

FORECAST
Wilmington and vicinity: Moderate temperatures in morning, warming in afternoon.

Wilmington Morning Star

Served By Leased Wires of the UNITED PRESS and the ASSOCIATED PRESS With Complete Coverage of State and National News

ESTABLISHED 1867

VOL. 79.—NO. 257. WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1946

MAY ACQUIRE TITLE New Hanover May Get Property At Airport

New Hanover county may acquire official title to the 611 acres of government-owned land at Blumenthal airport within a few months, Hamilton E. Hicks, secretary of the Wilmington-New Hanover Airport authority, disclosed yesterday after returning here from a one-day conference with War Assets Administration officials in Washington, D. C.

48 JOBS FILLED FOR SHIP BASIN

Total Of 200 Workers To Be Hired For Project By Oct. 1

Captain A. G. Ford, superintendent of the Brunswick river lay-up basin, said yesterday that plans are indefinite for the towing of the former Coast Guard quarter boat, the General Frederick Hodgson, to the scene of contemplated berthing of approximately 500 non-essential merchant vessels.

Headquarters Boat
Previously it had been indicated that the Hodgson, now docked at the Customs house wharf, and which will serve as headquarters for the so-called reserve fleet, would be moved to the Brunswick river site yesterday or today.

Meanwhile, Aubrey L. Bowdin, local personnel officer of the Maritime commission, said that 75 persons are imated as necessary to conduct initial operations at the basin, 48 had been employed. Included in the 75 employees will be an administrative assistant, two clerk-typists, two clerk-stenographers, a cost record clerk, a fleet electrician, and a first aid assistant. Semi-skilled labor will constitute the remainder, he said.

Civil Service Jobs
Paying a maximum hourly rate of 75 cents, Bowdin said that all jobs are subject to civil service classifications, adding that it is possible 200 workers will be employed by October 1, depending upon the number of ships reaching the basin by that date.

Disassembly of pumps and other movable machinery will constitute a major portion of the work, Bowdin said, adding that such work does not require skilled labor, but can be properly performed under supervision of competent foremen.

Local Applicants
A majority of the first 200 work See BASIN On Page Two

The Weather

FORECAST
North and South Carolina: Fair and moderate temperatures.
(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday:
Temperature: 71-82; 7:30p 78;
Maximum 86; Minimum 66; Mean 74;
Normal 78.
Humidity
1:30a 98; 7:30a 92; 1:30p 69; 7:30p 70.
Precipitation
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 1.1 inches.
Total since the first of the month, 2.30 inches.

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

Place	High	Low
Wilmington	7:00a	2:02a
Wilmington	7:40p	2:12p
Masonboro Inlet	4:46a	11:01a
Masonboro Inlet	5:28p	11:50p

Sunrise 5:29; Sunset 7:06; Moonrise 8:09; Moonset 2:05a.
River stage at Fayetteville at 8 a. m. Thursday—39.9 feet.
See THE WEATHER on Page Three

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley
DEY'S TOO MUCH NEWS
-I GWINE QUIT DE
-PAPHS ANHILE AN'
-LET DE NEWS KETCH
-UP WID ME !!

TWO AND A HALF BILLIONS IN BONDS, CASH A WAIT GI'S IN TERMINAL LEAVE PAY BILL; BEACH GROUP PLANS HUGE FISHING RODEO

Fall Event Ushers Long Season Here

Plan Efforts To Draw Sports Fishermen From Entire East Coast

ORRELL HEADS GROUP

Permanent Organization Is Founded By Beaches In Southeast Area

By LARRY HIRSCH
The prospects of thousands of sports fishermen from all along the East Coast of the United States making Southeastern North Carolina waters their mecca during the coming fall—and every fall to come hereafter—loomed today following an organization meeting of beach representatives from New River inlet to the South Carolina line last night in the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce building.

Beaches Organize
These prospects came as a result of the decision at the meeting at which the Southeastern North Carolina Beach association was formed as a permanent organization—to stage a mammoth fishing rodeo along the beaches in this area from August 30 to September 30.

The details of the rodeo are in the process of being worked out, but decision has been reached to put up a grand prize of \$500 for the "best" fish caught by rod and reel during the one-month Rodeo.

Funds To Be Raised
Funds to finance the big Rodeo already are in sight, Wrightsville Beach and Carolina Beach representatives have agreed that each beach will contribute \$500 and the

NCSC COMPLETES CONTRACT OCT. 8

Santa Isabel Expected To Be Delivered To Grace Line In Fall

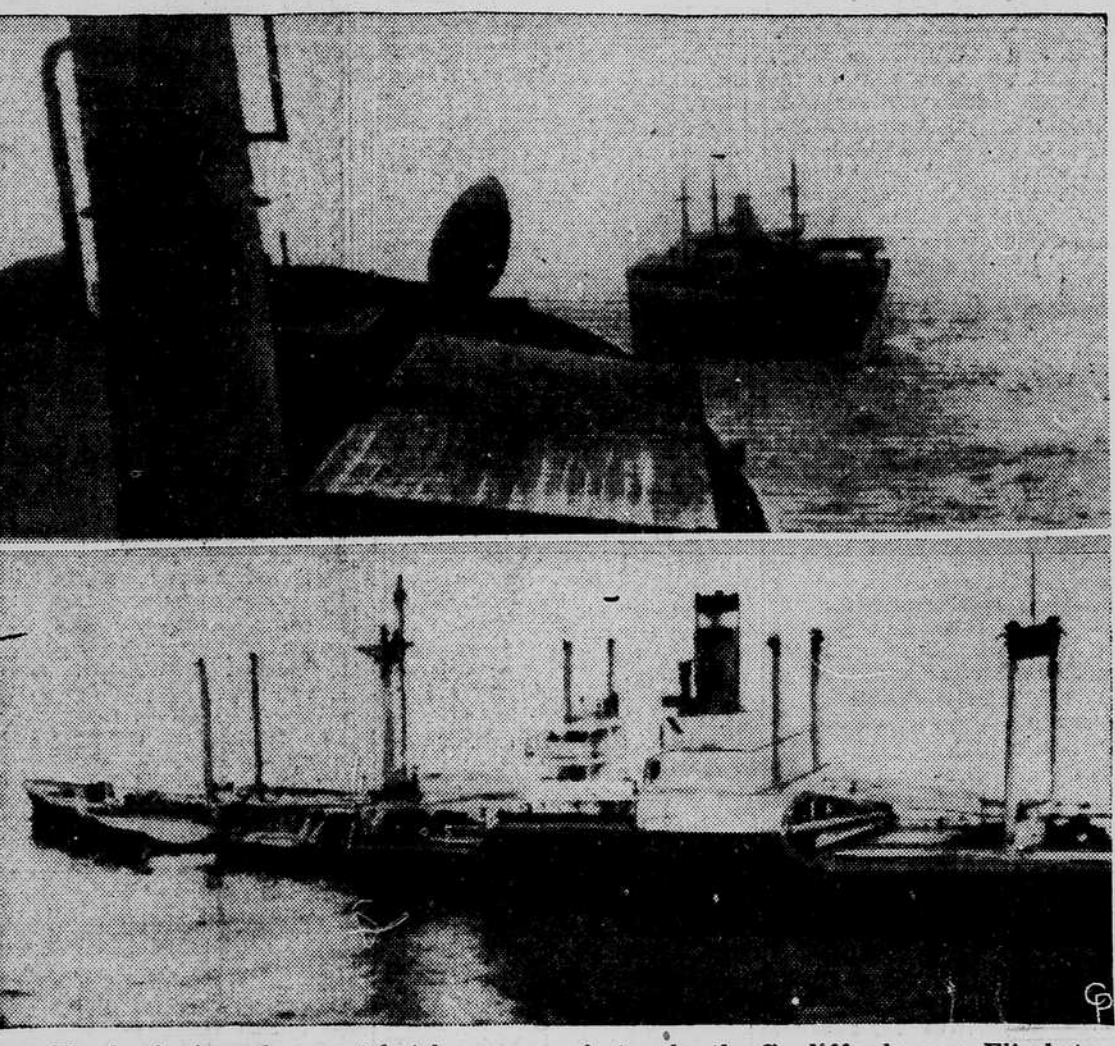
From a peak of 25,000 during the height of the war years employment at the shipyard of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company here virtually will become non-existent early in October when work is completed on the SS Santa Isabel, company officials said yesterday.

The Santa Isabel will be the last of a six-ship contract the local yard had with the Grace Line, operators of a vast passenger-cargo steamship line. Three of the Santa ships have been delivered, and the remainder are nearing completion.

