

FORECAST

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Casteen Ousts 2nd Member From Force

Roy Grissett Lodged In County Jail Under \$3,000 Bond

CLEANS HOUSE Tip From First Arrested Officer Leads To Larceny Charge

A second member of the Wilmington police force, Roy Grissett, was arrested by city police last night and lodged in the New Hanover county jail under \$3,000 bond on a charge of storebreaking, larceny and receiving.

Grissett's arrest followed closely on the heels of similar action against H. A. Gurley, who is awaiting trial on a like charge following his dismissal from the force and subsequent arrest early Sunday morning for entering a Market street grocery.

Chief C. H. Casteen announced that Grissett was being held after he, together with Sgt. E. B. Murray, Detective N. J. Wolf and Harry Fales, chief of the city-county identification bureau, had questioned the policeman in connection with the theft of an outboard motor valued at \$130 from the Anchor Hardware company at 101 South Front street.

Following Grissett's arrest, Sgt. Murray explained that an investigation had been launched into the city policeman's activities on a tip supplied by Gurley.

It was thought by members of the department that there might be some connection between the operations of the two men, Sgt. Murray said, as their beats were close

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EMPLOYERS PLAN CONFERENCE HERE

Group To Discuss Employment Situation For Veterans In Area

The unemployment situation in the Wilmington area, particularly among returned war veterans, will be the center of discussion at a meeting of employers of the city Thursday afternoon at 3 p. m. in the recreation center at Second and Orange streets.

Included on the agenda are addresses by E. L. White, president of the Chamber of Commerce; R. A. Wadsworth, assistant veterans employment representative, of Raleigh; J. M. Kennedy, also a member of the veterans employment department; and Harold M. Hinkle, field assistant, veterans employment service, Wilmington.

In addition to the business session, two short sound films "Operations Cross Roads," showing the atomic bomb results at Bikini, and "No Help Wanted," depicting what disabled veterans can do in industry, will be presented.

Following the scheduled addresses and film showings, an open forum will be held.

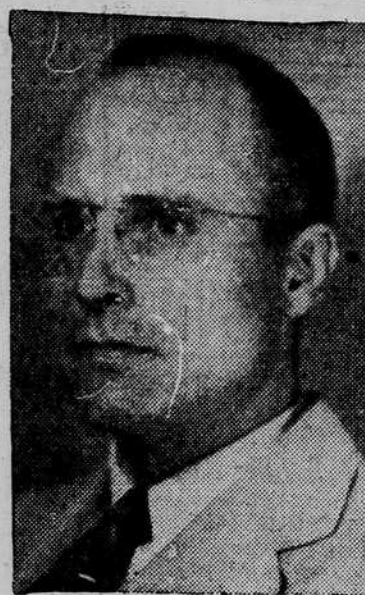
The speakers will present a variety of subjects for discussion, among which are "Veterans Employment Program," "Disabled Veterans Problems," "Local Employment Problems," and "Employers Responsibilities."

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley



Will Speak Here



DR. ARTHUR E. FINK

COUNCIL TO NAME OFFICERS TONIGHT

Community Group To Hear Address By Chapel Hill Educator

The program for the annual meeting of the Community Council, scheduled for tonight at 8 o'clock in the Community center, Second and Orange streets, was announced last night by Rabbi Samuel A. Friedman, president.

The meeting will be opened with an invocation by the Rev. Mortimer Glover, rector of St. James Episcopal church, followed by greetings to the delegates of the Community Council by Mayor W. Ronald Lane.

The regular business session will be opened by Rabbi Friedman with the annual report of Community Council activities during the year 1946.

Following the annual report, Spurgeon Baxley, chairman of the nominating committee, will present the slate of officers and five directors as prepared by the committee. Assisting Baxley are Mrs. J. S. Crowley, Mrs. William Goldberg, Miss Columbia Munds and H. Carl Moultrie.

The principal speaker of the evening, Dr. Arthur E. Fink, director of the division of public welfare and social work at the graduate school, University of North Carolina, will be introduced by L. D. Latta, vice-president of the Community Chest.

