

FORECAST
Wilmington and vicinity—Continued warm Thursday, with scattered showers.

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Jaycees Invite Miss North Carolina



Miss Dorothy Johnson, Winston-Salem, who went to Atlantic City in 1945 as Miss North Carolina, has been invited by the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce to be present at the Lunaria, Wrightsville Beach, July 19, when the Jaycees stage a beauty contest to find "Miss Wilmington." The winner will represent the city later in the North Carolina contest in which Miss North Carolina of 1946 will be chosen. Miss Johnson, of course, will not compete in this year's contest.

MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT ON CAPE FEAR TO GET UNDERWAY HERE ON SEPTEMBER 1; NO MORE KILLED IN PALESTINE REVOLT

Troops Seek City For Five Missing Men

Tel Aviv Dead City Under Rigid British Curfew Law

TANKS IN ACTION Streets Of Town Torn Up To Make Barricades In Fight

JERUSALEM, Palestine, June 19. (UP)—Two more Jewish terrorists were killed in northern Palestine Wednesday as British tanks and paratroopers launched a house-to-house search through Tel Aviv for five British officers abducted as hostages by Jewish underground forces.

Other searches were under way throughout Palestine for a sixth British officer, Maj. H. B. Chadwick, field security chief, who was kidnapped by terrorists in Jerusalem Tuesday night while on his way to a conference with his commanding general.

The British announced that curfew which turned Tel Aviv into a dead city since 5 a. m. Wednesday would continue for 24 hours and be lifted at 4 a. m. Thursday.

22 Death Toll

Another Jewish terrorist died from wounds received in blowing up the Haifa railroad shops, bringing to 22 the death toll in three days of undeclared Zionist warfare against the British.

The latest casualties occurred in Tel Aviv.

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Speakers Table At Plumbers' Banquet



Lieut. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine of North Carolina, seated second from the left in the above picture, was the principal speaker at the banquet of the 36th annual convention of the North Carolina Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors at the Ocean Terrace hotel, Wrightsville Beach, Tuesday night.

The other persons gathered about the table of honor are, standing, left to right: T. L. Blow, Goldsboro, first vice-president; Alton Lenson, State-Senator-elect of New Hanover county; Mrs. Lenson; R. M. Kermon, Wilmington, executive secretary; and a member of Paul T. Marshall's orchestra, which furnished music for the dance after the banquet.

Seated, left to right: V. G. Moser, Asheville, president; Lieutenant-Governor Ballentine; Mrs. Ballentine; L. V. O'Callaghan, Southern Pines, retiring president; Wilbur R. Doster, Wilmington postmaster and banquet toastmaster; Mrs. John R. Edwards; and Rev. Edwards, pastor of Fifth Avenue Methodist church. STAR STAFF PHOTO BY BOB HODGKIN.

Channel To Be Dredged To 32-Foot Depth To Sea

River Also To Be Widened To 400 Feet, Starting At Foot Of Castle Street, Survey Completed

The \$1,000,000 job of widening and deepening the Cape Fear river channel from Wilmington to the sea will begin about September 1, it was disclosed yesterday by T. J. Hewitt, engineering chief of the U. S. Army Engineers.

In making his prediction, Hewitt revealed that the field survey for the project has been completed and that the drawing up of specifications and plotting of maps is well underway.

The complete plan should be approved by Washington, D. C., headquarters by about July 1, he said, at which time advertisements for bids on the \$1,000,000 contract will be made.

Starts At Castle Street
The huge task of dredging the channel to 32 feet deep and 400 feet wide will start at the foot of Castle street and be carried out in one long sweep to the sea, Hewitt said.

In all probability, he said, one dredge will be assigned to the job since the entire \$1,000,000 contract will be let to one contractor.

"It must be remembered," Hewitt explained, "that the \$1,000,000 appropriation we now have will not actually cover the expense of the entire project. By using one dredge, and doing a thorough workmanlike job, the \$1,000,000 should carry us through the entire fiscal year of 1946-47. Then, by July 1, 1947, we hope to have another congressional appropriation on hand—perhaps another \$1,000,000—to carry the project through to completion."

Accelerate Shipping

When completed, the enlarged channel will greatly accelerate shipping in and out of Wilmington's port. With the present 30-foot depth, modern deep-draft tankers and cargo vessels have to wait for high tide to get in and out of port. The 32-foot depth is expected to

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CHETNIK LEADER DENIES CHARGES

Tito Court Refuses Plea To Hear American Fliers' Telegram

BELGRADE, June 19. (AP)—Gen. Draza Mihailovic Wednesday denied the testimony of one of his lieutenants that he had personally ordered the first Chetnik attack against Marshal Tito's Partisan troops, and had ordered cooperation with enemy occupation forces.

