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Veteran Dies In Hit-Run Wreck Here

Robert Seigler, Student At
College Center, Killed
In Accident

THREE MEN HELD
Inquest Of Truck-Motor-
cycle Crash Scheduled
For Thursday

An inquest into the death of Robert Seigler, 21-year-old Wilmington youth killed in a truck-motorcycle crash at the intersection of 11th and Princess streets yesterday, will be held Thursday night at 7:30 in the grand jury room, according to Asa W. Allen, New Hanover county coroner.

Meanwhile, Randolph White, Negro, of 1109 Market street, is being held in jail under \$5000 bond on a hit and run driving charge and two other Negroes, Wheeler Jones and Willie J. Prigden, are also in custody on charges of being accessories after the fact of felony. Their bond has been set at \$1500 each.

According to witnesses to the fatal accident, Seigler was proceeding on Princess street toward the city on a motorcycle, with Charles H. Greer, 19, of Lake Forest as a passenger. White, it was reported, was traveling on 11th street and reached the intersection of the two streets at about the same time as Seigler.

The driver of the truck is then alleged to have made a left turn without checking his rate of speed and the motorcycle, unable to dodge the vehicle crashed into the side of the truck, throwing Seigler under the wheels.

Both riders of the motorcycle were rushed to James Walker Memorial hospital but Seigler died shortly after reaching the emergency room. Greer suffered only superficial bruises in the wreck and was released at the hospital.

White is charged with having left the scene with the vehicle, later parking it in the driveway of the Jones Transfer and Storage company at 111 North 11th street.

Police found the death-vehicle shortly thereafter, but reported that all drivers for the firm denied having been operating the truck at the time of the crash. White was placed under arrest a short time later.

Seigler was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Seigler of 2017 Creechey avenue and was a veteran of World War II. A graduate of New Hanover high school, he was a

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NEW PLANE CRASH BARED IN CHINA

Twenty-Seven Feared Lost
As Second Vessel Is Re-
ported Missing

SHANGHAI, China, Jan. 28.—(AP)—A China National Aviation Corporation plane, with 27 persons including 11 American and Canadian missionaries aboard, was missing tonight between Hankow and Chungking.

The plane, piloted by Capt. John Papajik of New York City, is the second CNAC plane to disappear in the Chungking area within the past four days.

An intensive search is still on for the first plane, missing since Saturday with 19 persons aboard including Pilot J. M. Blackmore, of Los Angeles.

American and Canadian passengers aboard the latest missing airliner are believed to include:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Vick, of Rochester, N. Y., and two sons, Theodore, 3, and Paul, 18 months. The Vicks are connected with the China Inland mission.

Mrs. Beatrice Kitchen of Canada, who is connected with the United Church of Canada.

Mrs. F. Miller, of Canada, and three children.

A Bishop and Mrs. Keith, (not otherwise identified), believed to

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HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley

TOM SAY HE BOY GWINE
BE A LAWYUM
WELL, SUH, WID WHUT
HE PAPPY KIN DO WID
DE TRUF', DE BOY SHO
GOT DE MAKIN'S FUH IT!



VFW Official Greeted Upon Arrival In Wilmington



Representatives of local veterans' organizations, civic clubs and city and county officials were on hand to greet Louis E. Starr, national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, upon his arrival in Wilmington yesterday. He was guest of honor at a luncheon at the Cape Fear club and visited the Lake Forest housing area to inspect units to be purchased by members of Veterans Homes Incorporated. Shown (at center) greeting Starr, wearing overcoat upon his arrival at Blumenthal airport is E. C. Sneed, Commander of the James Manley post of the VFW. (CAROLINA CAMERA PHOTO)

POLISH ELECTION SCORED BY U. S.

State Department Charges
Failure To Allow Free
Voting

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The United States today denounced the Polish government's conduct of the January 19 national elections in Poland but declared that it intends to maintain a diplomatic mission in Warsaw.

