

Wilmington and vicinity—Considerable cloudiness with little change in temperature; Wednesday cloudy with occasional rains.

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River Floods Study, Report Will Be Made

Army Engineers To Survey Facts, Figures Presented At Hearing

GILLETTE PRESENT

Farm Agents, Commissioners Back \$25,000,000 Cape Fear Plan

The proposed \$25,000,000 Upper Cape Fear river flood control project will be subjected immediately to a detailed study and report of the facts and figures submitted in support of it yesterday at a public hearing in Fayetteville conducted by Col. George W. Gillette, Wilmington district U. S. Army Engineer and acting head of the Army Engineers' South Atlantic division, Atlanta, Ga., the district office announced last night.

This preliminary report will seek to determine whether a thorough survey and survey report should be made of the flood-ravaged area, the office said.

If the preliminary report is favorable, it will be submitted to the South Atlantic division and then to Washington headquarters for approval. If given these official nods, the survey and survey report will be authorized with a view toward eventual congressional appropriations for the 25 million dollar project, the office said.

Clark Attends

About 125 farm agents, county commissioners, and other interested parties—including Congressman J. Bayard Clark, of Fayetteville—attended the public hearing yesterday and unanimously upheld the proposed project, according to an Associated Press dispatch.

Cumberland county farm agent J. T. Monroe estimated that the 1945 flood caused a half million dollars worth of damage in Cumberland, according to a survey he had made for the Red Cross. J. B. Williams, of Linden, Cumberland commissioner, placed his group on record as favoring the project.

J. A. McGoogan, Hoke county treasurer; John M. Currie, of Carthage, Moore county commissioner; R. B. Harper, of Elizabethtown, Bladen farm agent; and Leon Smith, of Elizabethtown, were among others giving testimony in favor of the project.

Currie said that two bridges in Moore county were washed away, forcing residents to use a 20-mile detour. He estimated total damage of about a quarter of a million dollars.

Dwellings Destroyed

Harper said that the flood last September destroyed 345 dwellings and left 1,319 persons in 345 families homeless.

Smith said that the flood had caused a half million dollars damage in Bladen county, with the village of Kelly most seriously hit. He said that farmers in that area had cut their planting by 90 per cent this year and with the drainage system impaired many residents had moved elsewhere. The exodus became so bad, he said, that a high school serving the village was closed.

Following completion of testimony the engineers made an inspection tour of the river front.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley

LOOK LAKE DE LAWD AN' DE BOLL WEEZIL WUZ AGIN US RAISIN' MUCH COTTON DIS YEAH BUT DE PRICE MOUGHTY PURTY!



New Chairman



E. L. White, above, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who was named chairman of the advance gifts section for the forthcoming Community Chest campaign. Assisting Mr. White will be W. Warren Bell, who was appointed as co-chairman.

ADVANCED GIFTS LEADERS NAMED

Drive Chairman Announces Appointment Of White And Bell

E. L. White, president of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, was yesterday named chairman of the advance gifts section of the city's \$106,204 Community Chest campaign.

W. Warren Bell, president of the Tide Water Power company, will assist White as co-chairman of the section.

In releasing names of his advance gifts leaders, Louis E. Woodbury, general chairman of the drive, continued the rapid-fire organization of the 400-worker campaign which will get under way Oct. 15.

Earlier, Woodbury had designated Richard S. Rogers, vice-president of the Wilmington Savings and Trust company, as the campaign's general co-chairman.

As chairman of advance gifts, White will assume direction of a phase of the drive which Woodbury described as "a major task of the campaign."

Under the White-Bell team's supervision, the advance gifts section will be organized into three divisions—one dealing with corporations, one with professional sources, and one with large individual donors.

By tradition, the advance gifts section starts work in advance of the general campaign.

White, who is president of the White Ice Cream and Milk company, has been active in the chest since its inception in 1942. He was its president last year and chairman of the 1945 campaign.

Bell was chairman of the chest drive's public service division last year.

The Weather

FORECAST

South Carolina—Mostly cloudy, occasional light rain Tuesday and Wednesday; continued rather cool.

North Carolina—Considerable cloudiness, occasional light rain Wednesday and over south and west portions Tuesday; little change in temperature.

(Eastern Standard Time)

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

Temperatures

1:30 a. m. 66; 7:30 a. m. 64; 1:30 p. m. 74; 7:30 p. m. 70.

Maximum 77; Minimum 62; Mean 67; Normal 73.

Humidity

1:30 a. m. 73; 7:30 a. m. 80; 1:30 p. m. 57; 7:30 p. m. 70.

Precipitation

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.—0.00 inches.

Total since the first of the month—2.75 inches.

Tides For Today

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

High Low

Wilmington 2:00 a. m. 9:08 a. m.