Group singing during the program will be led by Walter J. Cartier assisted by Mrs. Elizabeth Emory at the piano.

The committee in charge of the program of the annual meeting is composed of Mrs. W. Ronald Lane, chairman; Mrs. Emma D. Howell and Jesse A. Reynolds.

ENGINEER AIDES TO SURVEY PORT

Washington And Division Officials Expected In City Today

C. J. McManus, representative of the Chief Corps of Engineers, and B. B. Blackmon of the South Atlantic Division Corps of Engineers, will arrive in Wilmington today to make a preview of the report now being drawn up by the Wilmington District Corp of Engineers on the proposed project of extending the depth of the Cape Fear river to 35 feet, officials of the local office stated yesterday.

The report is nearing completion, officials said, and the representatives have been requested by the district engineers to make a preview of the report and offer suggestions before it is submitted to the South Atlantic Division Corps of Engineers in Atlanta and to the Chief Corp of Engineers in Washington for their approval.

The preview and the suggestions made by the two representatives will be kept confidential until after the report on the proposed project is submitted to the higher authorities, it was stated.

"Baby Sitter" Likes Job So Well He Weds The Baby

NEW KENSINGTON, Pa., Jan. 13. —(AP)—The tale of a 20-year-old "baby sitter" who liked his job so well he married the "baby" came to light Monday as the result of a complaint filed by the 13-year-old bride charging desertion.

This story developed at the hearing before Squire John Hunger of Arnold.

James Schuffert, a former Indiana coal miner, was hired by Mrs. Elsie Loman to "sit" with her daughter, Deloris, while the mother was working nights as a charwoman.

A few weeks later Schuffert asked and received written permission

Congress Demands Investigation Of Airlines

Crash Of Eastern Plane Sunday Causes Inquiry Move By House

BREWSTER WORRIED

Managements Say Industry Making Great Effort To Improve Safety

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13. —(AP)—Cries that recent airplane crashes are making the American people "afraid to fly" and demands for investigation were voiced in Congress Monday on the eve of a Senate committee's scheduled broad examination of commercial aviation.

Although this inquiry by the Senate Commerce committee will embrace the question of safety precautions, House members urged a separate investigation by that branch of Congress.

"The American people are horrified and scared to death," Rep. Rivers (D-SC) told the house. "If there is something wrong with the whole doggone set-up, then something should be done."

He called attention to the crash of an Eastern Airlines plane near Galax, Va., Sunday with the loss of 18 lives and to the emergency landing last week of an airliner on a Long Island, N. Y., beach.

Joining Rivers, Rep. Hinshaw (R-Calif.) asserted there should be a "complete and thorough inquiry in hope of finding a remedy."

Senator Brewster (R-Maine), a member of the Senate Commerce committee, said "people are getting afraid to fly."

"The situation is destroying popular confidence," he told reporters. "There won't be anybody flying if it keeps on."

Senator McCarran (D-Nev.), addressing the Senate, raised the

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THREE TO HEAD CONFERENCE HERE

Wilmington Unit Sponsors Brotherhood Week February 16-23

H. A. Marks, John M. Blass and Herbert Blumenthal have accepted co-chairmanship to the Wilmington Unit of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The organization will sponsor the annual observance of American Brotherhood Week, Feb. 16-23, and promote a year round program of justice, amity, understanding and cooperation among Protestants, Catholics and Jews.

The Wilmington organization consists of civic and religious leaders who will work through existing groups. Russell Caudill, of the YMCA, will head the speaker's bureau, assisted by Mortimer Nebrett.

Mrs. J. D. Freeman is chairman of the Woman's Committee, assisted by Mrs. Harris Newman and Mrs. C. D. Maffitt.

The Education Committee will reach the schools, with Miss Virginia Ward and Miss Emma Losen serving. The Religious Activities Committee includes the Rev. Mortimer Glover, chairman; Rabbi Samuel A. Friedman, and the Rev. Allan Roach.

