

WEATHER
North Carolina — Considerable cloudiness and scattered thunderstorms tonight. Sunday clearing and cooler preceded by showers southeast portion Sunday forenoon.

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Woodmen Officials Meet At Carolina Beach



Pictured above are state and national officers of the Woodmen of the World who are currently attending a meeting of that organization at Carolina Beach to formulate plans for the state convention in Charlotte next spring. Front row, left to right are: Judge Burring T. Hill, Wadesboro; D. E. Henderson, Charlotte; T. E. Newton, Omaha, Neb., national director; Charles A. Hines, Greensboro; J. Milton Todd, Charlotte; Clyde G. Simmons, Kinston; Nick T. Newberry, Charlotte; J. Love Davis, Wrightsville Beach; W. L. Ross, Salisbury; R. Frank Patterson, Kannapolis; M. H. Morton, Albemarle; A. D. Morgan, Raleigh; I. D. Godwin, Newton Grove; W. E. Dalton, Hendersonville; C. Wallace Jones, Okokee; steps, reading down, L. G. Woodward, Raleigh; S. O. Johnson, Rose Hill; J. M. Cline, Winston-Salem; George W. Hine, Lincolnton; W. B. Wrigg and A. B. Vick, Moorehead City; McClaren Gibson, Sr., Gibson; C. P. Lail, Shelby; George W. Wooten, Wilmington; Dr. W. H. Carter, Goldsboro; H. M. Melvin, White Lake; W. A. Short, Hickory; Herman Jones, Henderson and Farrar Newberry, Jr., state manager of South Carolina. Photo by John Kelly, Carolina Beach.

WOODMEN TO SET CONVENTION DATE

Group Of Officers And Directors Will End Beach Sessions Today

A committee of four members was appointed yesterday by a group of state officers of the Woodmen of the World, meeting at Carolina Beach, to decide on the exact date for the 1947 convention of the organization, which will be held in Charlotte next spring.

Appointed to the committee were Nick T. Newberry, state manager; D. E. Henderson, past head counsel; J. Milton, state head counsel, all of Charlotte, and T. E. Newton, former state manager and now national director with offices in Omaha, Neb.

A group of 35 Woodmen state officers and directors will end a four-day meeting at the resort today.

Plans were also made for the unveiling of a plaque in Hendersonville, later in the year, in memory of Joseph Cullen Root, first president of the organization, who died there in 1913.

Root organized the Woodmen 56 years ago and was on a visit to Hendersonville at the time of his death.

The plaque will be placed on the courthouse square, it was decided. It is expected the national president will be present for the ceremony.

Marshall Says Peace In China Impossible

Declares Battle To The Death In Making Between Two Forces

SHANGHAI, China, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall declared officially today that peace in China was impossible and that a battle to the death was in the making between Central government forces and the Chinese communists.

"The fighting daily grows more widespread and threatens to engulf the country and pass beyond the control of those responsible," Marshall said in a joint statement with Dr. John Leighton Stuart, new U. S. ambassador to China.

Nanking dispatches said Marshall, convinced the peace mission on which President Truman had sent him was a failure, would return to the United States about Sept. 15. There was little likelihood he would return to China.

Nanking political sources said the Central government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, after more than 20 years' warfare with the Chinese Communists, was determined to wipe them out by military means and extend its jurisdiction over all China.

Government minister of information Peng Hsueh-pei said Chiang would issue an important statement next Wednesday "which will define the government position."

Peiping dispatches reported a second clash between U. S. Marines and communists on a northern rail line and a breakdown in discussions among American, Communist and Nationalist officers in investigating the first clash at Anping on July 29.

Tientsin dispatches said U. S. Marine force headquarters there held their first city-wide security drill since arriving last October. The Marines threw guards around all headquarters buildings in the city as they would do in the case of a sudden attack. It was announced that such security drills would be held weekly from now on.