Masonboro Inlet 2:39 p. m. 10:07 p. m.

12:29 p. m. 6:00 a. m.

Sunrise 5:57; Sunset 6:18; Moonrise 10:47 p. m.; Moonset 12:38 p. m.

River Stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. Monday, (missing feet).

President Truman Seeking Atomic Energy Conference

UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS, LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Sept. 16. —(AP)—President Truman today laid down before the United Nations economic and social council a proposal that the world's scientists to explore the peacetime possibilities of atomic energy.

The proposal was filed with the 18-nation council by American Delegate John G. Winant. It suggested the delegates study the means of conserving the world's resources, including the "major economic uses of atomic energy," with an international conference in

BRUNSWICK RIVER LAY-UP BASIN ONLY ONE IN NATION TO ESCAPE STEELMAN MANDATE; A FEW LONGSHOREMEN CLASH ON DOCKS

Police Stand Aloof During Brief Melees

Workman From Rival Unions Come To Grips At Side Of Liner

NO CHARGES FILED

Curran Summons 20,000 Men For Picket Duty On New York Piers

By The Associated Press

AFL longshoremen clashed with CIO maritime pickets on New York City's strike-bound waterfront yesterday as the CIO seamen pushed the nationwide shipping strike into its 12th day to support their demands for pay raises equal to those won by AFL sailors.

Workmen from the rival unions came to grips in midafternoon shortly after the French liner, Colombe, docked with about 1,000 passengers.

Police said 150 longshoremen crashed through the mass of NMU pickets. In the ensuing confusion one longshoreman landed a punch on a CIO picket, police reported. He was arrested.

No charges were filed immediately.

Police stood by while the longshoremen unloaded the liner. The clash occurred after NMU President Joseph Curran said he had summoned 20,000 men to establish triple-deep lines of pickets around the piers, following collapse of negotiations with ship owners.

Ryan Tours Docks

Joseph P. Ryan, boss of AFL longshoremen, roved the water front all day long, at times breaking through the CIO picket lines himself to tell his men: "We don't see POLICE On Page Two

SURVIVORS LAND AT N. C. PORT

Captain And Wife Among Those Feared Lost On Marit II

MOREHEAD CITY, Sept. 16.—(AP)—A harrowing story of 48 hours adrift at sea off storm-swept Cape Hatteras was told here today by 18 survivors of the 7,417-ton Norwegian tanker Marit II.

The Marit II broke in two at 12:40 p. m. (EST) Friday during a heavy storm. On her bridge with his wife was Capt. Leif Williamson, and both of them apparently went down with the ship.

One crewman, Erther Eriksen said that the ship broke in two so suddenly that the bridge was awash almost instantly, and that only members of the crew who were fore and aft had a chance for survival.

The 18 survivors were picked up by the Norwegian tanker Pan Amoco. They were transferred to a coast guard boat near Cape Lookout, N. C., this afternoon and brought into Morehead City.

Including the Captain's wife, 37 persons were aboard the stricken ship. Six other survivors in ad-

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Delgado Presbyterian Church Honors Servicemen



Pictured above are members of the Delgado Presbyterian Church who were honored Sunday night at special services for the servicemen and ex-servicemen. A roll of the men from the church and Sunday school was called and as the members came up to the front of the church they lighted a candle in the "V". Sixty candles were on the "V" and all except two were lighted by the men or a member of their family. The two unlighted candles represented the two members who were killed in action, Harold Godbolt and Charles Hardison. Left to right: back row—Harold Athur, Otto Fowler, Alvia Johnson, Garland Cook, Murphy Scoggins, Roy Godbolt, Kenneth Biggs, Robert Godbolt, Ralph Fowler. Front row, left to right: Laurence Cook, Otis Hobbs, L. C. Jarrell, Dwight Scoggins, Richard Hobbs, R. M. Jarrell, and Joe Brwer. Those not present Sunday night, but whose candles were lighted by friends were: Vernon Allen, Walter Brewer, J. B. Batton, Junior Batton, Joe Batton, Lynd Batton, Roy Batton, Hugh Ballard, Mrs. Ruth Ballard, Worth Bolton, Donnie Bolton, Vernon Collins, James Clemmons, Graham Clemmons, Davis Clemmons, Morris Cook, Richard Cook, S. T. Diel, C. H. Diel, J. H. Diel, Victor Farrow, Willie Godbolt, R. J. Hobbs, Orbert Hobbs, Robert Hobbs, Herbert Hinson, Elerby Haynes, Lewis Johnson, N. H. Jordan, Thomas King, William King, George L. Kelly, Woodrow Mlican, Carl Nobles, Bill Scoggins, James Tyner, E. C. Williamson, Alton Webb, George Webb, Glenn Webb, Homer Webb, Clayton Webb and James C. Cook. Standing directly behind the cross is the Rev. C. C. Myers, pastor of the church. (PHOTO BY BOB HODGKIN)

HEALTH MEN SCAN SEWER PROBLEMS

Dr. Elliot May Issue Preliminary Report On Winter Park Today

Two health department representatives yesterday began an investigation into sewerage conditions at Winter Park with a view to determining whether septic tank overflows there justify department action.