A Youth Committee will be headed by Miss Eleanor Snyder assisted by representatives from various youth groups.

Among the other persons who will assist in the general plans for Brotherhood are Monsignor Cornelius E. Murphy, the Rev. Thomas J. Monahan, the Rev. W. J. Stephenson and Rev. William Crowe, Jr. The publicity chairman is Miss Dorothea McDowell.

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"As the Modoc drew away, with her men lined up in formation in tribute to the local populace, and slipped down the river, a feeling of Auld Lang Syne came over the trio, and in their desire to see the ship again, they quickly drove to the foot of Church street arriving in time to wave another farewell to the gallant ship; and the men still lined up on her deck."

SAILING PAST—"As the ship sailed past there was still another chance that they might be able to beat her to the cliffs for one last goodbye; and ignoring glowering cops, they raced and skidded on a slippery clay road until they

CHERRY SUBMITS SPENDING MEASURE OF \$303,645,647 FOR TWO YEARS; U. S. CRACKS GIGANTIC SUGAR RING

Black Market Case Largest In "History"

Hobbs, N. M., Soft Drink Bottler Released Under Bonds Of \$155,000

ACCOUNTS PADDED Over Million Pounds Of Sugar Involved In Four-State Operations

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Jan. 13. —(UP)—Federal officials announced Monday night that they had smashed "the largest sugar black market ring in United States history."

U. S. District Attorney Everett M. Grantham said a total of 1,044,000 pounds of sugar was involved and operations centered in the four-state area of New Mexico, Texas, Kansas and Colorado.

The federal attorney said kingpin in the alleged black market ring was A. M. Bartlett, owner of a soft drink bottling plant at Hobbs, N. M. Bartlett was arrested on a charge of violating wartime sugar rationing rules. He was released on a \$155,000 collateral bond pending action by a grand jury.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Mrs. Trudy Edwards, former sugar rationing clerk in the Lea County State Bank at Hobbs. Grantham said the woman, believed to be in Coronado, Calif., was charged with falsifying Bartlett's sugar ration account.

Account Padded According to Grantham, the Hobbs soft drink firm's ration account was so padded it had drawn enough sugar to make one million cases of a soft drink. The district attorney charged Bartlett with writing sugar checks against his fraudulent allotment in order to purchase sugar from legitimate wholesale dealers and said that in some cases he turned the checks over to friends to purchase sugar.

The district attorney said many of the persons who purchased

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Court To Open

The January criminal term of New Hanover county Superior court, which will open on a charge of murder, will get underway this morning at 10 o'clock with Judge J. Paul Frizelle of Snow Hill presiding.

Approximately 100 cases are listed for hearing, but the consensus of opinion among court house attaches is that many will be postponed until a later date.

One other murder trial in addition to the Ganey case, and three criminal assault charges are listed on the heavy docket for action.

Gardner pointed out that despite airport authority agitation for a raise for airfield employees, the county budget did not allow for such an increase and intimated

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Along The Cape Fear

TYPICAL LETTER—Typical of the devotion for the Coast Guard cutters, which have called the Port City home, is the following letter received yesterday:

"Several of our local belles will be able to thrill their grandchildren with the exciting tale of how they, of all Wilmington, were singled out to receive a final salute from the Modoc.

"Being caught up in the local spirit of affection for the old cutter, they were on hand at 1:30 Sunday afternoon when the ship cast off from the Customhouse wharf for the last time.

"As the Modoc drew away, with her men lined up in formation in tribute to the local populace, and slipped down the river, a feeling of Auld Lang Syne came over the trio, and in their desire to see the ship again, they quickly drove to the foot of Church street arriving in time to wave another farewell to the gallant ship; and the men still lined up on her deck."

SAILING PAST—"As the ship sailed past there was still another chance that they might be able to beat her to the cliffs for one last goodbye; and ignoring glowering cops, they raced and skidded on a slippery clay road until they

reached the river at last; and when the Modoc loomed into view, three girls were waving again from a promontory jutting into the river.

