

**FORECAST**

Wilmington and vicinity—Mostly cloudy with occasional rain and slightly cooler; Friday occasional rain, not much change in temperature.

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## Bell Reports River Basin Development

Organized Effort Can Bring Desired Results In Improvements

**OFFICERS INSTALLED**  
Local Engineers Club Hears Army Corps Interested In State Project

"Organized efforts along any river basin will bring desired results to the local residents," said Burton J. Bell, Chief of Technical Information for the Corps of Engineers for the southeast, at a meeting last night before the Wilmington Engineers Club in the Friendly cafeteria.

Mr. Bell talked to the engineers on the Clark Hill and Allatoona Dams which are now under construction on the Savannah River near Augusta and the Etowah River near Cartersville, Georgia. These two dams are multiple-purpose projects and when completed will not only provide flood-control protection to the Savannah River valley and the Coosa River valley near Rome, Ga., but will provide navigation assistance and hydroelectric-power energy in great abundance for the respective regions of the two large reservoirs.

The speaker revealed that he had

discussed the North Carolina situation with Colonel G. W. Gillette, Division Engineer for the South Atlantic Division at Atlanta, and well-known North Carolina Army Engineer Officer, the devastating floods on the Cape Fear, Neuse, and Roanoke Rivers are of much concern to the Corps of Engineers.

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## STEERING GROUP SCHEDULES MEET

**Unification Plan For Agencies Here To Be Talked Jan. 14**

The first meeting of the steering committee, held at Tuesday's conference between city businessmen relative to the coordination of four Wilmington agencies is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 14, committee member John H. Farrell said last night.

Decisions centering about the unification of the Chamber of Commerce, the office of the Industrial agent, the Wilmington Port Commission and the Wilmington Port Traffic Association are expected to be reached, with the committee report due January 21.

The drawing of a report by the committee, which is composed of members of each agency, representatives of the city and county and of three members at large, was directed at Tuesday's meeting.

## HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley  
**I BIN STUDIN' 'BOUT SWAPPIN' OFF MAH USED CYAH FUH ONE WHUT I KIN USE!!**



## Volunteer Drive Planned



Seen above is Mrs. Emma B. Howell, (right) executive secretary of Family Service society under whose guidance the volunteer Bureau is being launched here. At left is Mrs. Louise Bland, advisor from the Social Service Index, who is seen as they put the finishing touches yesterday afternoon on the forthcoming campaign to recruit volunteer workers for the member agencies of the Community Chest. (PHOTO BY CAROLINA CAMERA)

## Drive Opens Monday To List Volunteers

**\$6,000,000 FIRE DESTROYS PIERS**  
**New Jersey Railroad Firemen Battle Stubborn Blaze For Five Hours**

WEEHAWKEN, N. J., Jan. 8.—(AP)—A \$6,000,000 waterfront fire raged through two piers of the sprawling New York Central railroad yards early Wednesday, lighting up the Hudson river area and casting the ruddy glow of an artificial dawn over much of midtown Manhattan.

Great billows of black smoke drifted above towering orange-colored flames that sprung during the height of the fire from the West Shore yards where one freight laden export pier was burned to water level and another damaged.

The blaze lasted for more than five hours before being brought under control by a fleet of three New York City fireboats and 20 railroad tugboats, aided by firemen from four New Jersey municipalities. Five railroad employees were injured, none seriously.

**Long Battle**  
Fire officials said they expected to battle burning creosoted pilings for many more hours. Heat from the blaze, fanned by a brisk wind, was so intense that fireboats were unable for a time to get between the piers to fight the flames.

A. A. Darby, freight agent in charge of the Weehawken terminal, estimated the cargo loss on destroyed pier 3 at \$3,000,000, while railroad officials said the pier was insured for \$2,800,000. Pier 4, to the North, damaged by the flames, was insured for \$2,000,000 the railroad said.

## Gas Stops Presses

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Gas escaping from a broken main imperiled hundreds of persons Wednesday, snarled traffic and caused the Los Angeles Herald-Express to shut down its presses.

The newspaper resumed publication with the last two editions. The break occurred when a ditch-digging machine accidentally hit the main near the newspaper plant.

Police and firemen quickly blocked off the area for several blocks and workmen sought to shut off the flow.

The fire under the metal pots in the newspaper's composing room were put out and mechanical production stopped.

