

Wilmington and vicinity: Fair and warmer today and tonight; Friday fair and continued warm.

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Tar Heel Alumni Gather



J. Fred Rippey, Jr., left, was named president of the New Hanover chapter, University of North Carolina Alumni Association, at a meeting of the chapter here last night. He succeeds W. A. Raney, third from left. Also pictured above, second from left, is J. Maryon Saunders, secretary of the University Alumni association, and at right, University Chancellor Robert B. House, who delivered the main address of the evening. (STAFF PHOTO)

CUT IN SCHEDULE REVEALED BY ACL

Government Economy Measure During Coal Strike Forces Curtailment

C. G. Sibley, general manager, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, announced last night the reductions in passenger train service which will go into effect at midnight Sunday as a result of the government's economy measures being exercised during the coal coal strike.

"In order to comply with General Order ODT No. 68, Amendment 1, issued by the Office of Defense Transportation on December 3, directing that further curtailment be made in coal-burning passenger locomotives mileage, the Atlantic Coast Line finds it necessary to further curtail its passenger service effective 11:59 p. m., December 5, as follows: "The railroad official said.

EMBARGO, STRIKE HITS MILLIONS

Industrial Survey Reveals Staggering Unemployment Over Nation

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Industrialists, large and small, surveyed the effect of the coal strike on the nation's life Wednesday and came up with figures that would send the number of unemployed into the stratosphere within a comparatively short time.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

WEN OLE FOLKS GITS SICK HIT TEK 'EM A GOOD LAWNNG TIME TO GIT WELL. — AN' TIME IS JES' WHUT DEY AIN' GOT!



WILSON WYATT QUILTS AS HOUSING DIRECTOR AFTER AGENCY TIFFS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Wilson W. Wyatt quit Wednesday as housing administrator in what aides described as a protest against "business as usual" policies by the administration in dealing with the housing program.

President Truman made the resignation public and said he did so "reluctantly." He did not mention the controversies between Wyatt and heads of other government agencies which preceded the resignation. The President did say that he resignation does not mean "any major modification in the objective of rapidly and adequately housing our veterans has occurred."

At the same time Mr. Truman declared that government controls over the building industry "must be relaxed as rapidly as possible" without threatening the success of the housing program.

Wyatt declines comment on his resignation, which becomes effective Thursday, telling reporters his position in the controversy "should be obvious."

W. H. HANCAMMON NAMED LEADER

Activation Of 378th Anti-Aircraft Battalion Slated Here Immediately

Lt. Col. William H. Hancammon, veteran Wilmington army officer, will command the 378th anti-aircraft battalion slated for immediate activation in Wilmington, it was announced by Lt. Col. James W. McNeer, War Department representative.

Colonel McNeer is in the city on temporary duty relative to the organization of the local peacetime training unit.

Colonel Hancammon, who is secretary of the Wilmington branch of the Reserve Officers Association, is a former member of the Star staff, was associated with WMFD radio station for several months, and is a former secretary to former Mayor Thomas E. Cooper.

A member of the National Guard for 13 years prior to the war, Colonel Hancammon went on active duty with a seacoast artillery unit in September, 1940. He served in Trinidad in the British West Indies for 32 months. After returning to the states in March, 1945, he was director of the personnel division at Fort Monroe, Va. He returned

National Guard Here Seen Doubled In Size

Plans for local National Guard units that may attain twice the strength they had in Wilmington before World War II were laid before a group of local civic and military leaders here last night by State Adjutant General J. Van Buren Metts.

UNC ALUMNI NAME RIPPY AS HEAD

Chancellor Robert House Addresses Annual Meeting Here

Highlighting the annual meeting of the New Hanover chapter of the University of North Carolina Alumni association held last night in St. Paul's Lutheran church parish house was an address by Chancellor Robert B. House.

J. Fred Rippey, Jr., treasurer of Coastal Motors and former administrative assistant to the Wilmington city manager, was named president to head the slate of officers for the local chapter during 1947. He succeeds W. A. Raney as president of the organization.

Other officers named by the more than 100 members present for the supper meeting were I. B. Grainger, vice president, and Joe Holmes, secretary-treasurer.

Injured In Fall

E. J. Lawler, of Maffitt Village, young employee of the Brooks Electric company, was injured at 1:30 o'clock this morning when he fell from a ladder atop a panel truck on north Front street, between Chestnut and Grace Streets.

According to witnesses he was standing on the six-foot ladder, which was on top of the truck, while replacing bulbs in the Christmas decorations.

He was carried to the Bullock clinic, where the extent of his injuries were undetermined, when the Star went to press.

UMW MUST POST \$3,500,000 BOND FOR APPEAL OF FEDERAL SENTENCE; LEADERS HOSTILE OVER LEWIS FINE

Coal Miners Shout Bitter Denunciation

Thousands Mill In Streets Of Pennsylvania, West Virginia Towns

NO VIOLENCE YET

District Presidents Warn That Anything Can Happen; Hint At Plot

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 4.—(UP)—The heavy fines imposed upon the United Mine workers and John L. Lewis brought hostile reactions from soft coal miners Wednesday night.

