

Wilmington and vicinity: Continued hot Thursday, partly cloudy with thunder-showers in afternoon.

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## Beauty Strums The Keys To Set Up Your Newspaper



While most beauty queens are photographed standing on the bow of a sailing ship—or maybe a skiff—peering toward the horizon, with their tresses floating in the breeze, it seemed more appropriate to picture Miss Wilmington of 1946 doing something useful. You see, when she isn't posing for pictures, she puts in a

full day at the Atlantic Coast Line offices here operating a comptometer machine. So, Miss Wilmington—who is Mary Jarman—came to The Star composing room and tried her hand at setting type on a linotype machine. (Story on Page Four.) STAR STAFF PHOTO BY BOB HODGKIN.

# WORLD'S FIFTH ATOMIC BOMB CHURNS BIKINI LAGOON TO FLAMING CALDRON; CITY DEMANDS AIR SERVICE INCREASE

## CAB To Get Masterbrief From Group

### Three-Man Committee Seeks More Airlines For Bluethenthal

### DEMAND INCREASES Local Airport Now Handling 400 Passengers Per Week

By LARRY HIRSCH  
A masterbrief demanding that the Civil Aeronautics board provide a "huge increase" in air service through Bluethenthal airport by granting Wilmington air routes to new airlines will be drawn up by a special three-man committee following a meeting here Friday morning of the Wilmington-New Hanover Airport authority and members of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Aviation committee, John H. Farrell, city industrial agent and executive secretary of the chamber, disclosed yesterday.

See AIRPORT On Page Two

## The World Stands On End

Following is an eyewitness dispatch by Frank H. Bartholomew, United Press vice president for the Pacific division, who Wednesday saw his second atom bomb explode. In the first test he represented the combined press aboard a B-29 above the explosion. Today he writes exclusively for the United Press from aboard a ship.—Editor.

By FRANK H. BARTHOLOMEW  
United Press Vice President, Pacific Division  
Aboard S. S. Appalachian, off Bikini, Thursday, July 25.—(U.P.)  
First we felt the shock. Then there came a loud rumble. That was the first underwater atomic bomb exploding. The world seemed to stand on end, and the sea was pouring through a hole in the sky.

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## Along The Cape Fear

### WILMINGTON NO MORE

Once again, for the nostalgic pleasure it may give you folks, we present for your scrutiny on Page Seven a picture of the Wilmington that is no more.

## Today and Tomorrow

Editor's Note: The columners, Stewart and Alsop, are filling in while Mr. Lippmann is on his vacation.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Top leaders of the CIO, faced with the dangers to the labor movement inherent in a steep rise in the cost of living, are seriously considering an entirely new labor strategy to deal with the situation, if prices get out of control. If this strategy now being gravely discussed by the CIO leadership, is finally decided upon, it will certainly have the most profound effect on the political and economic future of the country. For the intentions of labor, as indicated in the last re-

## Ships Pitch In Blast But Fail To Go Under

### Battleship Arkansas May Be Sunk And Saratoga Listing Badly In First Underwater Atomic Explosion

Off Bikini Atoll Thursday, July 25.—(U.P.)—History's fifth atomic bomb exploded under 87 ships of a target fleet today and sank the ancient battleship Arkansas, a concrete oil barge, and a tank landing craft.

## CHANNEL PROJECT LARGE IN SCOPE

### Anchorage And Turning Basins To Be Constructed By Engineers

The Cape Fear river channel project, scheduled to get underway here about September 1, includes more than the dredging of the channel to 32 feet deep and 400 feet wide from the highway bridge to the ocean bar, it was announced yesterday by the Wilmington district office of the U. S. Army Engineers.

## TOBACCO PRICES REACH 69 CENTS

### Average On Georgia-Florida Opening Day Between 40 And 46

VALDOSTA, Ga., July 24.—(AP)—Buyers' gold for the golden leaf poured into 19 markets Wednesday as the flue-cured tobacco season opened in the South Georgia-North Florida belt.

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"How about this?" said the clerk, showing him a war-time cardboard style.

"No, no, no," answered the man. "I want a regular coat-hanger."

The clerk picked up a new-fangled plastic type. "How does this strike you?" she asked brightly.

"No, no, no," exploded the man. "I want a regular old-fashioned wire coat-hanger."

"What's the matter with the cardboard and plastic ones?" demanded the clerk, her salesmanship in evidence.

"How can I lift the keys out of my locked automobile with them?" the man moaned.