Wilmington Morning Star

Beauty Strums The Keys To Set Up Your Newspaper



While most beauty queens are photographed standing on the bow of a sailing sloop—or maybe a skiff—peering toward lost horizons, 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.

LANE TO NAME HOUSING GROUP

Committee To Examine Veterans Application For Priorities

Mayor W. Ronald Lane is expected to name a Veterans' Houswisiness, and civic officials and representatives of veterans' service groups, will receive applications for construction priorities, prepare them in a form acceptable to the Civilian Production administration, and then forward them to the State Veterans' Housing committee.

Wilmington High Low 6:45 1:46a 1:46a 1:26p 1:51p

Wilmington 5:18; Sunset 7:28p 1:51p

Sunrise 5:18; Sunset 7:18; Moonrise 2:06a; Moonset 4:57p.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville at 8 a.m., Wednesday—15.3 feet. the State Veterans' Housing comto the present plan.

The State agency will then pass them on to the CPA office for final approval or disapproval. If approved, the applications will then be awarded regular CPA prior-

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NAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

MAH OLE MULE OUGHTA BE MO' HAPPIER 'N ME _ HE CAIN' READ NOTHIN' BOUT RATIONIN' !!



North and South Carolina: Partly cloudy and continued hot Thursday with showers in the afternoon.

(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 78; 1:30p 87; 7:30p 80.
Maximum 88; Minimum 74; Mean 79; Normal 79.

Nermal 79.

Humidity
1:30a 91; 7:30a 90, 1:30p 74; 7:30p 91.
Precipitation
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m.,

he State Veterans' Housing com-mittee in Greensboro, according NAVY CONSTRUCTS

Actual construction of the sceret test range and other allied facili- said that the Department of ties at Camp Davis for the develop- Justice has cleared him of any ment of new and powerful war wrongdoing.
weapons is now underway, U. S. Both committee announcements

\$800,000 Project cludes the demolition of about 90 the senate for an additional \$65,per cent of the original camp fa- 000 to expand its hunt for corrup-George and Lynch Construction wartime expenditures. company, Wilmington, Del., with Asked directly whether there

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The Weather MAY TO APPEAR

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., one committee today to serve as a "screening" agency for all construction priority applications.

The committee, authorized yesterday at a meeting of city, county, business, and strice of the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., one mittee arranged Wednesday to hear Representative May (D.-Ky.) explain on Friday his wartime aid for a munitions combine, and significantly and significant and signifi mittee arranged Wednesday to hear ans. The house decision was taken end the down-but-not-out OPA bill Representative May (D.-Ky.) ex- on a voice vote in which no "nays" will be functioning again. plain on Friday his wartime aid were heard. ings next week on Representative by a 163 to 82 ballot prohibited man that the President would act 1:46a ings next week on Representative by a 103 to 82 ballot promptled promptly by sending either a mesreceipt of \$2,500 from a defense defeating a drive by a group of sage or a memorandum to Concontractor.

Committee ments" for May's appearance were dependent children. made through the Kentucky legisand complete" inquiry in his case. plan to the bill

Campaign Contribution Coffee has described the \$2,500 as a campaign contribution and has vivors insurance tax for another on Tuesday, which measure con-

Navy officials disclosed yesterday. came at the close of a 90-minute session behind closed doors during The \$800,000 project, which in- which the committee agreed to ask

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Today and Tomorrow

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

political and economic future of mediate future the CIO leadership knew several thousand people were the country. For the intentions of labor, as indicated in the last re- See ALSOP On Page Two

of the whole price control crisis.

Labor leaders are fully conscious of the fact that the compromise price control measure now under was taken — over 60 years ago.

Anyway their what the picture dentry turned out especially for the cameraman, the townspeople are all home taking that wonderful dangers to the labor movement in flationary pressure with which it herent in a steep rise in the cost of living, are seriously considering an entirely new labor strategy realize that strikes on the traditional pattern might well degentor and the editor of the paper of the Atlantic Coast Line. now being gravely discussed by the CIO leadership, is finally decided upon, it will certainly have only to add fuel to the inflationthe most profound effect on the ary flames. Therefore for the im-

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 masterbrief demanding that the Civil Aeronautics board provide a "huge in-President Expected To Sign Anchorage And Turning crease" 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. Far rell, city industrial agent and executive secretary of the chamber, disclosed vesterday.