The rate at which the world can move toward a treaty will almost certainly depend upon the rate at which it can advance towards a general settlement of the war. We may take it as certain that there will be no actual atomic disarmament unless there is also a simultaneous agreement in the whole field of military power. There will be no such general military agreement unless and until there is a

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## Today And Tomorrow

By WALTER LIPPMANN

# SENATE GETS BILL TO BAR CLOSED SHOP IN ALL NEW, OLD CONTRACTS; HOUSE FIGHT MARKS ASSEMBLY DAY

## "Two-Thirds" Rule Causes Long Battle

**Umstead Of Orange Suffers Temporary Defeat During Heated Scrap**  
**FIRST MAJOR BILL**

## Kernon Introduces Measure For Graduated Pay Increase To Teachers

RALEIGH, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A bitter House fight on retention of the two-thirds or "gag" rule and the introduction of a bill providing a graduated scale of pay increases for teachers, principals and other state employes marked the opening of the 1947 legislative session Wednesday.

The scrap over the two-thirds rule ended in a temporary defeat for Rep. John Umstead of Orange and his supporters. They sought to return to the rules of the 1939 House whereby only a majority vote would be necessary to remove a bill, accompanied by a minority report, from the unfavorable calendar and place it on the favorable calendar. Umstead said the present rule was "undemocratic," in that it "allows a minority to control the majority."

When efforts of Reps. Umstead and Tompkins of Jackson to go back to the majority rule were temporarily beaten down, Tompkins cried, "railroad, railroad!" Nor could Umstead get a roll call vote, although he said the constitution provided a recorded vote if

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## TRAVELERS AID PLANS MEETING

**History Of Organization To Be Presented On Jan. 14**

The history of the National Travelers Aid Association and of the Travelers Aid Society of Wilmington will be the principal topics discussed at the annual meeting of the board of directors of the local society, a Red Feather service, on Tuesday, January 14, at 1 o'clock in the dining room of the American Legion Club, according to J. E. L. Wade, president.

The luncheon meeting will be opened with an invocation by the Rev. Walter B. Freed, pastor St. James Lutheran church, member of the T. A. S. board of directors, and president of the Salvation Army board of directors.

Mrs. Gertrude Heggie, regional

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## Along The Cape Fear

**SCHOOL DAYS**—Several readers have expressed their pleasure at being able to see a picture of the late Miss Amy M. Bradley, one of Wilmington's most distinguished educators.

You'll recall that Along The Cape Fear was able to use a photograph of Miss Bradley due to the kindness of Mrs. Charles Lee Bragg, of 1802 Market street, who is the owner of the cherished keepsake.

Other kind folks have asked what the public school system in the Port City resembled many years ago.

Always willing to oblige, we have located these facts concerning what the "little red school house" of the Nineteenth Century in Wilmington looked like.

## Kiwanis Officers Relax At Installation Meeting



Caught by the cameraman in a happy mood yesterday, the above group of Kiwanis club officials were photographed a few minutes before being inducted into office by Lieutenant Governor Edwin Rawls of the 7th Carolina division. Seated left to right are: Immediate past president Emsley A. Laney; vice president, George R. Conant; Lieutenant-Governor Rawls; the new president, A. R. (Rex) Willis; and secretary-treasurer, Walter B. Freed. (CAROLINA CAMERA PHOTO)

## SENATE SPEEDILY OKAYS MARSHALL

**Unanimous Confirmation Accorded Truman Appointment Of General**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The Senate Wednesday speedily and unanimously confirmed the appointment of Gen. George C. Marshall as Secretary of State to reassure a worried and anxious world that "unity still prevails" on American foreign policies.

On the initiative of the new Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, the chamber completed committee consideration and final confirmation of Marshall in one hour.

Vandenberg also used the occasion to pledge the Republican party—now in control of Congress—to carry on the bi-partisan foreign policy under Marshall.

Representative Charles A. Eaton, R., N. J., incoming chairman of the House Foreign Affairs committee, chimed in with a similar statement and added that "we will continue to present a united front to the world, regardless of race, creed or breed. There's no place in foreign affairs for partisan politics."

There was no debate in the Senate—just praise of Marshall and eulogies of the man whose place he will take, James Francis Byrnes.

Even an informal appearance of the general before the Foreign Relations committee was waived.