Mihailovic made the denial in a face-to-face encounter with the lieutenant, Milos Glisic, after the defense attorney had again appealed for permission for American fliers to testify on behalf of the Chetnik leader.

The court, however, interrupted the attorney's reading of a telegram from New York to the Committee for the Defense of Mihailovic. The attorney, Dragic Joksimovic, also asked that all evidence and reports on the trial be made available for the defense, but the court did not rule immediately on this motion.

The court ordered Mihailovic to face Glisic while Glisic repeated testimony that Mihailovic had ordered cooperation by Glisic's unit in Sandjakh with the Germans through the Yugoslav puppet government and had ordered the first Chetnik attack against Tito's forces.

And So To Bed

There is at least one man in Wilmington who doesn't own a radio. He came running into a local eat shop last night and asked:

"Who won the fight? Conn?" "No," said the counter-man. "Louis, huh?" the man surmised.

"No," repeated the counter-man. "Oh, a draw, huh?" the man said.

"No," iterated the counter-man.

"Come on, wise guy," said the man, sensing a run-around. "Who won the fight?"

"Mike Jacobs," said the counter-man as he rang up \$1.00 on the cash register.

U.S. CUSTOMSHOUSE TO BE RENOVATED

Painting, Laying Of Limestone Planned In Building

The U. S. Customhouse, one of the largest and most beautiful buildings in Wilmington, will soon undergo a complete face-lifting operation, inside and out, it was announced yesterday by Harold Porter, building superintendent.

Large Cost

Built in 1916, and practically untouched by renovating hands since then, the famous landmark will be given a going-over which, according to estimates made by local authorities, will cost upwards of \$20,000.

The entire exterior trim—windows, castings, bars, railings, etc.—will be given a coat of paint.

The interior—walls, ceilings, and woodwork—will also be painted; and all the office floors, comprising approximately 400,000 square feet, will be covered with linoleum.

There will also be minor repairs on the roof and elsewhere in the building.

Flagpoles Removed
Further, the two flagpoles now atop the roof will be removed and installed in the riverside courtyard.

Porter said he also plans to put the courtyard fountain into operation. According to a canvass made at the Customhouse yesterday, the fountain hasn't been operating since some time early in the 1930's.

Fountain To Play
If sufficient pressure can be obtained to run the fountain, it will operate during the daytime, Porter said. He had it running temporarily yesterday as his building superintendent.

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The Weather

FORECAST

North Carolina:—Thursday, cooler in north portion, continued warm in south and west.

South Carolina:—Partly cloudy Thursday with scattered afternoon showers, mostly 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 77; 1:30p 90; 7:30p 83.
Maximum 93; Minimum 75; Mean 81; Normal 77.

Humidity
1:30a 91; 7:30a 92; 1:30p 63; 7:30p 81.

Precipitation
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.00 inch.

Total since the first of the month 3.20 inches.

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

High Low
Wilmington 1:31a 8:33a
1:32p 8:51p
Masonboro Inlet 11:29a 5:25a
11:32p 5:35p

Sunrise 5:00a; Sunset 7:26p; Moonrise 11:54p; Moonset 10:14a.
River Stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 a. m., Wednesday, 9.7 feet.

MERCURY CLIMBS TO YEAR'S PEAK

City Swelters Under Broiling Sun; Temperature At 93

If you rolled up your sleeves yesterday and soiled an inordinate amount of handkerchiefs mopping your brow, you did so for a logical meteorological reason.

Yesterday was the hottest day so far this year in Wilmington.

Soars To 93
Jet-propelled by over-enthusiastic solar rays, the mercury in the U. S. Weather bureau's thermometer zoomed to 93 degrees, only seven and one-tenth degrees short of Wilmington's all-time June high of 100 and one-tenth degrees, recorded on June 18, 1944.

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Along The Cape Fear

CAPE FEAR MYSTERY—This morning we present for your scrutiny ALONG THE CAPE FEAR'S "Mystery of the Year"—that huge and puzzling picture on Page Two of today's paper.

We call it our "Mystery of the Year" for two simple and obvious reasons: (1) It is a mystery to us, and (2) we hope that you folks may be able to solve it.