While thus ruling out any immediate likelihood of breaking diplomatic relations with Poland, the United States reserved its "full liberty of action to determine its future attitude toward the government of Poland."

There was no official indication of what action might be taken, but possibilities included economic measures and even the recall of Ambassador Arthur Bliss Lane. Lane could be brought home for "consultations" with no formal diplomatic break.

A statement on Washington's view of the Polish elections was issued by the State Department after being approved by Secretary of State Marshall. It was the first major pronouncement on a question of European political policy since Marshall took office a week ago and was exactly in line with earlier declarations on Poland under former Secretary James F. Byrnes. The U. S. objection to the handling of the election is based on complaints that the government suppressed democratic opposition elements.

Lane Reports
The statement was issued after receipt of reports from Ambassador Lane. The reports were described as "based upon the observations of American officials who visited a number of Polish voting centers."

"These reports," the State department said, "were corroborated by the general tenor of the dispatches from foreign correspondents in Poland."

"It is clear that the provisional government did not confine its self to the suppression of the so-called 'underground' but employed widespread measures of coercion and intimidation against democratic elements which were loyal to Poland although not partisans of the government 'bloc.'"

The State department explained that the United States considers that the provisions of the Yalta and Potsdam agreements, guaranteeing free and unfettered elections in Poland and accepted by the Polish provisional government, have not been fulfilled.

Russians Object
It was these agreements, the statement brought out, which persuaded the United States to establish diplomatic relations with the Polish government in the first place. The agreements were subscribed to also by Britain and the Soviet Union, and the American statement noted that Russia had rejected an American plea of January 5 for a joint big three appeal to the Polish government to end to the Polish government to end repressive political practices.

The main contest in the January 19 voting was between the so-called bloc of government political parties under communist domination and the Polish peasant party led by Vice Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk. The Polish peasant party lost heavily.

The Polish government has taken

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VFW National Head Lauds Housing Plan

Praise for the Veterans Homes Incorporated project at Lake Forest was sounded by Louis E. Starr, National commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, during a visit to Wilmington yesterday.

Starr came to the city as the guest of the local James A. Manley Post of the VFW and was honored at a luncheon in the Cape Fear club with city and county officials as well as representatives of veterans' organizations in attendance.

He also lauded the efforts of VFW officers in handling the negotiations for the purchase of the 584 housing units from the Federal Public Housing Authority, agents of which are due in Wilmington next week to handle the final phases of the sale.

The appointment of General George C. Marshall as Secretary of State to succeed James F. Byrnes also was praised by Starr. He attributed to Marshall the knowledge of military needs and the affairs of state necessary to the conduct of this country's relations with other nations.

Following the tour of the Lake Forest area and the luncheon, Starr, who was accompanied by Wilmington by his son, Hal, and David LeRoy, editor of the North Carolina VFW Leader and former Wilmington newspaperman, left for Raleigh where he will address an audience gathered to honor Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy and ambassador to Mexico.

**STARR CITES DANGER
OF FOREIGN DOCTRINES**
RALEIGH, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The gravest and most serious problem (Continued on Page 2; Col. 3)

Day In Congress

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Taxes—Chairman Taber (R-NY) of the House-Senate budget committee, said he has found a way to save \$2,000,000,000 in a single government department. The War, Navy and Treasury departments are the only departments with budgets running over the two-billion mark. However, the Veterans administration is budgeted for \$7,343,000,000.

Taber said he is now shooting for a cut of \$4,500,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000 in President Truman's \$37,500,000,000 budget to clear the way for income-tax reductions.

Labor—Chairman Taft (R-Ohio) of the Senate Labor committee said the closed shop gives the unions "such tremendous power" over workers that Congress may have to outlaw it. The alternative, he said, is action to insure "democracy in unions."

Secretary of Labor Schwelb said the administration opposes drastic labor law changes. He predicted a big drop in work stoppages.

