly cloudy and continued rather hot Saturday with scattered thundershowers over north portion.

(Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday:

Temperatures 1:30a 76; 7:30a 80; 1:30p 86; 7:30p 73. Maximum 87; Minimum 76; Mean 76; Normal 77.

Humidity 1:30a 89; 7:30a 79; 1:30p 66; 7:30p 75. Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.38 inch.

Tides for Today (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

Wilmington High 10:17a 5:19p Low 10:47p 5:19p

Masonboro Inlet High 7:50a 2:07a Low 8:21p 1:56p

Sunrise 5:00a; Sunset 7:25p; Moonrise 8:28p; Moonset 3:31a. River Stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 a. m., Friday, 9.7 feet.

SINCLAIR TERMINAL PLANS ARE SLATED

\$750,000 Wilmington Oil Storage Plant To Start Soon

Plans for the immediate construction of a \$750,000 Wilmington oil storage terminal were announced here yesterday by the Sinclair Oil company as it completed purchase of a 1,000 foot frontage on the Cape Fear river between Wooster and Wright streets.

Title transfers affecting the property-site of the abandoned Bellwell Cotton mill and the original Spiritine Chemical company plant were filed with the Register of Deeds at 1:30 p. m. yesterday. Tax transfers stamps disclosed the sale involved \$95,000 for the two parcels of land.

Local Realtor The F. E. Livingston company, Wilmington realtors, handled the transfer negotiations.

Demolition of the abandoned Bellwell mill, a two-story brick building, and of structures on the site of the old Spiritine Chemical plant will be started immediately, a spokesman of the Sinclair company said. On the grounds, as quickly as materials become available, will rise the largest storage terminal along the Cape Fear

Along The Cape Fear

SORROWFUL POSTURE — We have discovered the whereabouts of Germaia Hall.

A few days ago we did some mighty pitiful yearning for this hall, Wilmington's 50-cent palace of food, frolic, and the light fantastic back in the easy, inexpensive era of the "Gay 90's."

We said we wanted to find out its location so that we could make pilgrimage to it and look at it with eyes of longing for those dear, dead days beyond recall.

We did this very thing yesterday afternoon as we stood in silent and sorrowful posture on the north-west corner of Front and Dock street, gazing sadly at the second-floor windows over the Pender Furniture company.

INVISIBLE MIST — Yes, folks, that is the place. That is the place where the Germania Cornet Band and the Carolina Concert Band set brogans and button-shoes waltzing over the polished floor to the three-quarter time tunes of the "Blue Danube" and the "Tales of the Vienna Woods."

That is the place where viands and victuals were served on high-heaped platters by waiters with

HOSPITAL NAMES RANKIN MANAGER

New Head At James Walker One Of Nation's Youngest Executives

Appointment of John W. Rankin, Winston-Salem to the superintendency of Wilmington's James Walker Memorial hospital was announced yesterday by James Roe, president of the hospital board of trustees.

To be installed late this summer, 29-year-old Rankin is one of the nation's youngest hospital executives. Roe, speaking of his appointment, said that the new superintendent would probably initiate no immediate changes in James Walker routine.

University Graduate Currently serving as superintendent of Tuomey hospital, S. C., Rankin is president of the South Carolina Hospital association, a 1939 graduate of the University of North Carolina, and for approximately 16 months during 1942-43 served as administrative specialist of the United States Public Health service assigned to the Fourth Regional office of Civilian Defense as regional officer in charge of hospitals in seven southeastern states.

Determining the date of his assumption of duties, Rankin said yesterday, is the appointment of his successor at Tuomey hospital in Sumter. Rankin made public yesterday in Sumter his resignation and requested the managers of Tuomey to secure his successor not later than August 1.

He is to succeed Mrs. Byrd Holmes, acting superintendent of James Walker Memorial hospital since the resignation two months ago for reasons of health of George Darden.

At Duke Hospital The son of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Rankin of Winston-Salem, the superintendent-select received his

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GENERAL ADMITS NAZI CONTACTS

Mihailovic Tells Of Saving Lives Of American Fliers

BELGRADE, June 14.—(AP)—Gen. Draja Mihailovic admitted wearily Friday under questioning by the prosecution that he had collaborated personally with the enemy while commanding his Chetnik troops in Yugoslavia.

Earlier he had testified that he had been promised United States support exclusively for his movement by the head of the American mission to his Chetnik headquarters.

Called It "Intrigue" The bearded Chetnik leader, on trial before a Yugoslav military court on charges of both collaboration and treason, was confronted with a handwritten letter in which he had said "the Italians helped us well." He admitted the letter was genuine. It instructed Chetnik units to receive arms from the Italians.