But before we delve into the Sherlock Holmes questions of what, where, when, why, who, and who, done-it, suppose we give you what the detective-fiction writers call the "build-up"—or, to be more literary, the "exposition"—on how we got hold of the mystery picture in the first place.

DIFFICULT POINT—It was given to us by Mr. Glenn M. Tucker, the Carolina Beach realtor. Mr. Tucker says he unearthed it in an ancient Wilmington building a few weeks ago.

Knowing our penchant for probing into the past, Mr. Tucker rushed to our office with the picture and asked us excitedly: "What is it?"

To which we replied: "A picture."

HANDSOME TWOSOME

First, though, we would like to make a few conjectures.

To begin with, the handsome building all those handsome gentlemen are standing in front of looks suspiciously like the Customhouse. Since the Customhouse was built in 1916, according to the corner-stone, we must assume that the picture was taken in 1916 or later.

But not much later, judging from the costumes the gentlemen are wearing. There is enough celluloid in the collars around those gentlemen's necks to make a pre-talkie Cecil B. DeMille six-reeler.

The cut of the coats, the shape of the strawhats, and, above all, the predominance of handle-bar moustaches on the gentlemen on the left-hand side of the picture spell Wil-

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COUNCIL CLOSES HISTORIC HALL

Plans Made For Renovation Of Thalian Building Here

Thalian Hall, historic histrionic landmark, was ordered closed yesterday by the city council pending complete renovation.

A report submitted by City Engineer J. A. Loughlin, City Building Inspector Gilbert F. Morton, Fire Chief Ludie Croom, and City Architect J. B. Lynch condemned the structure for further public use until its interior can be gutted down to the bare walls and entirely rebuilt.

Seek Federal Funds
Immediately after approving the report, the council directed Acting City Manager J. R. Benson to proceed at once with negotiations with the federal government, to obtain funds for the restoration of the old building.

Turning from the Thalian Hall issue, the council jumped on the heated problem of a truck-lane through the city.

After viewing a map prepared by Benson and Loughlin, the council voted unanimously in instructing Benson to invite the State Highway commission to cooperate as soon as possible in the final selection of a route.

Proposed Route
The proposed route originates at the waterfront oil terminals, skirts the city by way of outer highways through Sunset Park and Forest Hills, and terminates on U. S. Highway 117 between Smith's creek and the Seaboard Airline railroad yards.

As outlined by Benson and Loughlin, the project's cost would

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CONGRESS BEGINS NEW OPA DRAFTS

Administration Warns Of "Dizzy Round Of Inflation"

WASHINGTON, June 19. (UP)—Senate and House conferees began drafting a compromise OPA extension bill Wednesday against a background of administration warnings that the legislation in its present form would spin the nation into a dizzy round of inflation and industrial war.

With the implied threat of a presidential veto hanging over their deliberations, administration whips appeared hopeful that the conferees would restore many if not all of the price controls stripped from OPA by both the senate and house measures.

Representative Brent Spence, (D., Ky.), chairman of the conference, said he would do "everything in my power" to keep virtually all the controls contained in the existing law, slated to expire June 30.

FRATERNITY HOST AT LADIES NIGHT

More Than Fifty Attend First Session In Three Years

With A. A. Everett presiding and Newton J. Kelly, president, welcoming guests and members the Senior Fraternity held its first full-fledged Ladies Night in three years at the Ocean Terrace hotel, Wrightsville Beach, with fifty-odd present.

Sarah Ann Eaton, who has won high honors as a promising soprano, sang three solos—"Only the Lonely Heart", "Lover I Surrender", and "Dancing in the Dark".

Mr. Everett introduced Harry M. Solomon, president of the Brigade Boys' Club directorate, and

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HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley

WEN BRER ISOM LEF' HEAH, HE SAY HE GWINE WRITE BACK A LETTUH FOM ALL THREE MONT'S 'O DE YEAH

JANUARY, JULY EN FALL!!



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ADDRESS TO PROGRESS

White Tells Kiwanians City Is On The March

Wilmington citizens are carrying in their own pockets, the address to the city's progress, E. L. White, president of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce told members of the Kiwanis club yesterday in the course of a timely talk on prospects for the future of the "Port City."

White was guest speaker at the regular weekly luncheon meeting which was introduced by Rex Willis, club program chairman.

On The March
At the outset of his prepared talk, the speaker pointed out that Wilmington now is very definitely

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