Thousands of miners milled in streets and taverns of the dingy mining towns of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia muttering defiance. But no outbreaks of violence were reported.

Hundreds poured into the coal center of Uniontown and gathered in taverns and other places to listen to the radio.

When the miners heard the court decision they became aroused. "There aren't any demonstrations yet," said William Hines, president of District 4, UMW, "but anything can happen now. These men think the government is trying to break their union."

"I don't know how the government expects to get any coal dug with this kind of tactics. The

SAFETY PROGRAM TO ATTRACT MANY TO PARTICIPATE IN SATURDAY EVENT

Indications are that more than 500 Wilmington school children will participate in the Kiwanis club Junior Traffic Safety program and bicycle cavalcade Saturday morning, Kiwanis club officers said last night, following conversations with school officials.

Meanwhile, arrangements for the program were proceeding, with an announcement yesterday afternoon by Adam Smith, YMCA physical director, that 10 top flight tumblers would perform in the tumbling exhibition to be staged by the YMCA Senior tumbling team during the Safety program in Legion stadium at 10:30 a. m. Saturday.

If the weather remains cold, the YMCA athletes will give the tum-

Along The Cape Fear

WARM APPEAL—Some may say it's the fact that Christmas is just around the corner. Yet, most of us would content it's just the innate human kindness so typical of the Port City.

Well, call it what you may, but the constant ringing of the phones in the Star-News editorial office last night was a sure sign that Wilmington had really opened its heart for a little girl.

It all started following the Star-News broadcast at 6:25 o'clock yesterday afternoon. "Is there room in some home around Wilmington for our little extra-girl" is the way the story opened.

INTEREST GALORE—"She is 12 years old, a little girl with light brown hair and black eyes. Little extra-girl came to us this way: "The Welfare department of another county asked the New Hanover county Welfare office to find a home for some children.

"Bring us three," they told them, for they knew of just that many places where a daddy and mother were waiting for a little child. "But when the three children

Seven Carolina Mayors Meet Here



Shown above are the Mayors of seven southeastern North Carolina cities as they met at the City Hall here yesterday. Left to right are: Mrs. Davetta L. Steed, executive secretary of the league; Mayor John D. Erickson, of Southport; Mayor J. M. McGowan of Tabor City; Mayor W. Ronald Lane of Wilmington, district director of the league; Dr. Sidney W. Allen, mayor of Wrightsville Beach; George C. Franklin, director of the league's information service; Jack C. Morrissey, mayor of Clinton; Dean H. Clifton, Sampson County assemblyman; Mayor N. B. Hill, of Roseboro; and Mayor Henry T. Powell, of Henderson, president of the league. (STAFF PHOTO)

VHI GROUP HOLDS MEETING TONIGHT

Ex-Servicemen's Cooperative Will Lay Plans To Buy Lake Forest

Their purchase of 584 masonry units of Lake Forest apparently near completion the members of Veterans Homes, Inc., will meet in closed session at the county courthouse at 7:30 o'clock tonight to lay final plans for conduct of the development under their direction.

In the meanwhile, Brookes A. Broome, president of the Lake Forest Tenants association, chief opponent of the Veterans of Foreign Wars-sponsored cooperative in its efforts to acquire the development, left here last night for Washington where he will push the protest of a number of present residents of Lake Forest against its purchase by the World War II veterans' group.

H. R. Emory, director of the Wilmington Housing Authority, also departed for Washington to seek what he described as "purely an effort to learn the full scope of the order issued last week-end" by former Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt granting World War II veterans top priority in the purchase of surplus housing units.

The James A. Manley Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, meeting here last night, took time to dispatch a telegram to Wyatt expressing regrets over his resignation, commending his fight against "terrific odds and selfish interests" and expressing particular gratitude for his "foresight-ness" in allowing veterans priority to buy surplus housing.

The VFW, in a meeting largely devoted to celebration of its Lake Forest victory, also passed a formal motion commending Ken Noble, acting president of VHI, and Wesley Pearce, national housing director of the VFW, for their leadership in a four-month campaign to win the right to buy the development.

The Weather

FORECAST South and North Carolina: Fair and warmer Thursday and Thursday night. Friday fair and continued warm. (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. 41; 7:30 a. m. 38; 1:30 p. m. 54; 7:30 p. m. 47. Humidity: Maximum 55; Minimum 37; Mean 46; Normal 51. Precipitation: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. — 0.01 inches. Total since the first of the month — 0.01 inches. Tides For Today (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey): Wilmington — High 6:39 a. m., 1:19 a. m.; Low 7:04 p. m., 1:59 p. m. Masonboro Inlet — 4:23 a. m., 10:50 a. m.; 4:44 p. m., 11:05 p. m. Sunrise 7:08; Sunset 5:30; Moonrise 2:58 p. m.; Moonset 3:15 a. m. River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m.—Wednesday, 11.6 feet.

