

Wilmington and vicinity—Fair to partly cloudy with showers during morning, clearing in afternoon, cooler tonight; Saturday fair and mild.

State Group's Tour Of Ports Starts Today

Eight Members Of Authority And Others To Be Guests Of Engineers

TO VISIT SHIPYARD Morehead And Elizabeth City Planning Receptions For Inspecting Party

Members of the State Ports Authority will this afternoon begin a three-day inspection of the inland waterway from Wilmington to Elizabeth City with a tour of the city's harbor and shipyard as guests of Col. Beverly C. Snow, U. S. District engineer here.

Col. George W. Gillette, South Atlantic Division engineer, and Col. Snow will be hosts to the eight members of the ports authority on their trip up the waterway in the Kittyhawk, the U. S. Engineers' inspection boat.

Port authority members who will come here for the inspection are: S. Bunn Frink, Southport; H. S. Gibbs, of Morehead City; A. G. Myers, of Gastonia; J. H. White, of Winston-Salem; T. H. Wilson, of Morganton; R. B. Page, of Wilmington, the authority's chairman; and W. O. Huske, of Fayetteville, its secretary.

The inspection party is scheduled to embark on the Kittyhawk at the U. S. Customshouse dock here at 1 o'clock this afternoon. After a tour of the city's harbor, the authority members will land at the N. C. Shipbuilding company's yards for an inspection of the giant facility that turned out 243 ships during World War II.

The Wilmington Port commission will entertain the state port leaders at a reception and dinner in the Cape Fear club at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

United States Representative Graham Barden, E. L. White, See TOUR On Page Seven

CITY AND COUNTY SCHEDULE HOLIDAY

Schools To Remain Open On Armistice Day, Monday; Program Set

City and county government offices will be closed on Armistice Day, Monday, City Manager J. R. Benson and Addison Hewlett, chairman of the county board, announced last night.

Schools will, however, be open. Local retail stores that belong to the Wilmington Merchants association will remain open during the holiday, Paul F. Bell, secretary of the association, said last night.

Armistice Day is a federal holiday and local government employees will observe it. Major city celebration of the event will be a ceremony sponsored by the local American Legion outside its home at Second and Dock Streets at 11 a. m., Monday. Secretary of State Thad Eure will be the chief speaker.

The Legion's three-day Armistice program will begin with a dance at the Legion home at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow night.

HARBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley TIME WUZ WEN HIT UZ A PLEASURE TO DO SUMAPN FUH DE OTHUM FELLA — BUT NOW HITS WHAT YOU KIN GIT HIM T' DO FUH YOU !!



1000 EXPECTED

Educational Parley Opening Here Today

Legislative Program To Be Presented Salary Increase Of 20 Per Cent White To Be Named Head

A legislative program that includes a minimum salary increase of 20 per cent for North Carolina teachers will be debated at 7:30 o'clock this evening by close to 1000 members of the southeastern district of the North Carolina Educational association at their annual meeting in New Hanover high school here.

The program, approved by the legislative committee of the state N. C. E. A., will be presented by Claud Grigg, Albemarle superintendent of city schools.

As released yesterday by John L. Glisson, president of the New Hanover county NCEA unit, the program also includes increments for teachers with 11 or 12 years of experience and carries the warning

that the association will "request proportionate increases should there be a substantial increase in the cost of living."

C. W. Phillips, state president of the NCEA will open the meeting in the New Hanover High school auditorium at 2 o'clock this afternoon, with an address on the work of the association.

H. M. Roland, New Hanover county superintendent of schools, will greet the assemblage of teachers drawn from 13 southeastern counties.

At the afternoon session, V. R. White, principal of Fayetteville High school, will be elected president of the southeastern district, See PARLEY on Page Seven

The Weather

FORECAST South Carolina—Fair to partly cloudy northwest portion Friday and mostly cloudy with showers south and east portions Friday forenoon followed by clearing in afternoon; little change in temperature except cooler Friday night; Saturday fair and mild.

North Carolina—Fair to partly cloudy west portion Friday and mostly cloudy with showers over east portion Friday forenoon, followed by clearing in afternoon; not much change in temperature except cooler Friday night; Saturday fair and mild.

(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. 54; 7:30 a. m. 55; 1:30 p. m. 75; 7:30 p. m. 71. Maximum 75; Minimum 53; Mean 63; Normal 58.

Humidity 1:30 a. m. 74; 7:30 a. m. 72; 1:30 p. m. 54; 7:30 p. m. 46.

Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. — 0.20 inches. 9:15 p. m. 4.96 p. m. Total since the first of the month — 1.22 inches.

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

Wilmington Inlet 8:51 a. m. 3:25 a. m. 9:15 p. m. 4:06 p. m. Masonboro Inlet 6:30 a. m. 12:21 a. m. 6:50 p. m. 12:54 p. m.

Sunrise 6:38; Sunset 5:14; Moonrise 5:05 p. m.; Moonset 5:46 a. m. River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. Thursday, 11.2 feet.

BREAK POSSIBLE IN COAL DISPUTE

Lewis Issues Call For Meeting Of District Presidents At Washington

By The Associated Press A possible early break in the soft coal dispute was foreshadowed Thursday night when John L. Lewis summoned to Washington the 30 union district presidents who would have to approve any settlement plan.

The union-government wage talks were recessed until Monday without any report on progress, but the call to the union's district officers indicated the negotiations had reached the stage where an important decision was to be made.

Lewis plans to end his present contract with the government on behalf of his 400,000 United Mine workers Nov. 20, although Secretary of Interior Krug has questioned the legality of such a move.

Neither Lewis nor Krug has attended the Washington wage talks, which have been conducted by their lieutenants, but both may be present Monday.

Meanwhile, striking Trans World Airline pilots studied a new government arbitration plan for ending their 17 day old strike and the CIO United Farm Equipment workers opened new wage talks in Chicago on behalf of 30,000 International Harvester Company employees.

TWA officials in Washington have promised that airline operations would be resumed as soon as the union's 11 councils ratify the proposal. See BREAK On Page Seven

Today And Tomorrow

By WALTER LIPPMANN It takes a long time under our system of government to change over from one party to the other. It can hardly be done in less than three years. During this period the ins break up and lose their ability to govern before the outs, who are going to replace them, can organize themselves, choose their leaders, and sort out their views. We are now in such a period.

The decay of the Democratic administration, which began at least eighteen months ago, is far advanced. But the Republican party is far from being ready to take over. The change-over begins, of course in Congress when the ad-

RELIGIOUS BATTLE TAKES NEW LIVES

Calcutta Paper Reports Estimate Death List At 13,000 To 30,000

NEW DELHI, Nov. 7. — (AP) — Death from knives and brickbats accumulated in New Delhi, Bombay, and Bihar province Thursday as India's religious battle of the last two months continued to rage despite appeals of both Hindu and Moslem leaders for a stop to the slaughter.

Although Jawaharlal Nehru, leading minister of the Interim government, has intervened and the Congress party spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi has threatened a death fast, murder, arson and looting were reported continuing in a 4,000 square mile of the predominately Hindu province of Bihar. Gandhi's threat was reported to have had some effect in slowing down the disorders, however.

Moslems and Hindus were far apart on their estimates of the casualties in Bihar. The British-edited Statesman in Calcutta said Bihar officials, who are Hindus, estimated deaths at slightly more than 1,000, while the pro-Moslem News placed Moslem dead at 13,000 and the pro-Moslem News agency estimated it at more than 30,000.

Rifles Bark Several districts in Bombay surrounded with rifle fire when police battled crowds intent on looting and stabbing. At least four persons were stabbed by noon.

The Bombay government announced that losses in life and property by members of one community would be compensated for by members of the other community, but arrests so far have proven futile because the people of neither community will testify against the other.

