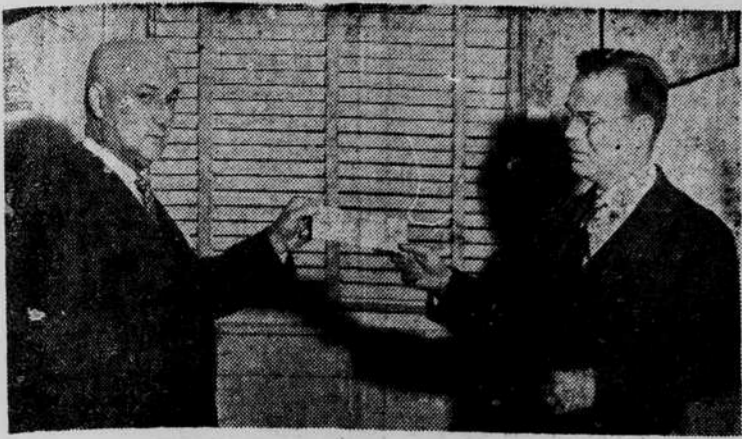


Wilmington and vicinity—Cloudy and mild with occasional rain today and partly cloudy tonight; Thursday increasing cloudiness and cooler.

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Accepts TB Bond Sale Check



Seen above is Emmett Bellamy, left, president of the New Hanover County Tuberculosis and Health association, receiving a check which represents the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce efforts in the recent campaign, from Paul Killian, who headed the TB Bond sale drive for the local civic organization. The presentation was made last night during the meeting of the Junior Chamber. (PHOTO BY CAROLINA CAMERA)

JUNIOR CHAMBER LAUDED FOR WORK

Emmett Bellamy Accepts Club's Returns From Recent TB Bond Sales

The Junior Chamber of Commerce last night presented a check for \$3,770 to the New Hanover County Tuberculosis and Health association, the amount realized from the recent tuberculosis bond sale drive.

Emmett Bellamy, president of the county association, in accepting the check, and expressing appreciation for the work done by the Jaycees, stated that "This year's goal of \$10,000 was higher than any set previously, and that approximately \$9,000 had been raised thus far."

He also stated that civic clubs had raised more than one-third of that amount. The goal is expected to be reached in the near future, he added.

Bellamy stated that it is his hope, that Wilmington will become a health center. Present plans for expansion include a tuberculosis sanatorium, which the county association expects to build here within a few years, he said.

Three candidates took the oath of membership during last night's meeting. They were Cecil Sandifer, Donald Edmundson, and J. C. Whedbee.

Visitors at the meeting were Bert Hawley, Cecil Lee, Charles Roth, Richard Woods, Emmett

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AUTHORITY MAY SEEK STATE ACT

Talk Of Enabling Law Expected At Airport Board Meeting

Discussion centering about efforts to have an enabling act granting clearly defined power to the Wilmington-New Hanover Airport authority passed by the legislature is slated for the Monday meeting of the city-county authority, it was learned last night.

Planning of the tentative schedule follows closely on the heels of a meeting of the board yesterday at which time it was disclosed that disagreement over powers of the board existed between the body and the county commissioners.

The rift became apparent when airport board members protested against having to contact the county before raising the salary of Blue-thenthal airfield employees.

A suggestion that the air authority

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HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS



I CAN'T THINK O' NO NEW RESOLUTIONS TO MEK DIS YEAH - AN' ALL MAH OLE ONES IS DONE WO' OUT!!!

Gen. Marshall Issues Blasts On China War

Truman Envoy Releases Bitter Indictment Of Kuomintang

ADMITS "FAILURE"

Future Of Nation Lies With Liberals Under Chiang Kai-Shek Leadership

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(UP)—Gen. George C. Marshall Tuesday delivered a blistering "plague of both your houses" to China's warring factions — Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's National government and the Chinese Communist party — raising strong doubts that he would return to Nanking as President Truman's peace envoy.

Never in recent diplomatic history has an American official, while still in his post in a foreign country, issued such a bitter indictment. He blamed "extremist elements of both sides" for frustrating, "time and again" sincere efforts to achieve peace, and left no doubt that neither can expect American help until they put their houses in order.

His blast was issued by the State department 15 hours after the President had announced his recall for a personal report. The document was labeled "a personal statement" and it disclosed that Marshall was admitting failure of his 13-month mission.

He will leave Nanking Wednesday by plane.