Atomic—David E. Lilienthal, chairman-designate of the atomic energy commission, told a joint congressional committee the nation must be careful about publishing technical reports on atomic energy, to prevent "leaks" to secret atomic atom data.

Foreign Affairs—The GOP (Continued on Page 2; Col. 4)

British Surgeon Cites Cure For Tired Feeling

LONDON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—One of the best treatments for certain kinds of tired businessmen is to take out about one fifth of their brains so they will be unencumbered by too much mental power.

This treatment was suggested today by Dr. A. Dickson Wright, a mental surgeon who addressed the Royal Society of Arts on a delicate brain operation called leucotomy.

Dr. Wright cited the case of a London company director who had what Washington government men had called "leucotomy" one fifth of his brain.

Upon recovery, the director—with four fifths of his brain working in high gear—was made chairman of the board.

"He could make decision faster than any of us," Dr. Wright quoted one of the director's colleagues as saying. "We always leave important decisions to him now."

The director, according to Wright, was just one of thousands of people who are suffering from too much brains. The surgical art of leucotomy (Continued on Page 2; Col. 4)

HOSTAGE JUDGE FREED UNHARMED

Second Victim Of Holy
Land Underground Still
Held Captive

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28.—(AP)—A sampled, unshaven British judge, still dressed in the dignified wig and robes of his office was released by his abductors tonight as the police intensified their search for a second British subject kidnaped by members of the Jewish underground.

Judge Ralph Windham, who was seized Monday from the bench in his courtroom in Tel Aviv, described his captors as cordial, mannerly people who were careful about seeing that he had enough to eat and read. They remained masked at all times.

There were reports that the second man, H. A. I. Collins, a banker and former British army officer, also had been released, but police said these could not be confirmed.

Collins was seized Sunday night from his home in Jerusalem by four men and a woman who chloroformed him and carried him into an ancient Moslem cemetery containing a maze of catacombs. Recalling that eyewitnesses told police that Collins' abductors struck him on the head with an ax handle, authorities speculated that the underground might hold him for a longer time in order to treat his injuries.

Shortly before Windham was released, reliable informants in Jerusalem said the British had fixed a deadline of 5 p. m. tomorrow for the invoking of statutory martial law in certain sections of Palestine unless both the judge and Collins were returned unharmed.

British authorities also drafted plans to protect other civilians from similar kidnappings.

Windham was taken by his captors to a textile factory on the outskirts of Ramat Gan and released. Police immediately cordoned off Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv, and began a search for the judge's kidnapers.

The judge was released about five miles from the courtroom where he was seized.

Coincidentally, Ramat Gan also figured in the chain of events which authorities said led up to the kidnaping of Windham and Collins.

Last May the police station in the town was attacked and Dov Bela Guner, 33-year-old member of the Jewish underground, was wounded and captured. Subsequently Guner was sentenced to be hanged for the attack—a sentence which has not yet been carried out. The following towns and beach developments: Wilmington, Wrightsville Beach, Carolina Beach, Wilmington (Continued on Page 2; Col. 4)

SENCBA OUTLINES PLAN FOR SEASON

Group Anticipating Large
Tourist Avalanche In
History

Highlights of the 1947 beach season, as outlined by the Southeastern North Carolina Beach Association yesterday—in anticipation of the largest tourist year in the history of the state—include a \$15,000 fishing rodeo, a state-wide fashion tour by a group of local models, and possible steps to exploit the excellent hunting available in this area.

Divulging that the SENCBA is acting to insure Southeastern North Carolina its full share of the \$100,000,000 in tourist dollars which it is estimated will be spent in North Carolina in 1947, Louis E. Orrell, SENCBA president, explained that the beach association is augmenting, on a localized scale, the publicity efforts of the State Department of Conservation and Development.

SENCBA directors, working in close cooperation with the Conservation department, now are preparing a tourist folder and a booklet publicizing the 1947 fishing rodeo for distribution along the Atlantic Seaboard.