"What do you call this?" demanded the prosecutor after reading the letter.

"Intrigue," replied Mihailovic. "Is that collaboration?" the prosecutor asked.

"Yes," was the reply. "Is that your collaboration?" the prosecutor pressed further.

"Yes," Mihailovic answered. General Tired Obviously tired from his continual appearance on the stand since

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WEAK STORM

NEW ORLEANS, June 14.—(AP)—The center of a weak tropical storm in the Gulf of Mexico was slated to pass near Burwood, La., Friday night, the U. S. Weather Bureau reported. Small craft from the middle Louisiana coast to Mobile, Ala., were warned to remain in port. The Weather Bureau said the storm was attended by winds of about 35 miles per hour over a small area near the center.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE!

Wilmington Top Basking Grounds In Eastern U.S.

BY LARRY HIRSCH When Al Jolson used to sing, "The sun shines east, the sun shines west, but I know where the sun shines best," he might well have ended the ditty with these two words:

"In Wilmington." East Of Mississippi Provided, of course, that he was limiting the scope of his song to that region of the United States east of the Mississippi river.

Because year in, year out, the Wilmington region has

Temporary Work Stoppage To Tie Up Ocean Commerce

200,000 Workers May Take Up To 24 Hours Off To Ratify New Contract; \$17.50 Per Month Hike

CHARLESTON, S. C., June 14.—(AP)—Anthony Lucio, head of the local CIO Maritime union, Friday night announced that his 600 members had voted to walk out at midnight "regardless" and that no ratification meeting on the strike settlement would be held until Saturday.

Lucio said that picket lines would be set up. Eleven ships in the harbor are affected, but the CIO has agreed to complete unloading of two ammunition ships.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP)—The maritime labor dispute was settled Friday night at almost the very moment when a great nationwide shipping strike was to begin.

Granville Conway, War Shipping administrator, told reporters the agreement "had been signed and sealed."

Harry Bridges and Joseph Curran, co-chairmen of the committee for maritime unity, a few minutes before had announced to reporters separately that their own unions had reached agreements, subject to ratification of the membership.

Herbert Little, public relations director of the labor department, told reporters: "the strike is settled."

In San Francisco, Morris Watson, spokesman for the CMU, said he had received this information from national headquarters: "If a peace agreement is reached in Washington, all the estimated 200,000 members of the CMU groups will quit work at midnight to start ratification proceedings—to take from 24 to 48 hours."

Murray Appeals Philip Murray, CIO president, appealed to the seven unions banded together in the CMU to call off their strike and continue at their jobs.

Bridges and Curran issued a statement at 11:20 p. m. E. S. T. claiming for the CMU "an unprecedented victory for all maritime workers and for the laboring people of America."

They declared that "the victory was made possible by the unity of the maritime workers expressed in the CMU and by the board support of our fight by workers here and throughout the world."

Terms Of Contract Bridges and Curran said these were the terms won by the unions allied in the CMU:

1.—For seaman—40 hour week in all ports; \$17.50 monthly increase, retroactive to April 1; all work performed on Sunday at sea to be paid at the overtime rate which is raised to \$1 an hour. Other collateral issues to be negotiated in the next 30 days and if no agreement is reached, these issues will be submitted to arbitration.

2.—For radio operators—a wage increase of \$17.50 a month and arbitration of an "additional amount to preserve historic differentials"; overtime rate for all work performed at sea on Sunday (meaning overtime after a 48 hour week); arbitration of new overtime rate and additional radio operator on all cargo ships.

Overtime For Sunday 3.—Engineers—provision for overtime for Sunday at sea, and a 40-hour week in port.

4.—Longshoremen— increase of 22 cents an hour as recommended by a fact-finding board, retroactive to last October 1.

All the proposals are subject to ratification of the unions involved.

Stumbling Block Bridges explained that the last stumbling block over signature of the West Coast waterfront contract

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And So To Bed

A New York man, having accumulated a number of clothing and souvenir items during his visit in Wilmington, had his trunk shipped down to him from New York last week.

The bill for the shipment was \$2.68. Yesterday he packed the trunk with his new and old belongings and then called up a local transfer company to have it taken to the train station.

The bill for the transfer from home to station—a matter of 16 blocks—was \$2.50.

After he paid the bill he handed an extra 18 cents to the transfer man.

"What's the extra 18 cents for?" asked the transfer man. "I've changed my mind about sending the trunk to New York by train," said the New Yorker. "Since you've carried it such a long distance already you might as well carry it the rest of the way."