Marshall will arrive in about a week. He now is winging his way across the Pacific from Nanking, China where for 13 months he tried unsuccessfully to help the Chinese settle their civil war.

He will rest a few days in Hawaii with Mrs. Marshall before coming here to be sworn in to the top cabinet position which will make him heir to the Presidency if anything happens to President Truman.

## Belt Tightener

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Great Britain began its eighth year of food rationing Wednesday with Britons getting less of most commodities than in the bleak war days of 1940.

Commodity	1940	1947
Bacon	4 ounces	2 ounces
Sugar	12 ounces	8 ounces
Preserves	2 ounces	4 ounces
Butter	4 ounces	3 ounces
Margarine	2 ounces	3 ounces

Heading the District Two committee was James H. Chadborn as chairman and the committee members were Walter Meares and John G. Norwood.

## VETERAN LEADERS

Both MacRae and Chadborn served as chairmen of the respective district committees for many years and as one former newspaperman states it:

"The success of the schools is greatly due to the same thoughtful management that has placed them in the forefront of our most successful business men."

The committees were appointed and the funds appropriated by the Board of Education. At that time Horace A. Bagg, Esq., was "ever faithful and active in his efforts to build up our schools. We doubt if there is another County Board in

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## The Weather

**FORECAST**  
North Carolina—Mostly cloudy, occasional light rain Friday and over south portion Thursday. Slightly cooler Thursday. Little change in temperature Friday.

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)  
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday.  
Temperatures  
1:30 a.m. 56; 7:30 a.m. 53; 1:30 p.m. 55; 7:30 p.m. 52.  
Maximum 55; Minimum 51; Mean 53.  
Normal 47.  
Humidity  
1:30 a.m. 66; 7:30 a.m. 63; 1:30 p.m. 44; 7:30 p.m. 66.  
Precipitation  
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m.—0.03 inches.  
Total since the first of the month—1.03 inches.

## MARCH OF DIMES PLANS ADVANCE

**New Hanover Chairman Lists New Committee Appointments**

The appointment of two additional committee chairmen and the formation of two groups which will aid in the forthcoming March of Dimes campaign have been announced by W. K. Rhodes, Jr., New Hanover county chairman.

Mrs. Elizabeth Emory, president of the Leaders Association, Cape Fear Area, Girl Scouts, has been appointed as chairman of the girls committee, and Russel H. Caudill, boys secretary of the Y. M. C. A., has been appointed chairman of the boys committee.

The two committees are to assist the adult groups in making preparations for the drive, placing posters and canisters over this city.

During the campaign members of the committees are to assist in the collections at the local theaters and in the tag day, Rhodes stated.

This is the first time that committees of the youth of the county have been organized for the yearly drive, and it is being done this year in order to further assure that the county goal of \$2800 is reached, he added.

Rhodes further stated last night that he intends to call a meeting of the full committee for Friday night.

The county chairman also expressed his deep appreciation to the group of young ladies who have volunteered their services to address letters to every resident in New Hanover county. The letters are of an explanatory nature, giving pertinent information concerning the magnitude of the expense connected with the fight against infantile paralysis.

Members of the group, working under the direction of Joan Miner, were Anna Mae Bordeaux, Mrs. R. B. Walker, Jr., Mary Hedpeth, and Mrs. A. Braswell.

## Army Air Forces Making Landing Of Planes Safer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Equipment to chart and control the approach of airplanes up to 200 miles from the capital city is being installed by the Army Air forces for use by civil and military aircraft.

The radar equipment at Washington National airport and the Army's Andrews field, in nearby Maryland, will cost about \$1,000,000 and now is about half complete, the AAF said Wednesday.

With the equipment in operation, traffic control men in the towers will be able to locate the position and exact altitude of incoming

## KIWANIANS HERE INSTALL OFFICERS

**A. R. Willis Takes Over Duties As President; Rawl Presides**

Felicitations were in the air at the initial 1947 meeting of the Wilmington Kiwanis club yesterday as old officers bowed out of the official picture and a new slate headed by A. R. (Rex) Willis took over the helm for the new year.

Installation proceedings were in the able hands of Lieutenant Governor Edwin Rawl of the 7th Carolina division, who in his opening remarks brought New Year's greetings to the Wilmington club from his home club at Greenville.