Formally organized and incorporated last Fall, SENCBA's board of directors is comprised of two members from each of the following towns and beach developments: Wilmington, Wrightsville Beach, Carolina Beach, Wilmington (Continued on Page 2; Col. 4)

Along The Cape Fear

HIDDEN FORTUNES—Last night a perfect copy of the Bay Psalm book, the first book published in the English colonies, was sold at auction in New York City for \$151,000. The purchase price set a new all-time high for the top price ever paid for a rare book in this country.

The book was purchased by Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, internationally-known rare book dealer.

Dr. Rosenbach's purchase for \$151,000 broke the record set in 1926 when he paid \$106,000 for a Gutenberg bible for Mrs. Edward S. Harkness, who later donated the book to Yale University library.

The book purchased last night for the record-breaking sum is one of eleven existing copies of the psalm book, which was printed by the Puritans in 1640 and adopted by most of the congregations in the Massachusetts Bay colony—leading to its designation as the "Bay Psalm book."

PAYS TO LOOK—Now should someone raise the question as to what has the Bay Psalm book got to do with the Cape Fear area, we can only offer this suggestion: No doubt there are many, many valuable books stored away and gathering dust in many an attic along the Cape Fear.

No one in Southeastern North Carolina may be fortunate enough to find a copy of the Bay Psalm book among their belongings, but book among their fun they can have looking.

Many an interesting sidelight on the history of the Old North State may come to light if we would only take the time to make a fairly thorough search of that neglected attic or basement.

Not so long ago, one kind reader was thoughtful enough to call us and tell us about a package of old letters that he had uncovered while getting ready to move his residence. Being mostly of a personal nature along the Cape Fear could not bring excerpts from the latest find, called to our attention.

PICTURES GALORE—There are few residents of the Port City that cannot boast photographs that are now of general interest to all of us with a love of Port City lore.

Many readers have been most generous in making such photo (Continued on Page 2; Col. 4)

New Court Order Prevents Sugar Rationing Collapse; Truman To Visit Mexico

ALEMAN TO PLAY
HOST IN CAPITAL

After Three Days Mexican
Leader To Return As
Guest Of President

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—President Truman will fly to Mexico City early in March for a three-day visit with President Miguel Aleman, who will return the visit in Washington shortly thereafter.

An announcement that the two presidents will make the historic exchange of visits was quickly interpreted here as a move to cement good relations between the American republics. Diplomatic authorities said the journey will be a "gesture of good will" toward Mexico.

The two presidents are expected to discuss generally a broad range of matters affecting the two countries.

Some officials speculated that among the questions most likely to come up are the possibility of a U. S. Loan to help finance Mexico's ambitious industrialization and radio-broadcasting program, and the current epidemic of hoof-and-mouth disease in Mexico.

Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross said that neither the exact dates of the trip, nor other details, have been worked out yet. He added, however, that the trip "had been in the works for some time."

Informants in a position to know said details of the flight were arranged last fall by Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder.

Snyder discussed the possibility of a presidential trip to Mexico with Aleman, who was then presidential-elect and an invitation to Mr. Truman resulted.

Mr. Truman has wanted to see Mexico for a number of years. It was said, his trip will be the first such journey to Mexico City by a U. S. President.

The late President Roosevelt visited Mexico by train April 20, 1943, when he met former President Manuel Avila Camacho at Monterrey.

Ross said that Mr. Truman is expected to remain in Mexico City for about three days and will make the trip across the Rio Grande by plane.

This will be President Truman's third trip outside the country since taking office. He previously went to Potsdam for the Big Three conference in July, 1945 and vacationed in Bermuda last summer.

POLICE PROBING NEW DAHLIA NOTE

Stylish Slayer Of Elizabeth
Short Seeks Surrender Terms

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The self-styled slayer of Elizabeth Short, 22-year-old "Black Dahlia" has sent a new note offering to surrender "if I get 10 years," police reported today.

