

Wilmington and vicinity—Clear to partly cloudy Friday and Saturday; little change in temperature.

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Shipyard To Change Hands Next Month

U. S. Maritime Commission Takes Over Local Building Facilities Oct. 10 STAND-BY BASIS One Of 4 Yards In Nation To Be Retained In Case Of Emergency

The process of putting the \$20,000,000 North Carolina Shipbuilding company plant on a "stand-by" basis will begin shortly after midnight October 9 when the United States Maritime Commission formally assumes possession of the yard, officials of both the commission and the company said yesterday.

According to the commission's plans, N. S. Ship will be one of four commission-owned yards in the nation to be maintained in a state of near readiness for resumption of production in an emergency.

The huge yard, owned by the commission, has been operated by the North Carolina company, a subsidiary of the Newport News Shipbuilding company.

Its transfer to the Real Estate and Terminal division of the commission will follow by one day the delivery of the 23rd and last ship—the S. S. Santa Isabel—to the Great Line of New York.

Five of the six vessels built for this line have been delivered. Sea trials for the S. S. Santa Isabel have been set for October 4.

In discussing the transfer, L. E. Voss, resident plant engineer of the commission, said that a number of present employees of the shipbuilding company will be hired for the jobs of maintaining the plant on a "stand by" basis.

A list, with war veterans being given preference, is now being made

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X-RAY EQUIPMENT SOUGHT BY GROUP Lanier Named To Head Special Committee; Area Meet Held Here

Thomas L. Lanier was yesterday appointed chairman of a special New Hanover Tuberculosis association committee which will seek to obtain chest x-ray equipment now at the North Carolina Shipbuilding company for use in the association's county-wide tuberculosis survey.

Lanier's appointment was announced last night by Miss Lucy Nash, the association's executive secretary, after a meeting of its 15 directors at St. Johns Parish house yesterday afternoon.

The association also voted to earmark its recent \$500 contribution from the local junior chamber of commerce for milk and medical supplies for tubercular persons now under its care.

Mrs. Vera Callihan, the association's health nurse, will leave her Oct. 1 for a three weeks' training course at the North Carolina sanitarium, Miss Nash announced.

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Chest Leader



Alan A. Marshall, local attorney, who was yesterday named assistant chairman of the geographic section of the Wilmington Community Chest's fall campaign.

SECTION LEADERS NAMED FOR DRIVE

Community Chest Campaign Chairman Outlines Geographic Areas

Lloyd W. Moore, local realtor, was last night named chairman of the downtown division of the geographic section of the Wilmington Community Chest's fall campaign by section chairman L. D. Latta and Alan Marshall, assistant chairman.

Moore, a veteran of World War II and chairman of the local Veterans Service committee, will head a six-team division which will solicit small firms and residential areas in the region west of Third Street and between Orange and Red Cross streets.

In announcing the appointment of Latta and Moore to head the geographic section in the \$106,204 drive, which begins Oct. 15, Louie E. Woodbury, Jr., campaign chairman, outlined plans for a four-unit section.

It will include Moore's downtown division; a residential division assigned to canvass city areas not covered by the downtown division; a Negro division; and a county solicitation division.

Latta is treasurer of the Tide Water Power company, where he has been employed for many years, and is a member of the Lions club. He was chairman of the Budget committee in the 1945 Chest drive, and was head of the Public Service division last year.

Marshall, a prominent attorney with the firm of Poisson, Campbell and Marshall, returned recently from four years of service with the United States Navy. He is a former judge of the Juvenile court, and is a member of the board of directors of the Family Service society, a Red Feather service.

Sugar In Drips

There is sugar in the markets, but local Chamber of Commerce officials are not expecting any new supply in the near future, E. L. White, president of the chamber, said yesterday.

"Although some sugar is available I have not heard of any shipments due here in the near future," White said.

In the meanwhile local brokers had no information which might back up U. S. Senator Clyde Hoey's reported statement to the Wilson Chamber of Commerce that sugar is no its way to this area.

H. F. White, Wilmington sugar broker, said that he had received a car last week.

But another broker declared that the sugar arriving here is "only a drop in the bucket."