His Both Sides Marshall directed his fire with-out qualification at both sides. He said that the "irreconcilable groups" within the Kuomintang party of Chiang, which is the National government, were interested

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PRIVATE VESSELS SOUGHT BY GROUP

Ports Conference Directing Efforts To Attract Shipping Lines

The decision not to request the Interstate Commerce Commission to expand government operation of coastal and intercoastal steamship operations was voted at a meeting of the South Atlantic and Southern Ports conference held in Jacksonville, Fla., Monday, according to J. T. Hiers, executive agent of the Wilmington Port commission, who returned yesterday from the meeting.

Hiers, who is chairman of the Southern Traffic league and a member of the conference, represented Wilmington at the session.

He said that delegates to the conference decided that rather than ask the Interstate Commerce Commission for greater government service in the operation of the steamship lines, an effort will be made to induce expansion through the initiative of private operation to ports not now provided with service.

Another far-reaching decision made at the Florida session, was to refrain from taking an active part in hearings before the Commerce commission January 17 relative to transcontinental rail rates and intercoastal water rates, Hiers said. The commission hearing is scheduled to be held in Washington.

A detailed written report on action taken at the meeting is scheduled to be presented to members of the local port commission at an early date by Hiers.

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GOP Senators Cut Work Week To Three-Day Basis

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(UP)—The Republican Leadership Tuesday night ordered a three-day work week for the Senate, announcing that for the next 83 days at least the chamber will meet only Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Tuesday and Thursdays, the Senate Republican steering committee decided, will be devoted to those of the Senate's 15 committees which want to hold hearings on pending legislation.

That schedule will hold from now until the end of March, Steering Chairman Robert A. Taft, R., O., told a news conference.

The action throws tradition and precedent to the winds. The Sen-

ate normally meets on Mondays sits through the week until its immediate tasks were done. Some times it met on Saturdays when pending legislation had to be disposed of.

Taft said that the split week was agreed upon to facilitate the work of committees so that their activities would not compete with regular Senate sessions.

"Sen. White (majority leader Wallace White, R., Me.) will announce these plans Wednesday when the Senate resumes," Taft said. "It will not require a Senate resolution to make these changes; only an announcement."

BYRNES RESIGNS POST AS SECRETARY OF STATE; TRUMAN SELECTS MARSHALL; GENERAL ASSEMBLY SET FOR OPENING

Leaders Hold Caucus, Name New Speaker

Representative Tom Pearsall Of Nash Unanimous Choice Of Members

BLYTHE GETS POST

Democratic Senators Select Mecklenburg Man As President Pro Tem

RALEIGH, Jan. 7.—(P)—A heavily predominate Democratic party caucused Tuesday night on the eve of the opening of the 1947 General assembly, were aware that into its hands had been entrusted the task of spending more money than any North Carolina legislature in history.

While there was an atmosphere of party harmony, there also was evident a feeling of tension over controversial measures sure to hit the hoppers.

Republicans—two in the Senate and 13 in the House—took a back seat, but were expected to pledge their loyalty to the duly elected officers.

Rep. Tom Pearsall of Nash county, whose name already is being mentioned as a potential gubernatorial candidate, was nominated unanimously as speaker. That had been generally expected since Rep. F. E. Wallace of Lenoir county withdrew last summer and pledged his support to Pearsall.

Senator Joe Blythe of Mecklenburg, whose name has been projected into the governor's race the next time the job goes to the west, was named president pro tem of the Senate.

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PROJECT STARTS TO REMOVE BARGE

Sunken Vessel In Cape Fear Channel To Be Moved Before Dredging

No work on the dredging of the Cape Fear river channel at Lockwood's Folly inlet will be done until the wrecked barge which caused the shoaling at that point is removed, a spokesman for the Wilmington district of the U. S. Engineers said yesterday.

Operations of removing the barge is now underway, it was stated, and the dredging will be held up until the barge is removed, at the request of the owner.

The dredging to remove the sand shoal will then begin, the spokesman said, to return the channel to its project depth of 30 feet.

Along The Cape Fear

OUTLOOK BRIGHT — The fact that the Port City faces a bright future as far as the Cape Fear river is concerned is nothing new to residents of Wilmington.

More than fifty years ago scribes found the port's outlook a major topic for conjecture as seen by the following account:

Wilmington early took rank as a leading South Atlantic port. This we find that, fifty years ago, before the establishment of our railway systems and the construction of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, systems designed to drain the State of her commerce, all tending to the ports of other states, to the prejudice and disadvantage of our own, Wilmington outranked Norfolk, Petersburg and Richmond.

