

### DECREASE SHOWN IN SCHOOL ROLLS

Enrollment Approximately 500 Below 12,800 Reported Last Year

The enrollment in the city and county schools this year is between 400 and 500 below the 12,000 reported for last year's opening of the system, H. M. Roland, superintendent of public instruction, announced yesterday afternoon.

eral schools in the city and county. Last year there were 27 regular and one spare bus operating in the city and county, while this year 24 busses and one spare bus will be needed.

Roland said that the spare bus is in bad condition and that the 24 others are all "very old." He said the school system needs at least a dozen new busses, adding that the over all condition of the vehicles is the worst it has ever been.

He said that there are three busses that are in such bad condition that they are no longer useable.

**3 Generations All Boys**  
TILTON, N. H. — (UP) — Linda Hinds, just born, is the first girl in four generations of the Hinds family. After the birth of a daughter in the family in 1851, there were three generations of all boys.

### Civilian Defense Sirens Are Tested

The sirens of the Civilian Defense Patrol were tested yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. City Electrician D. F. Sandlin, Jr., reported that only two sirens were tested, the one at Fourth street fire department headquarters and the other at the fire station at Seventeenth and Dock streets.

City Manager J. R. Benson reported that, while he had not received an official report from the city electrician concerning the test, he felt certain that it was successful.

The city manager reported that it is planned to use the sirens for the calling of members of the police and fire departments back to duty in cases of emergency.

### 18 TAXI PERMITS VOIDED IN MONTH

Police Chief Casteen Also Issued 17 New Permits In August

Eighteen taxi driver's permits were revoked by the police department during the month of August, Police Chief Charles H. Casteen reported yesterday to City Manager J. R. Benson, and 17 new taxi driver's permits were issued during the month.

The report shows that there were 564 arrests made for criminal violations during the month, or an increase of 152 in the number of persons arrested on criminal charges as compared with Aug. 1945.

Arrests for traffic violations also showed an increase, there having been 296 arrests made on these charges last month as compared with 234 for the same month last year.

There were 126 persons arrested for drunkenness, as compared with 108 for the same month last year. Twenty-one persons were apprehended on the charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants, as compared with three on the same count for Aug. 1945.

The number of persons arrested for speeding also showed a marked increase, 108 having been held on this charge last month as compared with eight for Aug. 1945.

Two suicides and one accidental death were reported by the chief during the month.

There were 11 automobiles reported stolen during the month, the same number as for the same month last year. Eleven stolen automobiles were reported recovered during the month.

The total value of properties involved in larcenies and recoveries was listed as \$10,407.21 and \$9,771.61, respectively.

### TRAINS' SCHEDULE REVISION SLATED

Improved Mail And Passenger Service Indicated For Wilmington

Improved mail and passenger service for Wilmington and vicinity was indicated yesterday in an announcement of revised schedules of Atlantic Coast Line Railroad passenger trains 41 and 42 operating between Wilmington and Rocky Mount daily.

The changes will become effective Sunday, September 15, James B. Sharpton, assistant passenger Passenger Traffic Manager of the railroad, said.

Train 41 southbound will leave Rocky Mount at 2:30 a. m., instead of 3:00 a. m., and Goldsboro at 4:25 a. m., instead of 5:15 a. m., arriving Wilmington at 7:30 a. m.

In making this announcement, it was pointed out that mail carried on this train will be in the hands of the post office in Wilmington in time for business mail to be placed in boxes by approximately 8:30 a. m., and in time for carrier mail to be handled on first delivery instead of on second delivery as is now the custom. The earlier departure from Rocky Mount and tightening of the schedule also cuts total travel time for passengers en route from New York and other eastern points.

Train 42 northbound will leave Wilmington at 7:45 p. m., instead of 7:15 p. m., allowing time for late afternoon city mail to be placed aboard and slicing a half hour travel time from current schedules to northeastern points. Arrival at Goldsboro will be 10:50 p. m., instead of 10:20 p. m., with departure from that point at 11:10 p. m., while arrival at Rocky Mount will be 12:45 a. m., instead of 12:15 a. m.

In making this announcement, it was emphasized that existing connections with main line through trains at Rocky Mount would be maintained.

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### Guy Lombardo Known As 'Prophet' Along Tin Pan Alley Row

Along Tin Pan Alley Guy Lombardo, who appears at Lumina, Wrightsville Beach, Tuesday night, under auspices of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for benefit of the New Hanover Tuberculosis Association fund, is called "The Prophet."

He is so called because of his uncanny knack for picking tune destined to become hits. Of the 15 big song hits of 1944, eight were introduced by Lombardo on his "Musical Autographs" radio program.

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### FIRE LOSS HERE REACHES \$6,459

All But \$35 Worth Of Damage Covered By Insurance In August

The total fire loss in the city of Wilmington last month amounted to \$6,459.83 and all but \$35 was covered by insurance, J. Luddie Croom, fire chief, reported yesterday.

Chief Croom's report showed that the total value of the buildings and contents involved in the twelve fires during the month was \$664,478.38.

The net fire loss for August, 1944, was listed at \$505, the report indicated.

The report stated that the fire department was granted approximately a 10 per cent wage increase during the month, retro-

active to July 1. They also receive one day off each week.

The following men reported for probationary duty with the department during the month: C. N. Ezzell, B. A. Scotton, and L. E. Williams.

A. C. Herring was relieved from duty because of injuries he received while off duty in an accident occurred Feb. 19.

Chief Croom reported that he made a regular inspection of the fire district, and two weekly in-

spection of alleys in the downtown area. He also reported on an inspection made of James Walker Memorial and Community hospitals, reporting that there are several doors at both institutions that should be changed to open to the outside. The east door to the OB ward at the Community hospital is in need of repair as it is hard to open, he added.

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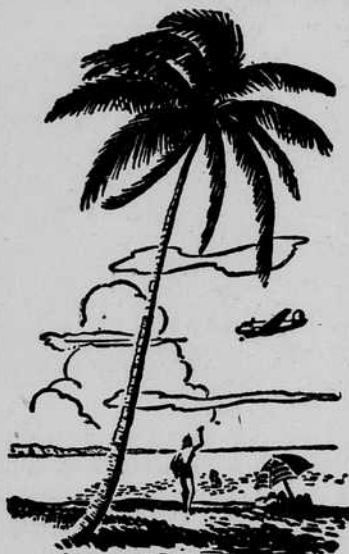
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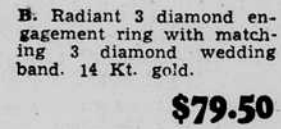
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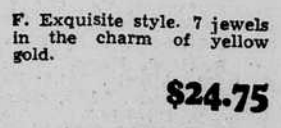
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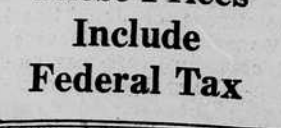
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