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Trumans Aide



Charles S. Murphy (above) of Wallace, has been named administrative assistant to President Truman. He has served as assistant legislative counsel for the senate since 1934. (AP Wire Photo).

BOYD PREDICTS FREIGHT BATTLE

Tampa Action Involves Wilmington In ICC Hearing

A fight to the finish at the forthcoming Interstate Commerce Commission hearing into a complaint by Tampa, Fla., interests against current freight rates in and out of that city was predicted yesterday by Henry E. Boyd, executive agent of the Wilmington Port Traffic Association.

BUILDING PERMIT GRANTED TO ACL

Installation Of Two Elevators At Estimated Cost Of \$56,000 Reported

The only building permit of any consequence issued by the city in the year 1946 was the granting of permission to the Atlantic Coast Line to install two elevators in the firm's "C" building at a cost of \$56,000, city building inspector Gilbert F. Morton revealed yesterday.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

WEN DE OLE 'OMAN GIT T' FUSSIN' AT ME, 'PEAH LAK SHE JES' DON' KNOW HOW TO HUSH!!!



DOUBT CLEARS

Britain Will Lend-Lease Vessels

Administrator Lane Says Agreement Still Binding Until President Declares End Of War; 200 Ships Are Involved

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Lend-Lease Administrator Chester T. Lane announced Friday night that Britain could continue using American Lend-Lease merchant and naval vessels until six months after Congress or the President has declared the war ended.

BILBO STATUS UNDECIDED AS SENATE RECESSES AFTER SIX-HOUR DEBATE \$3,350,000,000 TAX CUT SOUGHT

Republicans Offer House Drastic Bill

Number One Measure Of New Congress Seeks 20 Per Cent Income Slash \$300,000 CEILING

Democrats, Few GOP Members Definitely Opposed To Knutson Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Republicans offered as House Bill No. 1 of the new Congress Friday a measure to cut individual income taxes a total of \$3,350,000,000.

For most taxpayers it would mean a 20 per cent cut.

Controversy broke out immediately. Some Republicans as well as Democrats criticized the measure. The opposition cried for government economy, budget balancing and debt reduction, ahead of tax slashing.

IRREGULARITIES HINTED IN BLADEN

Evidence Gathered By SBI In Primary Probe To Go To Grand Jury

RALEIGH, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Evidence uncovered by SBI agents who investigated alleged irregularities in Democratic primaries last spring will be turned over to grand juries of Haywood and Bladen counties, Attorney General Harry McMullan reported to the State Board of Elections Friday.

Mencken Wins

BALTIMORE, Jan. 3.—(AP)—H. L. Mencken, author, newspaperman and connoisseur of the end product of malt and hops, has in his safe deposit box an iron-clad contract guaranteeing him two cases of Canadian ale monthly for the rest of his life.

Along The Cape Fear

HEAR YE, HEAR YE — His honor, R. Gregg Cherry, governor of the sovereign state of North Carolina, has given honor where honor is due.

Sleepless Wonder Dies; His Home Graced No Bed

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Albert Edmlare Herpin — Trenton's sleepless wonder who claimed he never got a minute's shut-eye in his life — died Friday at Mercer hospital at the age of 95.

Town Of Southport Seeks Relief Of Loan Payments

Morning Star Washington Bureau

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On Snow Blanketed Capitol Hill



These Washington, D. C., youngsters are taking advantage of the six-inch blanket of snow that made the slopes of Capitol Plaza ideal for sleigh riding. The snow storm made driving conditions in New York, New Jersey, Virginia and Maryland, hazardous. (International)

The Weather

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PLANT RECEIVES CPA PERMISSION

Bottling Firm With Capital Stock Of \$100,000 Assured City

Approval of an application by John B. Hinnant, local contractor, for permission to erect a \$100,000 millwork plant in Wilmington has been granted by the civilian production administration, according to an announcement by the Greensboro office of the agency last night.

FIREWORKS BAN GAINS SUPPORT

Heads Of Police And Fire Departments Here Back State Proposal

A movement underway throughout North Carolina to ban the manufacture, sale or use of fireworks in the state has some local support, yesterday among county officials, with the consensus of opinion being that firecrackers and accompanying paraphernalia constituted a menace.

U. S. Production

U. S. production, as estimated by the Newsprint Service bureau, a trade association, was about 65,000 tons a month in 1946. The department estimated total domestic production last year at from 773,000 to 778,000 tons.

And So To Bed

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Chamber Divided On North-South Lines

With Filibuster In Offing, Threats To Put Cloture In Effect Features Debate On Right Of Mississippian To Seat

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(UP)—A stubborn Senate divided mostly on North-South lines battled six hours Friday over seating Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo, D., Miss., and then recessed until Saturday with "The Man's" status undecided, the chamber still not organized, and a filibuster in the offing.

80TH CONGRESS AT A GLANCE

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Senate organization and swearing in of new members blocked by row over seating Bilbo; Southerners organize defense. House speedily organizes; Rep. Martin (R-Mass.), elected speaker 244 to 182, asks cooperation; tax cut and labor bills introduced.

NEWSPRINT WILL REMAIN 'TIGHT'

Publishers To Get Little Relief Before Summer, Agency Declares

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(UP)—Newsprint supplies will remain tight during the second quarter of 1947 and perhaps longer, the Commerce department said Friday.

POLICE SEARCH RIVER FOR BODY

Local Negro Believed Drowned After Fall From Boat Near Yards

New Hanover county sheriff's officers were last night continuing the search for the body of Paul Bostic, Wilmington Negro, who is believed to have drowned after he was knocked reportedly from a boat in the Cape Fear river near gate 13 at the shipyard's yesterday, after noon by J. B. Brown.

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Mr. Mintz attorney for the town, said Southport began paying \$2,000 annually on the principal plus three per cent interest in 1944; when the Navy was buying up to six thousand dollars' worth of power