Oct. 8 Completion
The Santa Maria, fourth of the contractual vessels, probably will be delivered on August 23, while the Santa Luisa is scheduled for delivery on September 17, with the Santa Isabel tentatively set for completion on October 8.

With only 2,000 persons now employed at the yard, officials said this number gradually will be reduced with completion of each of the three remaining vessels.

Wilmington Built Ship Heads Into Maritime Dispute



The beginning of a court battle over historic salvage rights can be seen in the making, top, as the William J. Riddle backs away from the American Farmer, launched by the North Carolina Shipbuilding Co., here in April, 1945, after a collision off the English coast. Abandoned by her crew, the Farmer was taken in tow by the Cardiff schooner, Elizabeth. Soon after, a crew from the American Ranger came aboard and cast off the British tow and headed toward an English port, which the Farmer is shown, bottom, nearing. The ship was brought in under her own steam. INTERNATIONAL RADIOPHOTOS.

FARMER ARRIVES SAFE IN HARBOR

Peace Conference Staid Gang Fight Aboard Derelict, Britons Say

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The \$4,500,000 salvage prize American Farmer limped into Falmouth Harbor Thursday and was boarded immediately by officials who will seek to determine the rights of salvage claims against the ship and her cargo.

At the same time the British tramp steamer Elizabeth docked at Barry, Wales. An officer said that only the thought of the Paris Peace conference kept a British crew on the Farmer from fighting for their prize against an American boarding party.

Adrift In Mid-Ocean
The British reached the Farmer, abandoned and drifting helplessly after a collision in mid-Atlantic, early last Sunday and put a crew and towlines on the rich derelict. A larger boarding party from the American Ranger, the Farmer's sister ship followed, ordered the British off and cut the towlines.

Second Officer B. Valdors of the Elizabeth related a cautious version of the dispute on the high seas

Along The Cape Fear

BOTTLELESS BASEBALL
"Take me out to the ballgame; Take me out to the park; Buy me some peanuts and Crackerjack; I don't care if I never get back."
We hesitate to say whether this ditty, the theme-song of the National Pastime, applies to that picture on page three of today's paper or not. The picture was taken in 1886, but we doubt that the song, and Crackerjack, too, for that matter, was invented that long ago.

We also doubt that pop-bottles, the favorite ammunition of baseball fans, were in existence at that time either. Just look at those 11 smooth, calm, and unmarred faces (save for the moustaches) and you can be reasonably sure that not so much as one pop-bottle was ever thrown in their direction.

SEASIDE CLUB — When he arrived home a few weeks ago he dug the old picture out of the attic and brought it in to us.

Measure Will Benefit 16,000,000 Servicemen

President Expected To Sign Deficiency Appropriation Measure Today To Provide Funds For Huge Project

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(UP)— President Truman Thursday signed legislation carrying \$2,431,708,000 (b) in bonds and cash to pay some 16,000,000 GI's their terminal leave pay.

The funds were included in the final deficiency appropriation bill approved by Congress just before it adjourned Aug. 2. Mr. Truman is expected to sign Friday a separate bill authorizing expenditure of the funds.

The deficiency bill provides that enlisted personnel will be paid cash if they have \$50 or less coming to them. If they have more, they will get \$50 in cash and the rest in five-year bonds bearing two-and-one-half per cent interest.

Automobiles For GI's
The bill also provides \$30,000,000 to buy automobiles for GI's who lost one or both legs in service. There is a \$1,500 limit which can be paid for each veteran's car.

Full Payment
The bill also calls for full payment of pension compensation or retirement benefits to hospitalized veterans without dependents.

Such veterans would get the full amount of their pensions for six months, \$30 a month thereafter and the balance due upon their discharge. A hospitalized veteran without dependents now gets a maximum pension of \$20 a month if he has service-connected disabilities, and only \$18 a month if he has non-service connected disabilities.

PLANTS TO HIRE 1,200 WORKERS

Five New Manufacturing Firms Have Already Leased Sites Here

Five manufacturing firms, slated to employ a grand total of 1,200 persons, have already purchased or leased sites for new factories in Wilmington and vicinity, John H. Farrell, city industrial agent, said yesterday.