Compile Data The purpose of Friday's meet-Farrell said.

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HOUSE FREEZES PAYROLLS' TAX

Deductions In Employes' Pay To Remain At One Per Cent

WASHINGTON, July 24.-(AP)-The house voted Wednesday to on employes' pay and employers' January 1.

to the senate, makes broad revis-WASHINGTON, July 24— (P)—
ions in the Social Security Act, including special benefits for veterbill, and that before the weekcluding special benefits for veterand the down but not set of the week-

Gags Amendments

lator's counsel, and that Coffee also blocked any attempt to tack three-man decontrol board in time himself had asked for a "full the Townsend Old Age Pension for Congress to act on the nomina-

The measure: 1. Freezes the old age and sur- third deficiency appropriations oil!

Along The Cape Fear WILMINGTON NO MORE - poses they struck on quiet Front

Once again, for the nostalgic street so long, long ago. pleasure it may give you folks, we present for your scrutiny on Page that is no more.

no more" with a few reservations. a barefoot boy and a horse and Notice, for example, that ornate carriage. edifice on the right hand side of Look at those huge, drowsy trees the picture - the one with the Juliet balcony.

In case you don't recognize it right offhand, it's the Orton hotel, port in this space, form the crux the same Orton hotel which stands in the same place today as it did parking meters? back in 1885

> SIXTY YEARS AGO-Yes,, 1885. Anyway, that's what the picture looking this morning at the quiet

SLEEPY SENTINELS - Front Seven a picture of the Wilmington street was quiet in those days, according to the photo. Look at that We say "the Wilmington that is street, empty of everything save

> standing like sleepy sentinels in front of where the busy, busy post office is now situated. Where are the automobiles, where

are the stoplights, where are the Where, for that matter, are the townspeople? Except for the afore-

mentioned gentlemen, who evidently turned out especially for physical exercise called the siesta. PRIVATE RESIDENCE - Al-

though we think we recognize just about every building in this sleepytown picture, we are puzzled by

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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 excrusively 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.) irst 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. Pillar Of Water The tremendous pillar of water went up with unbelievable speed. It went through lazy cumulous clouds floating above the including then spread out rapidly, turning down in a gigantic umbally, the spread out rapidly.

brella-like cascade which covered the entire length of Bikini See WORLD On Page Two

CHANNEL PROJECT

LARGE IN SCOPE

Basins To Be Construct-

ed By Engineers

The Cape Fear river channel

to the ocean bar, it was announced

The project also provides for

feet long at the lower end.

Turning Basin

25 Foot Channel

Appropriation Cut

the work described above.

them, the office said

new appropriation is made for

Public Hearing

Meanwhile, Col. George W. Gil-

said.

SENATE RETURNS **BILL TO TRUMAN**

New OPA Measure Immediately

WASHINGTON, July 24-(U.P.)-The Senate approved legislation project, scheduled to get underreviving OPA Wednesday night and way here about September 1, input it directly up to President Tru- cludes more than the dredging of man to decide whether this nation the channel to 32 feet deep and 400 again shall operate under price feet wide from the highway bridge

Paralleling the affirmative action yesterday by the Wilmington disof the House on Tuesday, the trict office of the U. S. Army Ensenate debated the battered OPA gineers. bill at length, passed it and sent it on to the White House. the following:
There, a few hours earlier, Presi- (1) An anchorage basin ex-

ng is to compile and coordinate dent Truman had met with his top fending from the foot of Castle the mass of data which will be in- economic advisers. The meeting street to a point just above the corporated into the masterbrief, was unannounced, but presumably shippard, 32 feet deep, 2,000 feet it was called to examine the na. long, 900 feet wide at the upper tional economy in the light of the end, 1,100 feet wide at the lower action Mr. Truman will take on the end, with approaches 1,500 feet

