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FAST TRIALS

Derby Cars Make Speed In Preliminary Dashes

By JACK C. LUNAN
Following successful trial runs over the "Derby Downs" course on Rankin street yesterday morning, 13 enthusiastic boys who will enter their cars in the Wilmington All-American Soap Box Derby next Wednesday, took their racers back home for further tuning up in preparation for the official weighing and inspection ceremonies on Monday and Tuesday.

4 NEGROES SLAIN BY GEORGIA MOB

60-Shot Broadside Mows Victims Down 50 Miles From Atlanta

MONROE, Ga., July 25.—(U.P.)—More than a score of white men, led by a six-foot-three giant wearing a black "Simon Legree" hat, dragged four terrified, pleading negroes from a car on a desolate Georgia road Thursday and lynched them with a 60-shot broadside from rifles, shotguns and pistols.

Would Know Lynchers

Harrison vowed that he would recognize two of the lynchings if he ever saw them again—the strapping leader of the band and an unshaven youth in G I clothes who held a shotgun at his head while the Negroes were hustled into the woods and mowed down.

Party Waylaid

The four Negroes and Harrison were waylaid on the approach of a small plank bridge over the Appalachee river dividing Walton and Oconee counties. It was a wild, remote spot where the road was lined with swamp and lush undergrowth, about 10 miles east of Monroe and 50 miles northeast of Atlanta.

Super Highway

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Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, July 26.—The route of a super highway to run south from Fayetteville, remained in doubt after a conference of state and federal road officials, Friday, Congressman J. Bayard Clark, said.

Opposition from South Carolina

Highway authorities who prefer a route from Fayetteville, South by Harford, and Bennettsville, S. C., delayed final action, Clark said. Further negotiations will be in order, and it cannot be decided exactly which route will be chosen, just yet, the congressman said.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley
I TRIED TO RUB UP MAH OLE CYAR FUH SUNDAY BUT I NEVVH DID GIT DOWN TO DE PAINT!



CITY-COUNTY PAY RAISES PROBABLE

Department Heads, Workers To Benefit Under Proposed Budget

A \$15 minimum monthly wage raise was tentatively granted yesterday to employes exclusive of department heads of departments jointly financed by the city and county.

Health Department

Health department—Dr. A. H. Elliott, chief, \$4,920 to \$5,520 yearly; L. L. Lassiter, sanitary engineer, \$3,120 to \$3,900; others, \$120 to \$240 yearly increase.

Other Grants

Other tentative grants were as follows: James Walker Memorial hospital, \$16,800; Community hospital, \$35,000; DDT dusting program for insect control, \$5,000; Associated charities, \$22,129.60.

USES Bill Signed

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(U.P.)—President Truman Friday signed the \$1,155,015,670 labor-federal security appropriation bill containing a section returning the United States employment service to state operation next November 15.

Sugar Direct

Wilmington Morning Star
Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, July 26.—Congressman J. Bayard Clark, meeting Friday with OPA and Agriculture Department officials on the sugar shortage situation, urged that refined sugar be shipped directly into the Port of Wilmington for distribution throughout North Carolina.

"It looks as though both the Agriculture Department and the OPA are making a splendid effort to get more sugar sent to the United States," Congressman Clark said after the meeting.

CAROLINA BEACH HOST

Sixteen N. C. Beauties To Visit Local Resort

Sixteen North Carolina cities and towns last night had accepted the bid of the Carolina Beach Chamber of Commerce to send their local beauty queens to the beach resort for a five-day vacation preceding the North Carolina State Miss America beauty finals at Wilson next Saturday.

NEW OPA SWINGS BACK INTO BUSINESS BY BUSTING AND REMOVING CEILINGS; M. B. LINKED WITH LUMBER FIRM IN QUIZ

Solon III, Skips Meet With Group

War Probers To Scan Income Tax Return Of Munitions Makers

MAY DENIES PROFITS

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—The Senate War Investigating committee laid plans Friday to look into income tax returns of all officials of the Cumberland Lumber company—for which Representative May (D-Ky.) was fiscal agent—along with those of principals in the Garsson munitions combine.

Heart Condition

May was described by the physician, Dr. Henry M. Lowden, as suffering from a heart condition which "has recently become aggravated." He had a date with the committee at 9 a. m. (EST) Friday to tell about his relations with officials of the munitions group which handled \$78,000,000 in war contracts, but Dr. Lowden said he would be unable to appear for 10 days at least.

To Bare Returns

Mead told reporters President Truman, whom he visited Friday morning, had agreed to make available to the committee, through the Justice department, concerned in the war profits inquiry.

SPOFFORD MILLS INCREASES WAGES

\$75,000 Per Year Salary Boost Announced For 300 Employees

A \$75,000 per year wage increase to the 350 workers of Spofford Mills was announced yesterday by J. Holmes Davis, Jr., company president.