Before stepping out of office as president after a successful year which witnessed a membership gain to the highest peak in the club history, Emsley Laney, as one of his last official acts, presented perfect attendance tabs to the following members, with the tabs designating the years of non-absence from scheduled meetings:

Donald King (5) Wilbur Doshier (3) Walter Freed (2) Dr. John Hoggar (1) Jack Hope (1) Henry Gerdes (1) and James Holton (1).

In his opening remarks preceding the installation of officers, Mr. Rawl praised the work of the local club during 1946 by saying that the task of raising some \$3,600 for the work of the Brigade Boys'

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## OLD CULLING LAW HITS OYSTERMEN

**Tongers At Mobile Refuse To Operate On \$2.75 Barrel Basis**

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 8.—(AP)—An oyster culling law now being enforced for the first time since its passage in 1907 and a price dispute Wednesday disrupted operations of the Alabama oyster fleet and threw about 700 men out of work.

Pres. Walter Bosarge of the Seafarers and Fishermen's union (AFL) said the law requiring oysters to be a certain size was working a hardship on tongers. Dealers recently asked enforcement of the law to protect reefs from depletion.

Bosarge also said that 400 oyster tongers were idle on 300 boats and that an additional 300 were out of work at a Bayou La Batre canning plant because of a lack of oysters.

President E. W. Jemison of the Mobile Bay Seafood Dealers association said the price to tongers was cut from \$3.75 to \$2.75 a barrel because of price drops elsewhere in the country.

## And So To Bed

Again we make an appeal for a lost dog.

But at the same time we're sounding a plea for help to locate another animal, that to our knowledge has not before graced And So To Bed.

"Binkie," a toy English shepherd dog, is still missing from the home of the Rev. William Crow, Miss Margaret Crow, young daughter of the local clergyman, is mighty anxious for her pet's return.

And for something new: Anyone finding a stray pony, please contact us.

It seems a brand-new Christmas pony left his new home yesterday and another Wilmington youngster is a mighty sad person.

P. S. The pony was wearing a red blanket when last seen.

## Senator Ball Gets Support For Measure

**Proposal Would Wreck Requirement Of Union Membership**  
**BATTLE EXPECTED**

**Preferential Hiring Would Also Go Out If Congress Passes Plan**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Senator Ball (R-Minn.) Wednesday introduced a bill that would abolish the closed shop, not only in the future but in existing contracts.

The Ball proposal would wreck any agreement—written or oral—that requires a person to be a union member in order to be hired or hold his job. It has strong support but not so much as some other current labor proposals—and a terrific fight is expected.

At the same time Senator James Murray (D-Mont.), long a fighter for unions, criticized labor union leaders for not getting together and working out a legislative program.

Murray, last year's chairman of the Senate Labor committee, told an interviewer:

"I think it's unfortunate that labor leaders have been unable to sit down together, with their friends, to see what could be done to overcome some of these criticisms of labor, and to aid in the formulation of some of these things."

The Ball bill would abolish the following practices:

1. The closed shop, under which

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## ELLIOT PRAISES DRAINAGE PLANS

**Proposed Project At Carolina Beach Would Eliminate Danger, He Says**

The opinion that the drainage ditch for which residents of Carolina Beach are now raising funds would solve the sanitation problem of the resort town was expressed last night by Dr. A. H. Elliot, city-county health officer.

Earlier Dr. Elliot had attributed the existence of improper conditions in certain areas of the town to improper drainage. Heavy rains, he said, caused sewerage overflows to mix with surface water, thereby setting up conditions ripe for disease epidemics.

He explained last night that if the bad drainage situation was rectified then the sewerage system should not cause trouble.

Meanwhile, Glenn Tucker, Carolina Beach real estate man, reported that over \$1600 had already been raised for the construction of a ditch which it is believed will provide proper drainage for the area. In addition to the money on hand, several hundred dollars more had been pledged, he said.

## Army Air Forces Making Landing Of Planes Safer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—planes up to 200 miles and guide them into a 40-mile range of other "ground control approach" equipment. With the latter equipment pilots can be "talked" down by the control tower to an actual landing.

"The use of radar," the AAF announcement said, "takes much of the responsibility from the pilot and places it with experienced radar controllers on the ground who are able to probe through thick fogs and bad visibility to plot and control aircraft along airways or on a landing path away from hazards invisible to the pilot."