> Approval Expected The President is expected to ap-

inclination to take up a third wide, with suitable approaches at most markets. price control bill before it finally each end. adjourns sine die late next week. Congress

will accept. The new measure would return three miles above. 'freeze' the Social Security Old ceilings to most items which were Age Insurance tax at one percent de-controlled automatically when OPA passed out of existence on 200 feet wide from Hilton bridge payrolls, preventing an automatic June 30 but would set-up a threerise to 2.5 percent against each on January 1.

man de-control board with authority to lift ceilings whenever The measure, which now goes it determined the time was ripe and a quarter miles above.

All indications were that the however, only the first (the anchorage basin) will be undertaken!

Three-Man Board

The favorable signs included a Amid cries of "gag," the house statement by White House spokes-Southern members, led by Representative Gore (D.-Tenn.), to in-Counsel George crease in poorer states the federal also may have tipped the Presi-Meader said that the "arrange- payments to needy aged, blind and dent's hand when he said during debate that the President had as-The same ban on amendments sured 'im he would appoint the tions before adjournment.

The President also signed the

The World Stands On End Ships Pitch In Blast But Fail To Go Under

Battleship Arkansas May Be Sunk And Saratoga Listing Badly In First Under-

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.

Vice Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, commander of Joint Task
Force One, announced this toll two hours and 55 minutes after the bomb exploded beneath the surface of the Pacific and sent a giant column estimated to contain 1,000,000 tons of water shooting two miles into the air.

By DON WHITEHEAD

Aboard B-29 "The Voice" Over Bikini Lagoon, Thursday, July 25 .- (AP) - The fantastic power and heat of the world's fifth atomic bomb churned Bikini lagoon into a caldron of flame, smoke and steam today, pitched battleships about like toy boats, but failed to sink most of the capital ships arrayed in the death circle nearest the bomb.

TOBACCO PRICES bottom of Bikini lagoon. There is no trace of it at its mooring spot

Average On Georgia- Flori- Saratoga, appeared to be listing da Opening Day Be-

tween 40 And 46 VALDOSTA, Ga., July 24-(1)-Buyers gold for the golden leaf gave great cheers when the mists poured into 19 markets Wednes-cleared and showed the ships still day as the flue-cured tabocca sea- standing. son opened in the South Georgialong at the upper end and 4,500 North Florida belt.

prove the measure Thursday on an "it is this or nothing basis."

(2) A turning basin opposite Reports from all markets indicational enveloped the area was the principal terminals at Wilminged an emphasis on higher quality trable in a misty cloud.

What happened to the (2) A turning basin opposite Reports from all markets indicat- enveloped the area was impenefor Congress has served notice ton above Castle street, 32 feet tobacco, and a better-than-averthat it has neither the time nor deep, 1,000 feet long, 800 feet age crop brought good prices at cannot say yet, but before the

(3) A channel 12 feet deep and tobacco office here said sales at silhouette of one battleship which 100 feet wide from a point near the the 19 markets for the first hour first effort, and this is the second eastern entrance of the Inland averaged between 40 and 46 cents. try for legislation the White House waterway to a connection with with an extreme range of from

the main river channel at a point seven to 69 cents. At Fitzgerald, good tobacco averaged 40.3 cents-about two cents (4) A channel 25 feet deep and a pound higher than last year. Some two million pounds at over the Northeast Cape Fear Live Oak, Fla., brought 45 to 50 ever to a turning basin of the cents in opening sales, while at same depth and 600 feet wide, one Vidalia. where two million pounds

Of these four subsidiary projects, cents. One auctioneer at Vidalia report. this year along with the main task ed a top of 69 cents for best grade

of dredging the regular ship cigarette leaf. nnel, the engineers' office Hazelhurst reported a 46-cent appropriation stood at about \$1,- Bidding was fast and spirited, and orders for clothing. 600,000. But since the appropria- observers predicted that sales tion was finally cut down to an would top last year's opening day. the State Bureau of Investigation, even million dollars, the engineers At Adel, the opening range was said that Wingate was picked up

will undertake only that part of 40 to 48 cents. The other projects (the turning leaf was ready for buyers at Waybasin and the two channels) will cross, with prices ranging from get underway next year when a