In announcing the probe's beginning, Dr. A. H. Elliot, county health officer, said that a preliminary report could be expected today. Dr. Elliot will himself do a direct inspection of any danger areas his investigators uncover before announcing a course of action, he declared.

F. P. Blanchard and Porter Wagstaff, of the department's sanitation staff, toured the area yesterday.

In the meanwhile, County Attorney Marsden Bellamy, in an opinion that he qualified as informal, said yesterday that, should the department's investigators discover a health menace in Winter Park, it would be the apparent duty of property owners there to take steps to "abate the nuisance."

Earlier Ruling

Bellamy had earlier ruled that county officials have no legal responsibility to drain inundated areas beyond the assignment of prisoners serving 60 days or less in its jail.

The county attorney gave a direct "no" to County Commissioner Harry R. Gardner's question as to whether the county board had any legal right to levy taxes to drain a specific area at yesterday's meeting of the commissioners.

In the meanwhile, with both county Board Chairman Addison Hewlett and District Highway Engineer T. T. Betts slated to be present, Winter Park is slated for a full hearing on its drainage controversy in the Winter Park school house at 8 p. m. tomorrow.

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City-County Airport Group Drafting Plan

To Meet Here

More than 300 members of the North Carolina League of Municipalities will hold their next annual convention at a beach near Wilmington sometime next fall, City Councilman James E. L. Wade revealed yesterday.

Municipal leaders voted unanimously to accept Wade's invitation to hold their 1947 convention in the vicinity late Saturday morning, he said.

Wade, a past president of the league will choose the convention site he said last night.

Members of the league convened here last in 1938.

PRICES IRREGULAR ON LEAF MARKETS

Large Volume Of Sales Reported From Middle Belt Warehouses

Farms on the flue-cured markets of the Middle Belt sold approximately 4,800,000 pounds of the wet at the opening of sales Monday and received an average of \$49 a \$51 per 100 pounds, an increase of \$6 to \$8 over the prices received for opening day in 1945.

Agriculture officials said the poundage figure for Monday was unofficial and was only a rough estimate of the amount of tobacco that was sold but they added that "at least" 500,000 pounds more tobacco were marketed this year than last, when 4,423,960 pounds were sold.

Priced ranging from \$24 to \$52 per 100 pounds for leaf grades.

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CITY WILL MAKE LINE BID TODAY

Lieut. Col. H. E. Boyd To Take Stand At CAB Case Hearing

By FRANK VAN DER LINDEN

Wilmington Morning Star

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16. — Wilmington will present a strong demand for direct, one carrier air service to the Caribbean when the Civil Aeronautics board hears arguments in the Latin American case Tuesday for the second and probably last day.

Lieut. Col. H. E. Boyd, traffic manager of the Wilmington Port Traffic association, will speak ten minutes. He is accompanied here by R. B. Page, Star-News publisher.

Mayor Herbert Baxter, of Charlotte, the first spokesman for any intervening city to be heard in the re-argument urged extension of Eastern Airlines which would give Charlotte direct connections to the Caribbean and the Canal Zone.

He said Charlotte is "bottled up" both westward and southward. Opposing the Eastern proposal, Wilmington seeks direct routes which would touch Eastern Carolina points. Colonial Airlines would serve Wilmington, New Bern, Elizabeth City, N. C., and Georgetown, Myrtle Beach, and Charleston, S. C., with Charleston as a major base and Bluecherhill field, Wilmington, as an alternate.

Referring to the board's original decision in favor of Braniff Airways from Houston, Texas, to Balboa, Canal Zone, via Havana, Mayor Baxter declared that 75 per cent of the nation's population is located east of the Mississippi, and 46 per cent of the manufactured products, by value, are made in the eastern and south eastern states. He asked: "Why did you give consideration to cities west of the Mississippi with much less population and far less value in manufactured goods? I think that is discrimination."

(3) The Southeastern States case, already past the hearing stage and slated for a decision by the CAB this year, is also almost certain to place the Port City on the main line connecting it with many major and minor cities in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, and Ohio.

A total of 16 daily flights in and out of Bluecherhill airport is expected to come from these factors alone—six from National Airlines, six from the Southeastern States case winner, and four from the Caribbean case victor.

In addition to these regular flights, the authority anticipates an increase in charter flights at the airport, such as those staged by Col. Roscoe Turner who on two

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ORNITHOLOGIST DIES

DARIEN, Conn., Sept. 16. —(AP)—George Dudley Tilly, 64, ornithologist and collector of rare birds died suddenly today here at the Tilly bird farm which he owned. A family physician said death was caused by a heart attack.