In New Delhi at least four persons were killed and eight injured and rioting was broken up only after police opened fire. Assembly of See RELIGIOUS On Page Seven

Blames Hannegan

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 7. — (AP) — Rep. Roger C. Slaughter, the Democratic President Truman didn't want back in Congress, blamed Robert E. Hannegan Thursday for his party's smarting defeats in Tuesday's election and then called upon the President to dismiss Hannegan from his cabinet as postmaster general.

Slaughter also called for Hannegan's resignation as both national Democratic chairman and national committeeman from Missouri.

The Democratic Congressmar from Missouri's fifth district also blasted at the Pendergrast Democratic organization which brought about his primary defeat last August to Enos A. Axtell, who was beaten Tuesday by Republican Albert L. Reeves, Jr.

Mr. Cantwell, who is connected with the Atlantic Coast Line railroad here, added these interesting facts to our meager knowledge of Wilmington's first telephone.

Just of hand, Mr. Cantwell recalls the numbers of many of the earliest phones installed in the city.

For example if you were anxious to get in touch with Western Union prior to the turn of the century all you had to do was ask the operator to connect you with number 2. Double that number and you would be talking to a predecessor of Police Chief Charles Casteen as number 4 was the Wilmington Police department's phone number in those days.

Two other early phone numbers are recalled by Mr. Cantwell. They are Boney and Harper, No. 31, and Sasser Drug store was listed as No. 135.

With all these clues to work on, certainly some kind reader should be able to fill in the real \$64 dollar question. Which phone in the Port City was listed as No. 17.

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That is where political power is generated, and that is where most See LIPPMANN On Page Five

UNITED STATES ASKS TEN NATIONS TO HELP PREPARE JAP DIRECTIVES; TRIESTE DEADLOCK BREAK LOOMING

Marshal Tito Now Willing To Cede Port

Premier Togliatti Says Yugoslav Leader So Expressed Himself

BARTER PROPOSAL

New Suggestion Raises Little Enthusiasm Among American, British

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. — (AP) — A series of developments in the East-West dispute over the Adriatic port of Trieste raised speculation among diplomats here Thursday on the possibility of breaking the long-deadlocked issue, main bar to completing an Italian peace treaty.

1. Yugoslav Foreign Minister Stanoje Simic and his envoy to Washington, Ambassador Sava Kosanovic, called on Secretary of State Byrnes at their own request for a conference. The nature of the meeting was not announced but diplomatic talk ran to the idea that perhaps they took up Trieste.

2. In Italy Palmiro Togliatti, Communist leader, was quoted by a See TITO On Page Seven

SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNS TERM

Presiding Jurist Passes Sentences During Final Session

Judge Henry L. Stevens, of Warsaw, adjourned a November mixed term of New Hanover Superior court here yesterday afternoon after a crowded day which saw him castigate women and girls who pick up servicemen and other strangers on the streets and in beer parlors.

The "pick up" practice, Judge Stevens asserted, leads to loose morals.

He made his remarks while passing a six months suspended sentence on John M. Jones, U. S. S. Modoc seaman 1/c, for assault on a female at Eight and Princess streets.

Judge Stevens suspended Jones' sentence in view of a war record which included wounds received at the Anzio beach-head.

In other cases tried yesterday in the court's closing hours: Wilbur J. Wilson, charged with assault and robbery, was found innocent of the charge.

Nick Frederick, charged with assault, See COURT On Page Seven

Along The Cape Fear

FRIEND INDEED — Thanks to the fine memory, which should be a prized possession of Mr. Paul Cantwell, Along The Cape Fear can report real progress on culling the early history of the telephone here in the Port City.

The Patterson and Downing company could be contacted by phoning No. 16. We almost said by dialing. Now, that would have been quite a blunder.

The Wilmington Produce Exchange had for its telephone number, 19.

Twenty-two was the number you called if you wished to contact Elex Sprunt and Son or No. 26 would get you in touch with Worth and Worth.