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Bonds For Vets

lette, district engineers' chief, WASHINGTON, July 24. —(AP) has announced for the second time Anticipating congressional passage said, last November. A half dozen the public hearing on the proposed of the terminal leave pay bill, order books, which were found on 35-foot channel will be held next President Truman acted Wednes- Wingate, showed that he had is-Tuesday, July 30, at 10 a.m. in day to place the estimated \$2,679, sued phoney orders in dozens of the courtroom of the U. S. Customs- 493,000 of cash or bonds in the cities and collected his fee of 25 venterans' hands without delay. Material in support of the pro-

He requested an appropriation posed project has already been of that amount in a special mesdrawn up by the city, the county. sage to Congress, indicating that 145 and having dark hair and ruddy and many port interests both local he hopes it may be provided before Congress adjourns.

water Atomic Explosion

Associated Press Staff Writer For The Combined American Press

From our press plane we were unable to locate the Arkansas. It looks as though the venerable old battleship is at the

REACH 69 CENTS near the Nevada and Nagota, both of which are still standing. Others Listing The queen of the carriers, the

> but she was still afloat, along with the light carrier Independence, the battleship New York, and the cruisers Pensacola and Salt Lake City.

Crew members aboard our plane Ten minutes after the mighty

blast sent a vast column of water Warehouses were jammed with and smoke shooting into the heatobacco, and growers and buyers. vens, the lagoon was completely

What happened to the ships we smoke and vapor completely The Department of Agriculture's shrouded the fleet I could see the looked like the Nevada.

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TAR HEELS FALL FOR ORDER GAME

were offered, the average was 45 Glib - Tongued Salesman Fleeces Thousands In Two Carolinas

RALEIGH, July 24-(U.P)-A glibtongued, 32-year-old mail order average with about one million salesman, W. T. Wingate, of Kingspounds for sale in four warehouses. tree, S. C., was being held Wednes-When the bill for the entire Five warehouses were crowded day on a charge of fleecing "hunproject was brought before Con- at Tifton, where the average rang- dreds of North Carolinians out of gress earlier this year, the total ed from 40 to 42 cents a pound, thousands of dollars" on phoney

> Director Walter F. Anderson, of Tuesday by Sheriff S. T. Latta, Jr., One million pounds of bright of Orange county and is being held in the Hillsboro, N. C., jail. Anderson said Wingate had admitted writing "hundreds" of fake orders for shirts, pants, coveralls and caps on non-existent companies.
>
> Began Last November

The racket, which was worked widespread throughout North and per cent deposit.

Wingate, described as a smooth complexion, was arested by Sheriff

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And So To Bed

An out-of-town visitor rushed into a local store yesterday morning and asked the clerk for

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

"No," answered the man. "I want a regular coat-hanger.' The clerk picked up a newfangled plastic type. "How does this strike you?" she asked brightly.

"No, no, no," exploded the man. "I want a regular oldfashioned wire coat-hanger." "What's the matter with the cardboard and plastic ones?" demanded the clerk, her sales-

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

CIGAR COUPON, EH?

This Hundred-Dollar Bill Is Worth \$113.18 In Cash

of what is probably the oldest piece of paper currency (excluding Confederate money) in the Port City and perhaps the entire State of North Carolina goes to Steve Francis, an ex-Pennsylvanian and a Wilmingtonian since 1942, until somebody turns up with an even older one

Wouldn't Sell It Francis' nonetary relic. issued by the First National Bank of Roundout, N. Y., in currency \$100 bill which, be-

specie of today, if Francis were foolish enough to sell it, which he isn't.

Even if it isn't the oldest piece of paper currency hereabouts, Francis will give tremendous odds that it is the oldest such which was in circulation as recently as November of last year-and thereby $hang_S$ a tale.

There Was A Panic According to Francis, the bill See \$100 BILL on Page Two