The joint statement by Marshall and Stuart said that together they had explored every possibility for peace without success.

"It appears impossible for the two parties to reach a settlement of those issues, which would permit a general order to be issued for a complete cessation of hostilities in all China," an statement said. "Certain of the unsettled issues

ALABAMA IS SCENE OF RACIAL STRIFE

White Mob Tramples Negroes After Vets And Negro Fight Starts

ATHENS, Ala., Aug. 10.—(AP)—Several Negroes were knocked down and trampled here today by a mob of white men who assembled shortly after a fist fight between two white war veterans and a Negro, county court Judge D. L. Rosenau reported.

Authorities said no one had been seriously hurt but that they were seeking to have the state guard called out as a precautionary measure.

Sheriff H. G. Garrett estimated the mob numbered 500 men at one time and said it was still sizable three and a half hours after the trouble started. Some 50 highway patrolmen have been sent here by the state.

Judge Rosenau said the gang was chasing Negroes off the streets. And in so doing had "knocked down and trampled" several Negroes, including many old ones and some cripples.

Obviously, he said, the mob is seeking the Negro who was involved in the fight with the two white war veterans. The two white participants were arrested. But the Negro escaped. Mayor R. H. Richardson, Jr., said he freed the two white men from jail after members of the mob had promised to disperse.

At Montgomery, State Highway Patrol Chief Clyde C. Sellers said 40 or 50 patrolmen were being sent into Athens to aid local officers. Mayor Richardson said he did not believe there would be further trouble, but thought the state guard should be brought here as a "precautionary measure."

Judge Rosenau said he knew of several "old" Negroes being knocked down by the gang, and added that a Negro man and his wife were prevented from catching a train.

"They were chased under a house," the judge reported.

Garrett said the white men were being constantly urged to be orderly. He added that many had "gone home" and he hoped no serious trouble would develop.

The town has a population of about 5,000, of whom about one-third are Negroes. Sheriff Garrett said his force of four or five deputies and about the same number of city officers, together with "some

OLD AGE TAX HIKE HALTED BY TRUMAN

Bill Signed Yesterday Effects Social Security Law Changes

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Legislation forestalling an otherwise automatic increase in the old age retirement payroll tax and making several other important changes in the Social Security law was signed today by President Truman.

The bill, which cleared congress just before adjournment, freezes the payroll levy through 1947 at the present rate of one per cent each on employes and employers. Except for the new law, the rate

DECONTROL BOARD SLATES HEARINGS

Status Of Food Prices To Be Decided Within Next Eight Day Period

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The new three-man Price Decentralization board starts Monday on its gigantic task of deciding—within eight days—whether a big share of the nation's food will go into the household market, basket at ceiling prices or with no controls at all.

By Aug. 20, the board must decide whether meat, grain, milk, grain and livestock products, cottonseed and soybeans should be under price control.

Under the new OPA law, all these products automatically will be returned to control on Aug. 21 unless the board decides otherwise.

But poultry, eggs, tobacco and petroleum will remain ceiling-free unless and until the board specifically directs that they be controlled.

The board, working against time, has scheduled hearings Monday through Thursday. Labor and farm groups and industry and consumer organizations will be allowed to present their views. Most of them will be limited to 15 minutes each. A very few will get 30 minutes of the board's time.

Board Chairman Roy L. Thompson, a New Orleans banker, announced that all 82 organizations which asked to be heard have been allotted time for oral presentation. He said no speaker will be allowed

ARMED FUGITIVES FLEE POSSE AFOOT

Oklahoma Badmen Holed Up In Hills For Desperate, Last Stand

ATOKA, Okla., Aug. 10.—(AP)—Two heavily-armed bank bandits fled afoot tonight through the southeast Oklahoma hills, barely ahead of determined possemen who called for reinforcements and bloodhounds.