"As she passed, this time far off in the Cape Fear, someone aboard must have recognized the three little ladies, representing the love they, of all Wilmington, have always cherished for the Modoc.

FINAL SALUTE—"And, as the ship's final salute to the people of Wilmington, blasted away with the whistle.

"And three very thrilled young ladies will always remember their last salute from the Modoc," the letter concluded.

Disaster-High In The Blue Ridge Mountains



When the ill-fated Detroit-Miami plane crashed into trees near Galax, Va., parts of the fuselage were torn off and remained hanging from branches, as shown above. Three members of the crew and fifteen of the sixteen passengers aboard were instantly killed. Lone survivor was William Elias Keys, of Boynton, Fla. The crash occurred during a rain, which is reported to have blown the ship off its course. (International Soundphoto)

DRAINAGE FUND CHANCES SLIGHT

County Commissioners Defend Stand On Airport Development

The possibility that county funds might be used to alleviate bad drainage conditions in certain areas within the near future dimmed at a meeting of the New Hanover county Board of Commissioners yesterday when Addison Hewlett, Sr., chairman, said that such funds probably would not be available until after the end of the present fiscal year.

Representative R. M. Kermon had appeared before the board in an effort to learn if money might be furnished by the county for this purpose, but was informed by Hewlett that only Alcoholic Beverage funds had not been expended but even these had been figured into the county budget as forthcoming.

In other business before the board, a denial that blame for the slowness of development of Blumenthal airfield rested with the county commissioners was voiced by Harry Gardner.

A member of both the board of commissioners and the City-County Airport authority, he defended the commissioners against charges by the local air board that necessary funds for operating the airport were not being provided by the county.

Gardner pointed out that despite airport authority agitation for a raise for airfield employees, the county budget did not allow for such an increase and intimated

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The Weather

FORECAST South Carolina—Considerable cloudiness and warmer with few scattered showers Tuesday; Wednesday, partly cloudy and becoming cooler.

North Carolina—Showers and slightly warmer Tuesday; Wednesday, partly cloudy and becoming colder.

(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. 51; 7:30 a. m. 50; 1:30 p. m. 57; 7:30 p. m. 55.

Humidity 1:30 a. m. 76; 7:30 a. m. 83; 1:30 p. m. 78; 7:30 p. m. 97.

Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. — 0.35 inches.

Total since the first of the month — 2.54 inches.

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

High 3:30 a. m. 10:40 a. m. 3:50 p. m. 11:02 p. m.

Low 1:36 a. m. 7:38 a. m. 1:45 p. m. 8:00 p. m.

Sunrise 7:18; Sunset 5:25; Moonrise 12:34 a. m.; Moonset 12:42 p. m.

River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m., Monday, (no report) feet.

SALARY INCREASE COMES UP TODAY

State Senate Votes Unanimously To Defer Action On Pay Hike Bill

RALEIGH, Jan. 13. —(AP)—Each House of the 1947 General assembly Monday night heard a budget message from Governor Cherry calling for a record spending program in the state, and the Senate later voted unanimously to defer until Tuesday debate on a proposed salary increase for teachers and state employees.

Consideration of a House-amended bill for supplementary salary increases will begin Tuesday at 12 noon.

Deferring the proposal until Tuesday was considered as a mild victory for the administration forces of Governor Cherry who in his biennial message on Thursday called for a 20 percent salary increase.

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REINFORCEMENTS RUSHED TO FRONT

Liner Ile De France Carrying 8,000 Troops To Indo-China Front

PARIS, Jan. 13. —(AP)—The Liner Ile De France steamed toward Indochina Monday with 8,000 French reinforcements aboard as a general staff communique indicated that French troops scored some successes against the Vietnamese resistance during the day.

The reinforcements sailed Sunday from Toulon about the time the first contingent of wounded combat veterans arrived at Lyon from the 7,000-mile distant colonial fighting front. The Ile De France, the nation's largest passenger liner afloat, was withdrawn from the North Atlantic route to transport the troops.