Just as in the case of four previous notes, today's communication was addressed to a newspaper. It said:

"I will give up in Dahlia killing if I get 10 years. Don't try to find me."

The missive was on a single sheet of paper and made up of letters and words clipped from newspaper headlines. It was mailed in Los Angeles last night.

Homicide Capt. Jack Donahoe took the note for study by police crime laboratory experts and said he would treat this note also as authentic until it is disproved.

Police chemist Ray Pinker's examination of the note showed several hairs imbedded under the cellulose tape used to stick the letters to the paper.

Capt. Donahoe reported his office was maintaining a "murder watch" on telephone calls and mail in the hope that the slayer would keep his promise to surrender at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

The veteran detective said he obviously could not offer the killer of Miss Short a 10-year jail term for the brutal mutilation murder.

"But I'm ready to meet with the killer any time at any place and arrange for a surrender," he said.

Capt. Donahoe said he placed some hopes that the note received (Continued on Page 2; Col. 6)

BILBO RECOVERING
AFTER SUCCESSFUL
OPERATION ON JAW

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo, recovering from an operation of Jan. 20 on his jaw, was pronounced today completely free of the effects of a malignant growth, which was removed from his mouth in a previous operation.

The Senator is still under treatment at Toussaint infirmary, with a "No Visitors" sign hung on his door. He is expected to remain in the hospital for 10 days to two weeks longer.

Then in another month Bilbo will return to the hospital for work described by his surgeon as plastic construction.

This would be in the nature of reconstruction of the jaw from which a piece of dead bone was removed in the second operation.

Meantime a contest over seating the Senator in Washington has been held in absence while he recovers his health.

SOLONS DISCUSS BONUS FOR VETS

Southern Democrats Favor
More Assistance To
Servicemen

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Talk of a bonus for a life of World War II arose in the House veterans committee today as it went to work on a stack of legislation for former servicemen.

The committee approved unanimously a bill to let veterans have more time to restate their government life insurance policies.

Sentiment for a bonus appeared chiefly among southern democrats, when the committee tackled measures to end or raise the ceilings on the amount the government pays to veterans going to school or learning jobs.

Rep. Rankin (D-Miss), former chairman of the committee, remarked that millions of veterans are getting schooling, training, loans and the like. But other millions who had to come back and go right to work are getting nothing, he said. He added that a bonus is the only way to close part of the gap.

Rep. Allen (D-La.) spoke up along similar lines.

Omar B. Ketchum, director of the Veterans of Foreign Wars legislative service told the committee his organization had made a study of the cost of the G. I. Bill of Rights, and:

"We have come to the conclusion it will eventually cost this nation approximately \$20,000,000,000 and benefit substantially less than 7,000,000 veterans. Unless this Congress pays adjusted service compensation (to us), the bulk of veterans are going to receive nothing except the experience of having served in World War II."

The life insurance bill would give the Veterans administration the right to reinstate policies without physical examination after (Continued on Page 2; Col. 6)

TEACHERS' GROUP LAUDS PAY STAND

Lennon And Kermon Prais-
ed By Local Unit Of Edu-
cation Association

New Hanover county's legislators, Representative R. M. Kermon and Senator Alton A. Lennon were lauded for their efforts in the legislation aimed at bringing an increase in salary to teachers during a recent meeting of local teachers, it was learned last night.

The meeting of the local unit of the North Carolina Education Association was called by John L. Glisson, president, for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the legislative situation as it applies to schools.

A discussion on the recent developments was presented to the group by Glisson and Mrs. Edyth Winingham, chairman of the local legislative committee.

Both commended the two New Hanover legislators and expressed confidence in their future actions toward teachers' salaries.

Views on the controversial matters was aired at a public hearing conducted by the revision commission and attended by about 100 persons. Presiding over the hearing was Dean R. H. Wattach of the University of North Carolina Law School, chairman of the revision commission.