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Firemen Treated At Banquet Meeting



Shown above are the honored guests at the banquet of the Wilmington Fire Department Athletic club held Wednesday night at the Marina. Left to right: Gilbert F. Morton, city purchasing agent; Robert LeGwin, city councilman; City Manager J. R. Benson; Chief J. Luddie Croom, Councilman James E. L. Wade, Bill Glisson, chairman of the arrangements committee and Sonny Knowles, of the committee. The first shift held their meeting Wednesday night and the second shift was treated Thursday night. (STAR STAFF PHOTO BY BOB HODGKIN)

HOSPITAL PLANS TALKED AT MEET

World War II Veteran Named Junior Vice Commander Of Post 10

Wilmington Post 10 of the American Legion last night heard a report on the city's projected campaign to bring a 1000-bed veterans hospital here, but deferred formal action pending recommendations of its executive committee.

Charles H. Foard, a member of the joint Legion-Veterans of Foreign Wars committee investigating the project told the group that Col. John Bright Hill, Legion representative, is currently conferring with U. S. Veterans Administration officials at Richmond and Washington on the VA's requirements as to hospital sites.

It is understood that Hill will report to the executive committee upon his return. The James A. Manley post of the VFW is already on record to donate its share of the hospital land to the VA.

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Fast Flight

MIAMI, Fla., Nov. 7. — The globe girdling "Pacusan Dreamboat" landed here at 3:51 P.M. (EST) Thursday after making the first non-stop flight from Seattle, Wash., to Miami in an elapsed time of exactly eight and one-half hours.

Colonel Clarence S. Irvine, pilot of the famed B-29 which recently flew non-stop from Hawaii to Cairo, Egypt, to establish a world's record, described the trans-continental flight as a "breeze."

"I spent most of the time with my feet on the panel, and one of the navigators slept most of the way," Irvine said.

Navigator Major Norman P. Hays of Seneca, Mo., said the "Dreamboat" flew a "crows-flight" route from Seattle to Miami.

FORECAST CLICKS

Election returns to date again demonstrate the accuracy of the Gallup Poll.

It correctly forecast the full extent of the Republican sweep and came within one per cent of the precise division of the total popular vote in Congressional races—the best national prediction in the history of the poll.

The forecast was 58 per cent for the House and 42 per cent for the Democrats. Election returns to date indicate a vote of 57 per cent Republican 43 per cent Democratic.

The Gallup Poll also forecast the victories by substantial majorities of Martin in Pennsylvania, Vandenberg in Michigan, Lodge in Massachusetts, Bricker in Ohio and Dewey in New York. His figures on Dewey were right within four per cent and on Bricker right within three per cent.

THREE CONTESTS STILL UNDECIDED

Kilgore Maintaining Lead In West Virginia; O'Connor Still Hopeful

By The Associated Press Winners of contests for one House and two Senate seats remained uncertain last night. Democrats held narrow leads in the unofficial returns.

It appeared that the official canvass might be required, however, to determine who won in the contests between:

Senator Harley J. Kilgore (D) and Thomas Sweeney (R) for Senator from West Virginia.

Herbert O'Connor (D) and D. John Markey (R) in the Maryland Senate race.

Rep. Walter K. Granger (D) and David J. Wilson (R) for the House seat from the first Utah district.

With these races still to be settled, the party line-ups in Congress stood:

Present Line-Up Senate — Republicans 51, Democrats 44. House — Republicans 246, Democrats 187, American-Labor one. Unofficial returns gave Kilgore a 3,000 lead over Sweeney with 13 precincts uncounted. Chairman Jay Ferguson of the Logan county Republican Executive committee notified the county court his party would contest the election if the official count showed Kilgore the winner. Ferguson charged there were direct violations of many regulations in the balloting.

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CHRISTMAS SEAL DRIVE QUOTA SET

Ten Thousand Dollar Goal Announced Following Planning Meet

The New Hanover County Health and Tuberculosis association last night set \$10,000 as the goal of its 1946 Christmas Seal drive, slated to run from Nov. 25 to Dec. 25.