New Yorkers Grow Locks As City Barbers Strike

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. —(AP)—Little old New York was in a sorry state Monday.

A man couldn't get a haircut, hop a ship for Europe, go to his favorite chain store for the family groceries, dance in a hotel, buy a newspaper that took more than five to read, or hold hands with a manicurist.

The trucking, maritime, musicians' and Monday—the barber and manicurist's strike touched some phase or other of the daily lives of each of this city's millions.

The paralysis, creeping at first, was beginning to gallop.

Ships, silent and still, clogged the harbor. They stretched from the lower bay far up into the Hudson, spread out in anchored array like the invasion fleet on the eve of D-Day. Unlike the invasion fleet, they weren't going anywhere.

The Cunard White Line radioed the Queen Mary at sea and told her to come no farther than Halifax on her current trip. Then the line told the 1,400 passengers supposed to sail for Europe aboard the Mary next Sunday that they would have to go to Nova Scotia to catch the ship.

In the miles and miles of warehouse.

Dredging May Get Underway September 20

Pennsylvania Now Enroute Here To Continue Work On Ship Project

TEXAS JOB STYMIED

Washington Report Says Mobile To Use Only Existing Facilities

The U. S. Maritime commission's Brunswick river surplus merchant ship lay-up basin is the only new basin of its kind in the United States which has not been stricken by the Federal Public works moratorium ordered last month by President Truman and Reconversion Director John Steelman, the Wilmington district office of the U. S. Army Engineers revealed yesterday.

Confirmation of the engineers' statement was made last night by the Star's Washington bureau in a dispatch which said:

"Wilmington's project is the only lay-up basin in the nation not stopped by Steelman's order since the work there was contracted for before the order was issued.

"The order stopped negotiations for the new lay-up basin on Neches river, Texas. A lay-up basin at Mobile, Ala., will use largely existing facilities, and one of several temporary basins on the Pacific Coast will become a permanent basin if approved by Steelman."

Resumes Next Week

Work on the Brunswick basin, halted on August 24 when the turbine of the dredge Pennsylvania exploded, will resume about September 20, the local engineers' office said yesterday. The dredge has been repaired at a cost of approximately \$200,000 at Newport News, Va., and is now reported en route to Wilmington via the inland waterway.

About 4,000,000 cubic yards are still to be dredged from the basin, with completion scheduled for late December. When finished, the basin will hold about 500 ships for the Maritime commission's reserve fleet.

Asks For Loan

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16. —(AP)—Gen. Mark W. Clark, American commander in Austria, proposed today that the United States grant a multi-million dollar loan to Austria to save that country from Russian domination.

In an extraordinarily blunt speech before the overseas press club, Clark rebuked the Russians sharply for their failure to cooperate with the other Allied powers in Austria, and he recommended that the United States maintain a "firm" attitude toward the Soviets everywhere.

He asserted that the Soviets have "hogged" Austria's food and oil supplies at the expense of the Austrian people and of the other occupying powers and are seizing even American-owned properties which they list as "German assets."

Yesterday afternoon an officer in the United States Coast Guard, fully dressed in regulation officer's garb, stood on a local street corner with a civilian friend.

As they stood there chatting a small shoeshine boy approached them and asked the civilian the familiar question of the shoeshine trade: "Shine, mister?"

The civilian declined. So the boy turned to the Coast Guard officer and said: "How about you, bus driver?"

Along The Cape Fear

PARTIAL TO PRISONERS — "The judge said, 'Stand up, boy. And dry up your tears; You're going to Nashville. For 21 years . . .'"

Ever since the day, many years ago, when we heard the weeping words and tearful tune of this sad song, we have been partial to prisoners.

The psychiatrists would undoubtedly tell us that our amiable attitude toward the unfortunate folks behind bars resulted from this early "conditioning," and we dare say he would be right. But if he harbored any notion of breaking down this "conditioning" and reversing our attitude, he would have a tough task on his hands.

The other day a letter came into our office which has strengthened the effects of the old dolorous "Nashville" ditty. This is the way it reads:

FORTNE OF WAR — "Dear Mother: t is with regret that I now takey pen to paper to inform you of y unpleasant situation. But hopethat the day is not far distant ven I shall have the pleasure f seeing you again.

"When was in America last it was myntention to have come and payy you a visit, but there happened good chance and one that I tught to have made a good voge to France. But it is all owing the fortune of war of my bein captured, or else I should ve most undoubtedly done wel But I hope that our confinement will not be of long duration. I present there is no prospect f a release. But God only know when I shall again be restored my liberty, and you may rest,ssured on my arrival

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