According to the report of Secretary of the Treasurer Levi Woodbury, for the fiscal year ending October 1837, the tonnage entered and cleared in the foreign trade at the port of Wilmington exceeded that of Norfolk 6,384 tons; that of Richmond and Petersburg together 17,694 tons. This of the foreign trade.

HOME FRONT — In respect of the domestic coasting trade at

the port of Wilmington, we quote from the "Memorial of the North Carolina Improvement Convention" of December 1838:

"We are informed on high authority that the coasting trade of Wilmington employs a greater tonnage than her foreign trade. If this be true, and we believe it to be so, not only on the high authority from which we received it, but because we know the maritime trade of North Carolina is principally a coasting trade, it would follow that the tonnage employed in the trade of the port of Wilmington is greater than that of the three great ports of Virginia, Norfolk, Richmond and Petersburg."

MORE IMPROVEMENTS — It is an interesting coincidence, that newspapers of the 1880's pointed out, that the memorial just quoted from, and signed by Romulus M. Saunders, John H. Bryan, Louis D. Henry, L. H. Marsteller, Hugh McQueen, James Allen and Thomas L. Clingman, as a committee, should have been, wherein we have quoted them, then urging upon the Legislature a scheme of internal improvements that prac-

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Leaders At Methodist Conference



Seen above (left to right) are Dr. Fred W. Paschall of Lumberton, district director of Evangelism; Dr. John C. Glenn of Wilmington, district superintendent; and Dr. Charles P. Powell of Charlotte, who delivered the keynote address at the opening session yesterday of the church conference here. The two-day session will conclude today. (PHOTO BY CAROLINA CAMERA)

SPEAKERS STRESS EVANGELISM HERE

Two-Day Conference Of Methodists To Adjourn This Afternoon

Speaking on "Visitation Evangelism", Dr. Charles P. Powell, pastor of the Dilworth Methodist Church in Charlotte, opened the two-day conference of Methodists in this area yesterday afternoon. The conference is being held in the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Winter Park.

Dr. Powell, in the keynote address, emphasized the need for greater consecration on the part of church leaders.

"We must begin with ourselves, who are entrusted to be the interpreters of the gospel of Christ," he stated. "We shall not lead others into realms of life where we do not live."

The speaker also urged that before entering upon the program of visiting evangelism, every pastor and layman must tune their hearts to Christ and his teachings.

Following the opening address, Dr. Fred W. Paschall, Lumberton, director of Evangelism, directed an open discussion on "visiting evangelism."

J. C. Willis, Elizabethtown, chairman Wilmington district of the Crusade Council, opened last night's session with a talk on "The Year of Stewardship Objectives as seen by a Layman."

The objectives presented in his talk were: intensified cumulative effort in the field of evangelism and 95 recruits for the ministry; new personal commitments to God

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The Weather

FORECAST

South Carolina—Cloudy and mild with occasional rains, followed by partly cloudy Wednesday night, and over North-west Wednesday afternoon. Thursday, increasing cloudiness and cooler, occasional light rains beginning over north-west portion in afternoon.

North Carolina—Cloudy and mild with occasional rain Wednesday, followed by partly cloudy Wednesday night and over west portion Wednesday afternoon. Thursday increasing cloudiness and cooler, occasional light rains beginning over west portion in afternoon.

(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. 43; 7:30 a. m. 46; 1:30 p. m. 60; 7:30 p. m. 57. Maximum 60; Minimum 42; Mean 51; Normal 47.

Humidity 1:30 a. m. 77; 7:30 a. m. 76; 1:30 p. m. 67; 7:30 p. m. 80.

Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. — 0.00 inches. Total since the first of the month — 0.91 inches.

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

Wilmington — 10:54 a. m. 5:17 a. m. 11:09 p. m. 6:00 p. m. Masonboro Inlet — 8:39 a. m. 2:14 a. m. 9:05 p. m. 2:59 p. m.

Sunrise 7:19, Sunset 5:19, Moonrise 7:10 p. m.; Moonset 9:35 a. m. River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. Tuesday, 15.0 feet.

THAWS REMOVING SNOWS FROM WEST

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS A widespread January thaw began removing a snow cover from a number of mid-continent states Tuesday.

Weather forecasters said a warm air mass was melting snow in North and South Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas.

Temperatures slightly above freezing were melting snow patches on roads in Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana.

Seasonal to mild temperatures were recorded in most of the nation except west of the Rocky Mountains, along the Western Gulf coast and in Northern New England. However, rising temperatures were in prospect for New England and the Western Gulf coast.