Same Rent

All recommendations under the housing and hotel rooms regulations are now subject to the same rent amounts and conditions which prevailed June 30, unless and until they are changed by an order of the Area Rent director.

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COMMAND TAKES LOOK-SEE Japanese Ship May Be Added To List Of Victims Of Underwater Atom Bomb

ABOARD USS APPALACHIAN, Bikini, July 26.—(U.P.)—The high command of the atomic bomb test took a quick, perilous ride through the target fleet Friday and found that the Japanese battleship Nagato might soon be added to the toll of major warships sunk by Thursday's underwater explosion.

Blandly Makes Tour

Vice Adm. W. H. Blandly, commander of the joint crossroads task force, toured the fleet in a gunboat with top members of his staff and a small group of correspondents.

CONTROL REVIVAL BRINGS PROBLEM

Landlords Must Lower Rents To Conform To OPA Price Figures

Tenant eviction cases spotlighted a clarification of rent control measures by Maurice Moore, Area Rent director, yesterday shortly after the revival of OPA.

Restore Services

Landlords who have removed services from their tenants since the OPA died, are required to restore them in full. Failure of the landlord to do this, places the case in the hands of the local Area Rent control, which offices will be required to start investigations to reduce the rent retroactive to the date Federal rent control was removed.

Pay Boost

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(U.P.)—A raise in pay for the nation's lawmakers and sweeping changes in their methods of working became virtually assured Friday night as a congressional reorganization bill was sent to President Truman.

Along The Cape Fear

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CAPE FEAR DACHE

If they had moved down, they would have found themselves surrounded by (1) hats on the second floor and (2) ice cream on the first floor.

TIRE ENGLISHMAN

Away back yonder before the Civil War an Englishman named Mr. Matthew Lawton got tired of being an Englishman and packed his belongings and his family off to the U.S.A. and settled in Wilmington.

RED TROUBLE AGAIN Chaos In Hungary Charged To Russia

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—On the eve of Secretary Byrnes' departure for the Paris peace conference, the United States Friday night sharply accused Russia of creating economic chaos in Hungary by stripping her of vital food and industrial materials.

State Department Makes Direct Appeal To Molotov For Cooperation In Rehabilitating Germany

It disclosed also a direct appeal to Foreign Minister Molotov for Soviet cooperation with American and Britain in rehabilitating the former satellite of Germany.

Reds Strip Hungary

The State department made public a letter which Ambassador W. Bedell Smith delivered to Molotov Tuesday containing the appeal. The letter also declared that the Red army had been stripping Hungary of foodstuffs while the Russian government had removed \$124,000,000 worth of manufacturing equipment and is currently absorbing 50 per cent of Hungary's industrial production.

To Pull Troops

1. The United States intends to pull its troops out of Italy within the specified 90-day period after final signing of the Italian peace treaty. Byrnes does not consider the necessity of maintaining supply lines to Austria as any excuse for keeping Allied forces (American and British) in Italy once the treaty is effective.

Others Accepted

Others accepted by the local State-Benson's reiteration was made after the State Highway commission announced in Raleigh yesterday that authorization had been made for an engineering survey in the immediate future for a "suitable truck route through or around Wilmington."

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STUDY PROMISED

City-Council Boards Will Consider Veteran Center

Further study on a request by Wilmington's veterans' organizations that a \$6,000 annual appropriation for a Veterans Service center in the city, has been promised by New Hanover county commissioners and city council.

Dr. Smith Named

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And So To Bed

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"No," answered the first man. "I'm just having a heck of a time getting this darn key into this darn lock."

"Try this," suggested the second man as he handed the first man a key. "After all, it's my . . . and this is my car."

Consumers Must Wait To Learn Food Prices

Three-Man Decontrol Board To Begin Functioning Aug. 20 To Decide On Meat, Poultry, Dairy Products

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration, riding herd on prices again after 25 days of no controls, Friday boosted many ceilings above June 30 levels and removed them altogether from other commodities.

HEADS INSTALLED AT RESORT POST

William Matthews Commander Of Carolina Beach Group

William Matthews was installed as commander of the Carolina Beach American Legion Post Number 272, Thursday night in impressive ceremonies witnessed by 200 Legionnaires.

Higher Ceilings

OPA authorized higher prices for coal and other solid fuels, top-grade shoes, some building materials and dozens of other goods. Items from which controls were removed ranged from furs to low-backed chairs and grandfather clocks.

Law CODIFICATION SLATED FOR CITY

CITY WILL PRESS FOR TRUCK ROUTE

Benson Reiterates Stand In Favor Of Lane Skirting Business Area

City Manager J. R. Benson reiterated yesterday that he and the city council will continue their efforts to have the State Highway commission establish a through truck route which will skirt, rather than cut through the city.

Authorized By Council

The codification project, authorized several months ago by the council at the request of City Attorney W. B. Campbell.

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