The general staff communique issued in Paris said that the Vietnamese resistance southwest of Hanoi was becoming "rapidly disorganized" as French forces advanced and that an important Vietnam ammunition dump was blown up by French soldiers.

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HOEY MAY SEEK AID OF TRUMAN

Representative Clark And Senator Asking Action On Shipyards

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13. — Senator Clyde R. Hoey indicated Monday that President Truman might be asked to help the North Carolina State Ports Authority in its so-far-unsuccessful efforts to acquire the former North Carolina Shipbuilding company's yard at Wilmington, N. C., from the Maritime commission.

Senator Hoey said a meeting of the Tar Heel congressional delegation, scheduled this Saturday to promote the project, had been postponed until Thursday, January 23, when Governor R. Gregg Cherry could attend.

Instead of having a luncheon, as originally planned, the delegation will meet in Senator Hoey's office at 10 a. m. — an hour early enough to allow a visit to the White House the same day as the Senator explained.

Congressman J. Bayard Clark of Fayetteville is cooperating closely with Hoey in arranging the party.

NEW YORK BUTTER PRICES REDUCED

Chain Stores Make Cut Of 6 To 8 Cents Per Pound To Consumers

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. —(AP)—Chain stores in the New York area slashed retail butter prices 6 to 8 cents a pound Monday as a flood of offerings caused a sharp break in the wholesale market.

The action brought prices in the stores down to 69 to 71 cents a pound compared with 93 cents shortly before Christmas.

Heavy supplies were in evidence on merchant exchanges not only

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Institutions To Get Large Part Of Cash

Budget Based On Anticipated Revenues Of \$289,218,500 Surplus Fund

INCLUDES SALARIES

Permanent Improvements Would Cost State \$44,501,437 In Biennium

RALEIGH, Jan. 13. —(AP)—A gigantic spending program, sponsored by Governor Cherry, was transmitted to the legislature Monday night as the administration forces girded themselves to fight a supplemental proposal to pay teachers and state employees an additional 30 percent effective January 1.

The governor, concerned with an uprising legislature, had recommended 20 percent in his biennial message and had supported that in his budget message tonight.

The governor's legislative representative, former Senator Brandon Hodges of Buncombe, had spent the weekend here in an effort to whip the 30 percent pay increase measure, sponsored by Rep. Barker of Durham.

As the opening of the 1947 session roared along, the governor said quite frankly that he had not made up his mind over a proposal of the North Carolina Wildlife federation to separate the division of game and inland fisheries from the department of conservation and development.

He said, however, in West Jefferson when he was running for governor that he stood for division. In 1945, he asked that the legislature study the problem closely and a special committee asked that the division not be separated.

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Durands Are Moving On To New Frontier Goals

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 13. —(AP)—The Durands are moving on. Time was when folks heard about a new frontier opening up, they packed the family belongings, loaded up and drove away. That's what the Durands did Monday, with their converted motor bus heading out on a 6,000 mile trek to end on a homestead at Anchorage, Alaska.

The family—Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Durand, four youngsters and a dog—have been getting ready for the trip since the Matanuska colonists went out, back in the thirties. Birth of the last two children postponed them originally. Then there

was the war. But Monday the family set out, just as happy about the adventure even though the frontier isn't quite as new as it was 12 years ago.

The Durands will spend two weeks at Ladysmith, Wis., outfitting the bus at the home of Gilbert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Durand. Then they'll swing through the Southern-United States, soaking up a last winter of warm weather, and in March or April turn north. They plan to pick up the Alaskan highway at Edmonton, Alta. and proceed to Whitehorse and Anchorage.

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And So To Bed

A new twist to an old trick. All of us have heard of youngsters pulling a loose tooth by tying a string from the annoying molar to a door knob and then slamming the door.

Well that seemed to be the fate awaiting young Larry Burris, of 1209 South Fourth Street one day last week when he returned from school.

Going out into the yard, to seek consolation no doubt from his pet dog, "Old Rover" had to get a good look at the loose tooth.

In so doing, the tooth was knocked out, thus saving Larry the trouble of the old door trick.