Although the names of the companies were not disclosed, Farrell revealed that they will manufacture the following products: Paper and pulp, ladies underwear, nylon stockings, fertilizer, and woodwork items.

Permits Granted
The Civilian Production Administration has granted building permits to two of the firms and permits for two others are pending, Farrell said. The fifth company has leased a building.

Farrell pointed out that three other new industries are already located here — the France Neckwear company, the Port City Hosiery mills, and the Alberta Knitting mills. These plants currently employ a total of 700 persons.

Further, about 25 more manufacturing firms have shown a "decided interest" in locating here, Farrell continued. These firms, located in the North and Middlewest, have sent representatives for interviews with the industrial agent, and all of them are ready to commit themselves to establishing factories here as soon as land sites and building materials are available, Farrell added.

BLOW TO PROGRESS Fayetteville Facing Market Shutdown

Fayetteville, once the hub of North Carolina's commerce is today facing the possibility of having her latest comeback attempt nipped in the bud.

The city's brand new tobacco market in the shadows of the old Town Market through which flowed supplies, including tobacco, which early natives bartered for their daily bread, may have to be shut down unless almost immediate aid is forthcoming in the form of company tobacco buyers.

Drama Of Life

DETROIT, Aug. 8.—(AP)— One of life's little dramas, played against a metropolitan backdrop, wrought panic Thursday on the Woodmere trolley line.

The characters were Motorman Walter Williams, his near-capacity load of female passengers, Tom Woodishec and an unidentified rat. Williams stopped his car to pick up Woodishec. At that moment a rat ran at Woodishec. The latter kicked the rat which sailed into the air and through the trolley's front window.

The rat landed beside a woman in front of the car. She promptly took off for the rear of the car. So did the rat.

HAZARDS OF BATHING

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The night was humid, so Mrs. Bertha Singer, 62, climbed into her bathtub for a cooling rinse.

The tub was three feet wide and five feet long. But so was 280-pound Mrs. Singer.

She stuck. She shouted for help. No one was at home. Mrs. Singer struggled heroically and vainly.

Mrs. Singer sat there for 17 hours until her son, Harry, who works nights, came home at 9:30 a. m. Thursday. He labored and failed.

Harry called police. An emergency squad worked several hours. They pulled and tugged and even tried to pry the tub apart.

Nothing worked until a cop thought of filling the tub with oil. Mrs. Singer slipped out like a banana out of its skin.

TEMBLORS AGAIN ROCK CARIBBEAN

Panic Spreads Throughout Porto Rico, Dominican Republic

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 8.—(AP)—Two "very heavy" earthquakes rumbled from the disturbed floor of the Caribbean sea Thursday, spreading panic through Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, where seismologists described the shocks as the "second major slippage of the earth this week."

Breaks Galvanometer
Geophysicist Marion H. Gilmore said that the "terrific intensity" of the quake, as recorded at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Navy weather station, broke the galvanometer and "it has stayed inoperative since 9:34 a. m. (EDT)."

"The quake was the second major slippage of the earth this week and was as great in intensity as that which struck the Dominican Republic Sunday," Gilmore said.

The Navy central hurricane service said their instruments still were recording shocks in the same area late Thursday, the last "of any intensity" coming at 2:36 p. m. (EDT).

"Scared To Death"
Pan American Pilot William Karaker, Louisville, Ky., who landed in Ciudad Trujillo nine minutes after the first shock, reported that he was "scared to death."

See QUAKE On Page Two

BUILDING FOR SALE

Maffitt Structure Put On Block By Uncle Sam

The old Raleigh Community building in Maffitt Village, vacant for the last year or more, has been advertised for sale by the Federal Public Housing authority, according to information received from Wilmington last night.

Hope For Industry
H. R. Emory, executive director of the Wilmington Housing authority, said when informed of the report that local officials hope the structure can be converted to industrial usage. Emory said that the building contains approxi-

And So To Bed

A Wrightsville Beach couple, parents of an almost brand-new baby, have been arguing for several weeks over whether or not their offspring is cutting his first tooth.

The child is mewling in true Shakespearian tradition, and the mother says it is caused by a tooth coming through and the father says it isn't.

Last night, as the child put his silver spoon into his mouth, a distinct crunching noise sounded in the room. The mother turned around from the stove and exclaimed to her husband: "There, I told you so. Did you hear the tooth crunch on that spoon?"