LOW-COST MARK

Ships Constructed Here Cost U.S. \$1,508,000 Each

MARY JAMES COTTRELL WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Thomas L. Lanier, assistant comptroller of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company, Wilmington, N. C., appearing as a witness Thursday before the House commission on Merchant Marine and Fisheries holding hearings on profits on wartime builders, testified that his company had built 126 ships for \$1,508,000 each.

Tanker Blast Victim Dies; Probe Star

7th Bennington Seaman Succumbs To Injuries At James Walker AWAITS ORDERS

Government Inspectors Visit Vessel Anchored In Southport Harbor

The explosion and fire aboard the tanker Bennington claimed its seventh victim yesterday when James F. Faulkner, of Jacksonville, Fla., died here at the James Walker Memorial hospital at 9:30 a. m. Faulkner, sole remaining survivor of those injured in the blast, was brought ashore from the battered tanker after she anchored in the harbor at Southport on Wednesday. Six bodies were aboard the vessel. Four of the crewmen died instantly and two others succumbed before the boat reached the mouth of the Cape Fear river.

An official investigation started yesterday on board the ship, anchored in the river at Southport, to ascertain the cause of the thundering explosion which blew gaping holes in the bow of the 10,072-ton ship at 10:30 p. m. Tuesday and set the vessel afire 180 miles due east of Charleston, S. C.

Interviews Start A. H. Pike and James H. Galoway, inspectors for the coast guard and merchant marine service, went to Southport yesterday to make a personal examination of the damages and to interview the officers and surviving crew members. The investigation is expected to be concluded today.

Some of the crew members said they believed the blast was caused by a spark from an electric

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KILGORE TO HEAD PROBE COMMITTEE

Senate Group Picks West Virginian As Successor To Senator Mead

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—(AP)—The Senate War Investigating committee selected Senator Kilgore (D-WVa) as its chairman Thursday and agreed on an early inquiry into conduct of American Military government in occupied territory.

A subcommittee to be named later will go to Europe as part of the investigation. Committee agents already are making a preliminary inquiry.

Committee members disclosed that secret testimony was received recently from an Army officer who declared that conditions in American-occupied Germany "are worse than the German occupation of France."

It was indicated that allegations received about the Military government deal principally with fraternization by high army officers with Germans.

Kilgore Takes Over Kilgore took over leadership of the committee immediately from Senator Mead (D-NY) who has held the chairmanship for two years.

Mead told reporters he would continue as a member of the committee "for the time being." He resigned as chairman because he is the Democratic candidate for Governor of New York and is actively campaigning.

Kilgore was elected unanimously at a closed meeting held shortly after the committee abruptly broke off a hearing on the Canal project.

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TRUMAN DECLARES MEAT CEILINGS SHOULD NOT BE RAISED, SCRAPPED; SIX KILLED, 70 INJURED IN WRECK

Some That Didn't Get Away

Union Pacific Limited Piles Up On Curve

Flat Cars, Trucks, Planes Rush Those Seriously Hurt To Hospitals

VICTORVILLE, Calif., Sept. 26.—(AP)—Six persons—three women and two men passengers and a Negro porter—were killed Thursday and over 70 injured when Union Pacific Train No. 3, the Transcontinental Limited, piled up on a curve two and a half miles east of Victorville as it was running an hour late.

All the dead were in two day coaches immediately behind a baggage car. The three women victims were in a dressing room. The porter apparently was standing just outside the dressing room.

It took more than three hours to extricate the bodies from the wreckage of the lightweight steel cars. Deputy Coroner Edward P. Doyle said he was not positive no more bodies would be found in the crumpled coaches.

These two cars were piled up in a narrow cut approaching the Mojave river and telescoped into its sides. Another day coach and two dining cars left the rails but did not overturn. None of the passengers in the following Pullman cars was injured.

To Quiz Engineer Doyle said the train left the track at 7:03 a. m., on a slight curve, possibly because of high speed. He said that Engineer Pearl S.