The campaign goal has been put at \$2,000 higher this year in order to support the association's expanded X-ray clinic, according to a joint statement released after last night's campaign planning meeting in the Health Department offices by Dr. John C. Wessell, campaign chairman, and Emmett H. Bellamy, association president.

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of Paul Killian, will handle sale of "T. B. Bonds" to substantial supporters of the campaign. Their phase of the drive will get underway next Wednesday Dr. Wessell said.

E. L. White was named chairman of the campaign's industrial workers sale committee; Miss See QUOTA On Page Seven

AMENDMENTS FAVORED

RALEIGH, Nov. 7. — (AP) — With approximately two-thirds of the state's 1928 precincts reported, North Carolina voters favor both of the amendments balloted on Tuesday's general election.

The women's right to serve on juries amendment apparently was carried but the fate of the amendment increasing the per day expense allowance for legislators was still in doubt.

In 1131 precincts, the vote for women to serve on juries was: for 100,070, against 63,559.

In 1161 precincts, the vote in favor of the legislative expense pay increase was: for 77,229, against 74,216.

LINE ON LEFT

Senate Seeking Swearer

So Swearers Shall Swear

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7. — (AP) — is the Senate's president pro tem. But his present term will be over when the 80th Congress meets. He has been re-elected, but he must be sworn in too, just like beginning Senators.

Obviously he can't be the swearer, and the swearer, too.

Who, then, will swear them in? Leslie L. Biffle, secretary of the Senate, was consulted as a possible authority. But this was enough to baffle Biffle.

"We like to follow precedent here," he told a reporter, "and See SENATE On Page Seven

Reparations Division To Be Discussed

Russia Deadlock Status May Be Broken Under New Proposal

BIG FIVE INCLUDED

Soviet Reported Claiming Removed Manchurian As Lawful War Booty

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7. — (AP) — In a move to break a deadlock with Russia, the United States has asked ten nations if they will assist in preparing a directive for General MacArthur on how to divide reparations from Japan.

Diplomatic officials disclosed Thursday night that the State department had advanced this proposal to the countries represented on the Far East commission after noting Russia's unwillingness to attend a conference devoted solely to reparations.

The American suggestion was that the nations on the commission, which include all the big five countries, "consult" with the American government in drawing up interim orders to General MacArthur for:

1. Immediate division among claimant countries of from 15 to 20 percent of the Japanese assets selected for reparations.

2. Later determination of how See REPARATIONS On Page 7

RAIL PRESIDENT RECEIVES AWARD

Seaboard Air Line Official Lauded For Service To Navy

Legh R. Powell, Jr., president of the Seaboard Air Line railroad, has received from the United States Navy the highest award that can be given by the Bureau of Navy Personnel to an individual or organization not affiliated with the Navy, according to an announcement by a spokesman for the line made here yesterday.

The certificate of achievement which was presented by Admiral Louis Denfeld, chief of Navy Personnel, and who will assume command of the Pacific fleet next January, reads as follows:

"As president of the Seaboard Railroad during the critical war years, Mr. Powell mustered the resources of his organization and with complete disregard of the cost to himself in time and effort contributed to the greatest manpower movement in our country's history. Through his unflinching endeavors and great wisdom, Mr. Powell was able to assist in the transportation of more than seven million Naval personnel to points within the United States.

"Approximately 25,000 persons See AWARD On Page Seven

And So To Bed

It's a woman's privilege. She raced to enter the bus a second before it pulled away from the station. Asked for her ticket, she replied "I forgot it."

The driver waited until she purchased a ticket and then drove off.

A couple of blocks from the station the woman yelled, "Please, go back, I forgot my baggage."

The driver turned around and went back for the luggage. Armed with two suitcases the lady came back to the bus and said to the driver, "I changed my mind, I have decided to stay home."

It's a woman's privilege . . . But try to convince that particular bus driver.