AIRLINES READY TO DOUBLE LOADS

Heavy Passenger, Freight Business Expected Due To Rail Embargo

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The Airlines geared their operations Wednesday night for an expected deluge of demands from shippers and passengers resulting from the coinciding coal strike rail embargoes and pre-Christmas rush.

Preparations thus far were being made on an individual airline basis. An Office of Defense transportation spokesman said it appeared unlikely at present that a priority system would be invoked for emergency cargoes as was the case in last spring's railroad strike.

Some airlines reported they had been besieged with snippers' orders since the government cut out all but essential freight and express movements by rail effective Friday. Some said they would add extra sections to handle as many stranded rail passengers as possible since regular schedules already are practically filled with Christmas travellers. Rail movement of passengers has been cut 50 per cent effective Monday.

Army Experts To Devise Bomb Defense For Cities

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The armed forces, alarmed at the frightful lessons learned in the atom shattered cities of Japan and in the Bikini tests, have set experts to work on defense plans for American cities and fighting men.

The Army disclosed in a cryptic announcement Wednesday creation of a board of five generals, with an advisory group of other officers, "to study the question of civil defense for the United States insofar as it pertains to War department participation in this essential part of national defense planning." The board will work with outstanding civilian authorities.

The board's president is Maj. Gen. Harold R. Bull, chief of operations for General Dwight D. Eisen-

CITIES SEEKING GAS TAX SHARE

District Session Of Municipal League Held At City Hall

Twenty top officials of Southeastern North Carolina towns yesterday laid plans here for securing adoption of a 1947 legislative program whose key plank would provide for allocation of one-sixth of the state's gasoline tax revenues to the use of municipalities.

Mayor Henry W. Powell, of Henderson, president of the league of North Carolina municipalities the group that, unless some diversion of highway funds can be made for the use of cities, many municipalities will find themselves in "desperate financial condition".

Mayor Powell was the chief speaker at a gathering of the Third district of the league in the Wilmington City council chamber here yesterday.

Mayor W. Ronald Lane, district director, presided over the session. Division of highway taxes to municipal purposes would, Mayor Powell declared, result in the reduction of some city taxes by as much as 25 per cent.

The southeastern city officials also heard a general presentation of the league's six-point legislative program by George C. Franklin, the director of its municipal information service.

Mrs. Davetta L. Steed, executive secretary of the league, spoke on its general work.

Delegates to the meetings were guests of the city administration at an oyster roast here last night.

Heaviest Fine

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—That \$3,500,000 fine must look mighty big to the United Mine Workers, but its small compared to a \$29,240,000 fine slapped on the Standard Oil company in 1907.

In the 1907 case, the late Keneasaw M. Landis fined the company \$20,000 on each of 1,426 counts in a freight rebate case.

However, Standard Oil never had to pay it off. The Supreme court reversed Landis.

Union Leader Fined \$10,000 For Contempt

Lewis Challenges Judge In Roaring Courtroom Scene At Capital

HEAVY PENALTIES

Mine Organization Assessed On Basis Of \$250,000 Per Strike Day

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(UP)—If the United Mine Workers of America (AFL) carries out its plan to appeal the \$3,500,000 fine levied against it, the union must post a bond in that amount with the chief clerk of the U. S. District court here.

Court attaches said that if the UMW posts the bond by 3 p. m. (EST) Thursday there will be an automatic stay of execution of Judge T. Alan Goldsborough's sentence which was handed down Thursday afternoon. Should the union decide against posting bond, or be unable to meet it by the deadline Thursday the next move would be up to the

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PLANNING BOARD TO MEET FRIDAY

Simons Will Arrive Here Today To Discuss Master Plan

George W. Simons, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla., city planning consultant, will arrive here this afternoon for a two-day visit, in the course of which he is expected to lay before city officials new phases of his master plan for Wilmington's development.

The City Planning Board will meet with Simons in the council chamber at City Hall tomorrow evening, according to J. Fred Rippey, its secretary.

Chief business on the planning board's agenda will be discussion of draft regulations for residential sub-divisions.

Simons is also expected to put forward for general discussion such long-range aspects of the master plan as the Burnt Mill Creek park and a cultural center built around New Hanover High School.

R. R. Emory, the planning board's chairman, who left for Washington last night, is expected to return here in time for the meeting.

And So To Bed

What to tip often proves a real problem. Take for example this little episode witnessed here last night.

Two gentlemen, obviously pleased with their meal in a local restaurant and impressed with the service, each left a half a dollar at their place as they got up to depart.

Their lady companions, economy-minded no doubt, noted the size of the tips. Carefully they extracted a dime from their purses and substituted them for the half dollar.



BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS