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The Lady Had A Change Of Heart



Ellen Edwards (left), pert 17-year-old English girl from London, and ex-GI Theodore Crabtree (right) a coal miner are all smiles at Superior, W. Va., after she announced her plans to marry Crabtree for whom she jilted Arnold Buesing of Waterloo, Neb. Buesing paid \$250 for her passage to the United States and met her at the dock with a wedding ring. They went to his sister's home in Yadkinville, N. C., to be married, but he said she disappeared three hours after they arrived there. (AP Wirephoto).

State Solons Debating Outlawing Of Fireworks

Similar Bill Expected To Be Introduced In Senate At Raleigh

RALEIGH, Jan. 30.—(P)—Two highly controversial issues—liquor and fireworks—claimed chief attention in the legislature today, while a proposed \$11,000 appropriation for grants-in-aid for construction and improvement of school buildings gained committee approval.

Starting Today The Star-News Broadcast SET FOR 7:25 P. M.

Starting today the Star-News broadcast, which has been presented at 6:25 in the past, will be heard at 7:25, an hour later. The 8:15 a. m. and the 1:25 p. m. broadcast will continue at the same hour as previously.

DRIVER ORDERED HELD BY CORONER

Operator Of Truck In Fatal Accident Bound Over To Superior Court

Randolph White, Negro of 1109 Market street, was bound over for grand jury action on a charge of hit and run driving resulting in death following a coroner's inquest last night into the death of Robert Seigler, Tuesday.

TEACHER'S DEATH CALLED ACCIDENT

Divorcee Found Hurt Near West Virginia Home; Hit-Run Case

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Survey Underway

A survey of the southern extension of Wrightsville beach for the purpose of aiding the residents of the resort town in checking erosion conditions was underway yesterday by the office of the district engineer, it was revealed by an engineer spokesman.

WELCOME LETTER

Yesterday we received a letter from Mr. Charles W. McIver of Kure Beach for which we are most grateful. Letters are always welcome but seldom does the same letter contain kind words plus a valuable picture for which we have hunted high and low.

Along The Cape Fear

Not so long ago Along The Cape Fear had a word or two to say about the Customhouse here. We had a good bit of data on the new Customhouse, but the old Customhouse remained elusive as far as pictures were concerned.

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At Least 8 Die In Wake Of Tornado

High Winds Rip Into Alabama, Central Georgia Injuring Over 70

HANGAR LEVELED

Town Of Bethel, 30 Miles From Montgomery, Suffers Major Loss

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—At least eight dead, two injured and more than 70 injured in a tornado that struck into Alabama and Georgia today.

Hardest hit of the three communities in Alabama which felt the lashing winds was Kent, about 30 miles northeast of the capital city of Montgomery. Four Negroes were reported killed there and two were missing.

Three persons died at Bethel, some 75 miles southeast of Montgomery, and 12 or 13 were reported hurt.

The winds skipped into Georgia and wrecked the main hangar and 25 barracks being converted into houses at the Herbert Smart airport near Macon, Ga. Eleven planes were demolished and 24 persons injured.

Further to the south, several houses were blown down and three persons hurt near Tifton, Ga.

Earlier, a tornado struck Haywood and Crockett counties in west Tennessee, killing a farmer and injuring 12 other persons. Heavy rain and hail accompanied the winds. Power and telephone lines were disrupted.

Montgomery itself, where 26 lives were lost in a tornado about two years ago to the day, escaped damage. The twister hit just outside the city limits, near the army's Gunter Field, leaving 15 persons injured.

Fourteen Negroes and two white persons were hospitalized at Tallahassee, Fla., six miles from Kent, and two more victims were treated for minor injuries and discharged.

An undertaker, Clinton Mann, said a three-year-old Negro child and two adults were dead.

Miss Ruby Gorham, city clerk at Georgiana, Ala., 12 miles east of the scene of the Bethel storm, said three bodies had been counted. Two of them were Negroes, she said, but she did not know about the other. The injured were taken to a hospital at Greenville.

At Kent, the death toll might be even higher, said the state highway patrol. A radio operator at patrol headquarters here said he heard that four persons had died, but the report was not confirmed.

Property Damage High

Property damage was extensive but no estimate of the loss was available.