A pack of bloodhounds from the state penitentiary at McAlester and more carloads of officers, carrying all sorts of weapons, were en route to the Kiamichi mountain region where the bandits were making what appeared to be their last stand.

The fugitives looted the Walters (Okla.) National bank of \$33,000 Thursday morning and at last reports were carrying the money with them in their wild flight in a gunnysack.

Their getaway automobile was found abandoned on a country road six miles southwest of Daisy late today, only a few hours after a filling station operator at that hillside hamlet informed officers that

Policemen, Firemen Here Begin Six-Day Work Week

The personnel of the Wilmington police and fire departments today enter upon a six-day work week, the city council having recently authorized a day off weekly for all members of the forces. At the same time, the governing body voted an increase in the pay scale of all the men.

City Manager J. R. Benson yesterday directed a memorandum to Fire Chief J. Luddie Croom, announcing that the 76 members of the fire department would be allowed one day off per week, in addition to the regular vacation period.

Rocky Point Youth Dies In Pender County Wreck

One person was instantly killed and three others narrowly escaped death when their speeding automobile ran off the highway and overturned at 5:15 o'clock yesterday morning on Highway 117-421, ten miles north of Wilmington, in Pender county.

Julius Linwood Corbett, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Titus Corbett, of Rocky Point, was killed instantly in the accident, which State Highway Patrolman W. B. Riddick claimed was caused by excessive speed on a straight stretch of roadway.

William Mahn, 19, was reported

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in a satisfactory condition yesterday afternoon, as attaches in James Walker Memorial hospital, where he is undergoing treatment for a fractured right wrist.

Joe Hale, Jr., 20, and Forest Harts, 18, the latter of Ivanhoe, Sampson county, escaped with only minor bruises.

The accident occurred about a quarter of a mile south of Paul's Place, on a straight highway.

Young Corbett, who resided with his parents about three miles north of the scene of the crash, was

Gay Parties Probe Topic Under Study

Treasury Department Purchasing Agents Entertained Lavishly

FILE IS HEAVY

Contractors Seeking Contracts Said Free With 'Gratuities'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Gay week-end parties in New York at which pretty girl stenographers reportedly entertained Treasury department purchasing agents today claimed the attention of the Senate War Investigating committee.

Officials revealed that they have compiled a heavy file on activities on certain well-heeled "middlemen"—free with lavish gifts and favors—in the Treasury's multi-billion dollar lend-lease purchasing program.

The so-called "contract agents," a committee source revealed, often had no manufacturing facilities except "a desk and swivel chair," but drew millions for procurement of war goods.

In one case, on which public hearings may be held later the prime contractor made a 95 percent profit on a lend-lease order. Committee information indicated that the contract placed orders for items costing manufacturers \$2,392 each, but was paid by the government at the rate of \$22,489.

The contractors, according to preliminary committee findings, were openhanded with "gratuities." With the aid of their pretty stenographer they entertained minor treasury officials and their girl office workers on New York week-end excursions, the committee source said.

Still another case, interesting to the committee, involved the manufacture of a simple steel machine pin. Contract brokers were paid at the rate of 34 cents a pin. They placed orders for the pin with legitimate manufacturers at 3.6 cents each.

Meanwhile, it was made clear that the committee considers its investigation of the role played by Rep. Andrew J. May, D., Ky., in the Garsson munitions "paper em-

PARIS DELEGATES TOLD ITALIAN PEACE TREATY PROPOSAL IS PUNITIVE

'Howlin' Mad' Smith Retires



Gen. Holland M. "Howlin' Mad" Smith (left) of Montgomery, Ala., hard-bitten Marine Corps commander who led battle forces in the Pacific, speaks to his men at Camp Pendleton, Calif., as he retires with the rank of full general. Beside him is Lt. Gen. Harry Schmidt who succeeds him as commander of the Marines in the San Diego area.