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STEEL CITY STILL IN STRIKE THROES

Street Railway Employees Walk Off Jobs At Pittsburgh Thursday

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 26.—This industrial city's crippling power strike was still on Thursday night, its effects sharpened by a shutdown of the street railway system, despite dissolution of an anti-strike injunction which had been a major obstacle in the path of settlement.

Initial efforts to find a mutual understanding in the power dispute failed late Thursday afternoon when a two and one half hour conference between officials of the Duquesne Light company and an independent union of employees ended with no agreement. A union spokesman said, however, the con-

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Along The Cape Fear

While Larry Hirsch, whose daily column—Along The Cape Fear—remains on the sick list, Roy Cook, Star staff member, brings Along The Cape Fear readers an eye-witness account of the damage wrought by the explosion aboard the tanker Bennington.

Along with Chick Hosch, Associated Press staff writer, and Dudy Faircloth, AP photographer, Cook was the first newspaperman to board the stricken vessel 40 miles off the coast.

PROPOSED ROUTE SCORED AT MEET

City Manager Voices Opposition To Use Of Third Street By Trucks

City Manager J. R. Benson is personally opposed to continued use of Third Street as a truck route because its present congestion constitutes a "traffic danger and a fire hazard," he told a group of 20 citizens who appeared before the City Planning Board to urge a round-the-town truck lane, last night.

Benson spoke to a group drawn from all sections of the city, whose criticism directed chiefly against reported State Highway commission plans to widen Third Street and continue its use for trucks.

The city manager gave no indication of his personal attitude towards the round-the-town route, a project which has won small favor with State Highway officials.

"I'd be against Third Street if there wasn't an oil truck on it today," Benson declared, "because there's simply too much traffic on it."

Heavy Traffic "Third Street has the heaviest traffic of any street in North Carolina except Trade and Tryon in Charlotte, and that congestion is the strongest argument I know against it," he said.

Arguments based on such "cold business propositions as the present congestion of Third Street's" would bear more weight with the highway commission than those based on neighborhood traditions, Benson said. He made no direct allusion to proposals that Seventh street be made the truck route's base.

Wallace Murchison, local at-

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The Weather

FORECAST South Carolina and North Carolina—Fair, little change in temperatures Friday. (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. 72; 7:30 a. m. 67; 1:30 p. m. 83; 7:30 p. m. 75. Maximum 84, Minimum 66; Mean 71; Normal 71. Humidity 1:30 a. m. 88; 7:30 a. m. 84; 1:30 p. m. 36; 7:30 p. m. 66. Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.—0.00 inches. Total since the first of the month—11.27 inches.

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

High 10:30 a. m. 5:08 a. m. 10:45 p. m. 5:29 p. m. Low 12:15 a. m. 8:13 a. m. 1:57 a. m. 8:26 p. m. 2:19 p. m. Sunrise 6:03; Sunset 6:04; Moonrise 7:08 a. m.; Moonset 7:06 p. m. River Stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. Thursday, 13.1 feet.

USES TRANSFER SET OCTOBER 15

Local Manager Sees Little Change In Personnel Under State

Wilmington's United States Employment office will be transferred from federal to state control on November 15 with no noticeable change in its procedures or personnel, Harold M. Hinkle, local manager, indicated yesterday.

The office will retain its present address at 24 N. 2nd street, its present telephone number, and probably its USES initials, Hinkle said.

Office personnel from Hinkle take state merit system exams in order to retain their present positions, however.

The local USES has 18 employees. Mrs. Harry Watters, senior interviewer, who has been 12 years with the employment service, Miss Lillian Dodd and Mrs. Montee Sweetster already have merit system status.

All other members of the staff See USES On Page Two

NO LAW FORBIDS HORSE MEAT SALE

New Hanover Health Officer Reports Sale Here Would Be Legal

Horse-flesh for human consumption, a commodity reported to be booming on Northeastern seacoast markets, had not shown itself yet on New Hanover county's meatless butcher shelves, but there were apparently no bars yesterday to any enterprising butcher who might set up a horse meat shop.

Dr. A. H. Elliot, county health officer, could think of no health board regulation that might bar the sale of horseflesh for the table here yesterday.