Grandma's Bone Corset Comes Back; Now Stylish

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(P)—Grandma's bone corset is coming back into fashion, but the new style would make the dear little old lady color up like a red, red rose.

For that intimate Victorian garment, in sleek golden satin and laced up the back in black, was worn in full view Tuesday as the basis for one of the outstanding gowns of the Trans-World Style show, sponsored by the Women's National Press club. The golden rib-hugger had a full skirt of black tulle, and was edged on top with the same material and pet beading.

It was designed by Jacques Fath of Paris, and is one of the latest Parisienne strapless gown styles.

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GROUP TO STUDY CONSOLIDATION

Committee Appointed To Report On Combining 4 City Agencies

The fate of a proposal made at a meeting of Wilmington business men yesterday that the Wilmington Port-Traffic Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the office of the City Industrial Agent and the Wilmington Port Commission be consolidated under one head rested today in the hands of a special committee.

Appointed to the committee to draft the report were T. D. Love and Peter B. Ruffin, Port Traffic Association; E. L. White and C. L. Harrington, Chamber of Commerce; Mayor W. Donald Lane, city; Addison Hewlett, county; Fred Willetts and C. D. Hogue, Port Commission; and City Industrial Agent John H. Farrell, H. A. Marks and R. B. Page, members at large.

The committee, composed of two representatives of each organization, one each from the city and county and three from the community at large, was directed to make an investigation into the proposal and submit a report by Jan. 21.

The call for unity, which came in the form of a proposal by Harris Newman was sounded at a meeting held yesterday morning in the Woodrow Wilson hut for the purpose of discussing the city's chances for further development through the efforts of the four departments.

Sentiment favoring the consolidation of the agencies was strong throughout the session, but was not unanimous. Fred Willetts, a member of the port commission, came out against the proposal, suggesting instead the floating of a million dollar bond issue to be used for promotion of industry in the city.

Newman spoke in favor of a single board of trade for Wilmington, with the four agencies to operate with separate secretaries under one head. Under this plan,

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"Slow Down" Order Causes Resignation

Top-Ranking Cabinet Member To Step Down Friday Of This Week

PRESIDENT ACCEPTS

American World War Leader Now Enroute Home With China Report

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(P)—James F. Byrnes resigned Tuesday night as secretary of state and President Truman chose as his successor the man who guided America's military fortunes in the war — General George C. Marshall.

Byrnes declared the doctors had warned him he must "slow down" and that he couldn't slow down in the job of Secretary of state.

Marshall, Army chief of staff in the war, is presently ending a Presidential mission to China.

The announcement of his selection to the cabinet came at almost the exact hour, 7 p. m., Eastern Standard time, at which he was due to leave Shanghai, enroute home.

The Pennsylvania-born, Virginia-educated Marshall takes over the job of helping make peace secure at a time when Republicans have taken over Congress. In the Army

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TROOPS RELIEVE EUROPEAN COLONY

French Parachute Force Rescues Group Surrounded By Viet-Nameese

PARIS, Jan. 7.—(P)—French parachute troops, dropping by bright moonlight in the canal-split terrain at Namdinh, 50 miles Southeast of Hanoi, have relieved the European colony barricaded in a cotton mill and are mopping up Viet-Nameese in the town, the French general staff reported Tuesday.

Other French troops fighting to break the virtual siege of Hanoi advanced eastward toward a junction with other forces battling West of Haiduong, mid-way point between the Tonkin capital and the coast.

The parachute drops on Sunday night was "completely successful," the French said, and the parachute detachments quickly established a bridgehead across a canal, opening a path for water-borne troops which captured a cotton mill where the European civilian population had been fighting off Viet-Nameese attacks since Dec. 19.

The troops then battled on into Namdinh, important cotton mill town, where they met stiff resistance from the Viet-Nameese entrenched behind breastworks.

In Hanoi, itself, artillery duels continued while the column advancing on Haiduong captured the village of Banyennhan. The force from Haiduong captured the village of Ch'khe, but the general staff did not say how far the two forces were apart.

And So To Bed

Our local chief of police, Charles H. Casteen, is not a doubting man.

However, he contends that the law of average would not allow so many over-time parking notices to fall from windshield as some motorists have reported here in recent days.

And just to prove that he was not depending solely on the law of averages in squelching the No. 1 alibi of many, Chief Casteen pointed out that in addition to that little red ticket, Uncle Sam, through the mails, delivers a handy reminder to those who are tagged by the local guardians of the law.