DE GASPERI ASKS FOR YEAR'S DELAY

Italian Premier Protests Many Phases Of Paris Treaty Plan

BY JOSEPH DYNAN
PARIS, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Italy's premier struck out at the proposed Italian peace treaty today as "punitive" and beyond his country's capacity to fulfil, and urged the peace conference to postpone for a year settlement of the Trieste and other frontier problems.

The decision to internationalize Trieste, Premier Alcide de Gasperi said, was "a bite into our very flesh."

Pleading Italy's cause before an afternoon session which received his arguments in cold silence, de Gasperi protested the deep slash in Italy's armaments, the bills for reparations, and the changes in the Italian frontier, particularly the Big Four decision on Trieste and Venezia Giulia.

He buttressed his request for a delay by reference to Italian claims against Germany, asking: "Is this not another proof that no final settlement in Europe can be attained before peace is made with Germany?"

There was no applause or other demonstration by the conference after De Gasperi's 41-minute speech, but as he walked back up the center aisle U. S. Secretary of State leaned out and shook hands with him.

The conference adjourned until Monday with a decision to defer discussions on the Italian plea until then. It also took no action after a morning's debate on admission of Albania as a member. Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov again walked from the room while the Greek delegate was speaking, and the Yugoslav delegate charged that it was the policy of Greece, bitter opponent of Albania, "to foment and start war in the Balkans."

De Gasperi, urging delay on Trieste, said:

"I am well aware that peace must somehow be made, that the deadlock must be broken. But on the other hand if you have deferred by one year the colonial settlement for lack of good solution, why can you not do likewise for the Julian (Trieste and Venezia Giulia) problem?"

"What good will come of clinging to a solution which only bids for new trouble? Why hurt your ears to the cry for help of the Italians in Austria x x x who at this moment are preparing to abandon hearth and home rather than submit to the new (Yugoslav) regime?"

De Gasperi described the proposed "French Line" proposed as the frontier between Italy and Yugoslavia as a "line of political expediency" which left 180,000 Italians in Yugoslavia and 59,000 slaves on Italian soil.

He recalled that he had offered to relinquish the natural frontier on the Alps and to fall back on the line traced by President Wilson in 1919. He added that Italy approved with certain reservations the Ethnic Line established by an allied committee of experts last Spring.

"But the Yugoslav delegates insisted, with arguments still based on the idea of punishment, for total possession of Venezia Giulia," he said.

The premier described the proposed free state of Trieste as a mixture of Slav elements within a predominantly Italian population, dependent upon Italy for some services and upon Yugoslavia for others. He estimated its budgetary

Arkansas Vets Start Hot Political Fight

Promise To Use 'Every Means,' Including Force, In Campaign

MALVERN, Ark., Aug. 10.—(AP)—This little county seat, the self-styled "Most Sanitary Town In Arkansas," today watched its political dirty linen hung out to public view as a determined group of young veterans sought to break the grip of Sheriff Jack Kight on county politics.

Kight's henchmen scoffed at warnings by the "GI Ticket" that "if there are election irregularities Tuesday the Tennessee (McMinn county) incident will be mild in comparison."

William Weaver, 27-year-old ex-Army captain who made the state, said tonight "We don't want violence, but we're going to be firm. We're going to play it according to the law."

"We don't know what might happen if the other side doesn't play it that way."

A rally of veterans scheduled for tonight had not materialized at the scheduled starting hour, but the downtown area buzzed with GIs' and political talk.

Weaver is leading a slate of GI candidates against the 18-year-old Hot Spring county political machine headed by Sheriff Kight.

Kight, running for county treasurer this year against slight, blonde Doyle Collie, has held practically every office in the new WPA-built courthouse.

Collie, only 22, was injured badly in the Battle of the Bulge and still carries one arm in a brace.

In a third race, veterans candidate Champ C. Walker is opposing former deputy sheriff Roy Traywick for tax assessor.

One GI candidate has no opposition—Edwin Cash for county rep-

VARIED ACCIDENTS INJURE FOUR HERE

Wave Breaks Woman's Leg; Man Falls From Window

A freakish ocean wave, an auto-pedestrian accident and two falls caused ambulances to wail across Wilmington last night and resulted in the admission of four persons to James Walker Memorial hospital.

Mrs. Lacy Hoffner, Salisbury, was bathing in the surf, at Carolina Beach, when an unexpectedly strong wave caused her to lose her balance and resulted in a broken left leg. Her condition was described by hospital attendants as satisfactory.

Charles C. Carter, 106 Orchard street, Enka, was injured seriously when he stepped from a bus into the path of an oncoming car at 7 p. m. near the Masonboro loop on the Carolina Beach highway. Hospital attaches said Carter sustained a compound fracture of his right leg and numerous abrasions about the head and body.

Robert M. Price, 41, Goldsboro, fell from a second story window at 20 North Fourth street last night at 10:30, receiving a laceration under his chin and possible internal injuries, according to city police. Price a painter, lived at the address while working in Wilmington.

Mrs. Jettie Hayes, owner of the house, told investigating officers that she heard a thud outside her window and upon investigation discovered Price. He had fallen onto the porch and rolled off onto the sidewalk. Rushed to the hospital, he was admitted for treatment and observation. The extent of his injuries were not immediately determined.

Dan J. Ward, 61, of Sunset Lodge, was admitted to the hospital for observation and treatment after what police described as a fall in his apartment on the Carolina Beach road.

AIRCADE SLATED TO ARRIVE TODAY

47 CAP Planes, 100 Enthusiasts To Converge On City

Approximately 100 flying enthusiasts from all sections of North Carolina are scheduled to begin landing their private planes on the runways of Blumenthal airport today at 9:30 a. m. as members of the Civil Air Patrol converge on Wilmington and Wrightsville beach for a one-day outing.

Col. Frank Dawson, commander of CAP's state wing, will lead the 47 planes in the flight to Blumenthal. Practically all of North Carolina's major cities will be represented in the aircade, the largest mass flight attempted by CAP in more than a year.

Sponsored jointly by the Wrightsville Beach chamber of commerce and Pennington Flying service, the aircade will move from Blumenthal to Wrightsville for six hours of entertainment, including surfing, fishing and boating.

A dinner meeting of the CAP will be held in the Ocean Plaza hotel at 12:45 p. m., but no business matters will come up for consideration during the brief sojourn here, according to Walter Cartier, secretary of the Wrightsville chamber of commerce.

At 4 p. m. the planes are scheduled to leave Blumenthal for their respective destinations.

WAA SURPLUS LOG JAM END ORDERED

52 Consultants Making \$35 Per Day Fired; Radios Held Up

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The war assets administration has ordered a wholesale housecleaning of its electronics division to break a log jam of surplus radio and other communications equipment kept bottled up in storage while thousands of war veterans vainly sought to buy it.

Fifty-two industry consultants drawing as high as \$35 a day have been discharged. They will be replaced by army and navy technicians. Other employees have been fired, both here and in field offices.

A spokesman said that while no charges of improper conduct have been made, officials felt there

New Quake Terror Grips Dominican Inhabitants

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CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Terror gripped the population of the northern provinces of the Dominican Republic tonight following two new shocks today in the six-day series of earthquakes and tidal waves which left 73 persons dead and 20,000 homeless.

Hunger threatened the weary inhabitants when attempts by the government to rush food to the stricken areas were hampered seriously by washouts of roads and bridges in the paths of swollen streams.

Apprehension was at its greatest near Bahia Escocesa (Scotch Bay) where the food shortage was particularly acute and clothing and medical supplies were reported by authorities to be running out.

Throughout the week, earth tremors of varying intensity jarred the northern part of the island frequently. False rumors of imminent new quakes and tidal waves intensified the panic. The rumors grew to such an extent that the