The commission met tonight to consider the views expressed at (Continued on Page 2; Col. 4)

HEARING CALLED FOR FEBRUARY 6

Temporary Victory Hand-
ed Down By Court Of
Appeals In Capital

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—OPA won a temporary victory today in its fight to save the sugar rationing system from threatened collapse.

The late-hour triumph came when Chief Justice D. Lawrence Groner of the U. S. Court of Appeals granted a stay of execution on a district court order which OPA attorney said might result in junking the entire sugar rationing program.

Two other justices of the six-man court of appeals, Henry V. Edgerton and E. Barrett Prettyman, concurred in Justice Groner's action. A hearing was set for Feb. 7.

Earlier, the OPA had suffered an initial setback when Federal District Judge F. Dickinson Letts ordered OPA to stop limiting sugar supplies of industrial users under the "wartime" formula.

The formula is based on the amount of sugar used by a company in previous years, thus determining how much its quota will be in time of shortages.

OPA argued that it had no other basis on which to allot sugar to industrial users, and that if limits were taken off that class of consumers they could bid in so much sugar that the remaining supply would not go around for household use.

Judge Letts, overruling the OPA plea that his order would require "complete abandonment of the present system of sugar rationing," told the OPA it had two alternatives:

1. Develop a new system.
2. Continue the "invalid" program until the court of appeals makes a decision.

Carl Auerbach, chief OPA counsel, immediately rushed to the court of appeals to ask for the higher court's stay order after telling Judge Letts that "irreparable damage to the public" would result from the stop order.

The ruling followed a suit by the Moberly Milk Products Co. of Moberly, Mo., which contended that the "historical use" formula is illegal under the war mobilization and reconversion act.

Raymond Dickey, attorney for the Moberly Co., told newsmen the ruling prohibits OPA from allocating sugar to sweeten condens-

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GEORGIA RUSHING NEW PRIMARY LAW

Talmadge Forces Show
Power In Lower House
Of State Legislature

Talmadge forces today showed down amendments to the White primary bill and pushed through initial sections of the measure designed to restrict Democratic primaries to White voters.

A substitute for the Talmadge-backed White primary bill, which would leave primaries under statutory control but tighten educational qualifications of voters, was ruled out of order in the House by Speaker Fred Hand.

The lower branch voted 94 to 87 against cutting off debate on the bill shortly before adjournment. Work will be resumed on the measure tomorrow morning.

While Talmadge leaders pushed the White primary bill through the lower branch, the dispute of rival governors threatened an empty pay-day for 2,900 state employees.

Grinding out section after section voiding state control of future primaries, the House repealed Georgia's unique county-unit system which for decades has given political control to sparsely-settled rural counties. Talmadge leaders explained repeal was necessary to restore the "White primary" and bar Negroes from Georgia ballot boxes, but emphasized the system was carried over in party regulations.

The Talmadge-sponsored measure removes primaries from statutory regulation, and makes (Continued on Page 2; Col. 8)

And So To Bed

Del McGowan, local musician and operator of a service station, had quite an experience the other night.

He closed his station and started for home. Near the Wilmington air-park his car spluttered to a stop. He was out of gas. McGowan trekked to the nearest telephone and put in a call for help. While waiting for aid, he decided to try again. This time the car started. He called his thanks to the owner of the telephone and started on his way.

The motor purred, but it only purred for about 15 yards, when with a sput and sputter, the car halted again. This time, McGowan was really out of fuel.

Another trek to again wake the resident and put in another call. Help soon arrived and Del again was on his way.

Proposed Insurance Law Changes Find Opposition

Proposed legislation to revamp North Carolina's insurance laws ran into a storm of opposition at a hearing here today.

More than a score of spokesmen for banks, insurance companies, building and loan associations, mortgage loan firms and realtors enthusiastically picked alleged flaws in proposed bills drafted by the commission on revision of the North Carolina insurance laws.

Principal opposition was aimed at proposals which would, in effect, eliminate group-insurance coverage of members of profes-