"After all," Dr. Elliott said, "a horse is a more attractive animal than a cow or a pig. Most of us think, however, that a tender young horse would be worth much more as a work animal than he would be in the slaughterhouse, and that fact alone would make us cautious of horsemeat."

No Dealers Local meat processors agreed last night that they know of no dealers in horse meat either in Wilmington or its surrounding counties.

Choice cuts of horseflesh were See NO LAW On Page Two

Plea Fails

FRANKFURT, Germany, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Kathleen Nash Durant failed to convince a U. S. Military court Thursday it should not try her on charges of stealing the Kronberg Castle jewels, and that the \$1,500,000 array of gems should not be introduced as evidence.

The eight-man military court denied her plea that she had been discharged from the army before she was arrested in Chicago last June and that the army had no legal right to bring her back to Germany for trial.

A certificate of military service showing she was on "terminal leave" was introduced by her attorneys, who argued that it amounted to a release from the army.

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President In Disagreement With Leaders

Chief Executive Sees No Reason For Special Congress Session

TERMS PRICES FAIR

Reporters Hear Hope Expressed That Farmers Will Sell Livestock

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—(AP)—President Truman, taking a stand in disagreement with some of his own party leaders, declared emphatically today price ceilings on meat should not be raised or scrapped.

With the meat shortage producing grave new complications, the President issued a statement saying:

1. The shortage is not due to price control but to an "extraordinarily large slaughter" in July and August when price controls were temporarily off.

2. There will be a "greater quantity and better quality of meat in the near future."

3. Present livestock ceilings are "fair and equitable."

In addition to this statement, issued for a special session of Congress, President told reporters he saw no need for a special session of Congress to remedy the situation.

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Even as the President was taking See PRESIDENT On Page Two

FARM COMMITTEE OUTLINES PLANS

Chamber Of Commerce Group Call For Soil Study And Livestock Market

Re-establishment of a soil laboratory in New Hanover county and development of a livestock market in Wilmington were recommended here yesterday as key points in a six-part program to be pushed by the agricultural committee of the local Chamber of Commerce.

J. Kyle Bannerman, Herman N. Hayden, John Nuckton, County Farm Agent R. W. Galphin, and P. Franklin Bell, the Chamber's assistant secretary, met yesterday to draft the program through which their committee aims to improve both county agricultural facilities and general relations be-

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And So To Bed

Mrs. Mattie Andrews, of 3103 Market street, was busily engaged about her home yesterday when she heard the phone ring. Dropping her broom, she hurriedly answered.

"Oh, my goodness, yes please put him on," she told the operator. . . Her son, Pfc Jack W. Andrews, now stationed at Udine, Italy was calling his mother from his post across the Atlantic.

This was the first time her son, who entered the service 16 months ago, has called her. Recently he made several efforts to get a call through but failed.

"It was so excited, that I could not think of anything to say, so we mostly talked about the weather during the three minutes," Mrs. Andrews said last night.

"He did tell me that he hopes to come home next month," she added.

Young Andrews, who attended local schools, has a brother, Sgt. Linwood Andrews, Jr., in the army, stationed at Fort Bragg.

Science Enables Child To See By Others' Eyes

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Betty Goudy, 14, a farmer's child, saw the world for the first time Thursday, using the eyes of a still-born baby.

The nervous lips of the physician removing her head bandage was the first thing she saw.

"What's that?" she asked, touching them.

"You are looking at my mouth," said Dr. Richard Peritt.

"I've always wondered what a mouth looked like," she said.

The corneas from a stillborn child were transplanted into her sightless eyes three weeks ago. She

has been blind from birth. Dr. A. Triolo, director of the crippled children's division of the South Dakota State Board of Health, arranged the operation.

Today Dr. Peritt removed the bandages as Betty's parents, Edmund and Gertrude Goudy, Artesian, S. D., stood by, tears in their eyes.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS By Alley. A 'YES-MAN' BOUT DE BUSIES' FELLA IN DE WORL' TRYIN' TO KEEP UP WID ALL HE PROMISES!