A score of homes and other farm buildings were leveled near Montgomery. At Kent, the Red Cross listed 11 homes demolished and 37 others damaged. Bethel, a cross-roads community, was "virtually wiped out."

Miss Gorham told the Associated Press from her office in Georgiana that only one of the half dozen or so stores in Bethel were left standing. She reported that storm victims were buried beneath uprooted trees and smashed houses.

The storm presumably hit Bethel first then traveled northeastward to Montgomery and on to Kent.

Red Cross disaster workers were mobilized for relief work in the stricken communities.

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City Det. L. E. Warren said both he and state trooper R. G. Goen were of the opinion the 28-year-old daughter of state labor commissioner Charles Sattler was the victim of a hit-and-run accident. She was found dying early today on a deserted street corner near her home.

Previously, police chief Harold B. Cornwell had said indications were she "was run over by an automobile and left unattended to die in the middle of the street. It is our opinion that this is a homicide."

Warren said two men and a woman were companions of Miss Sattler in an early morning automobile ride that preceded her death.

He said he was told the school teacher and one of the men left the other couple a short distance from her home and that the man accompanied Miss Sattler to a point outside her house, where she declined to proceed any further and "disappeared."

Miss Sattler was divorced eight months ago and allowed to resume her maiden name.

Suspect Is Booked In 'Black Dahlia' Slaying



The coatless man at left, who gave his name as Daniel S. Voorhees, is booked on suspicion of murder at Los Angeles after he walked into police headquarters, according to Capt. Jack Donahoe, and said he wanted "to confess" to the mutilation slaying of Elizabeth Short, known as the "Black Dahlia." The officers with the suspect were not identified. Miss Short's mutilated body was found on a vacant lot in Los Angeles recently. (AP Wirephoto).

RENT HIKE ORDER REMAINS RIDDLE

Senate Banking Committee Primed To Quiz OTC Chieftain

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(P)—Separators ran into a blank wall today in an effort to solve Washington's No. 1 mystery of the moment: Who was behind the 10 per cent rent increase order which President Truman killed at birth last night?

Members of the Senate banking committee were primed to quiz James W. Follin, deputy administrator of the office of temporary controls (OTC), who was scheduled to appear before the committee today.

But Follin, and other administration witnesses, postponed their appearances. No explanation was given.

Senator Tobey (R-N.H.), chairman of the committee which opened hearings on proposals to boost rent ceilings 15 per cent, leave them alone or end them entirely, called last night's affair a "comedy of errors" and added:

"Somebody is embarrassed, to put it mildly. The explanation should be very interesting."

Other committee members, including Sen. Capehart (R-Ind.), indicated they were curious, and it appeared that Follin would be questioned closely.

The rent order apparently emanated from OTC, into which OPA has been absorbed. OPA alerted reporters to what was coming, but it never came. Instead, White House press secretary told reporters Mr. Truman had approved no 10 per cent boost.

Another high government official said privately that the President had killed the order as soon as it reached him, that appears "quite definite there will be no across-the-board increase at this time."

Meanwhile a Senate small business subcommittee recommended the abolition of rent control on new construction, while retaining ceilings on existing homes with adjustments where needed in individual cases.

This report was presented by Senator Stewart (D-Tenn.), head of the complaints subcommittee, to Sen. Murray (D-Mont.), retiring chairman of the small business body.

The Stewart subcommittee also urged, among other things: That the order limiting commercial construction "be continued and rigorously enforced" until there is an assured supply of materials for both housing and non-residential building; and That the government "concentrate its efforts to encourage private capital" to build big-scale housing projects.

In another housing sector, the CIO launched an attack on Senator Taft (R-Ohio) for his failure to date to introduce long-range housing legislation.

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The Weather

FORECAST
North Carolina—Clear to partly cloudy and colder Friday and Friday night; lowest temperature freezing or slightly below in west and central portions Friday night; Saturday increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer.

South Carolina—Fair and colder Friday and Friday night; lowest temperature near freezing in northwest portion Friday night; Saturday partly cloudy and slightly warmer.

Temperatures
(Eastern Standard Time)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.
1:30 a. m. 64; 7:30 a. m. 63; 1:30 p. m. 71; 7:30 p. m. 67.
Maximum 74; Minimum 60; Mean 67; Normal 74.

Humidity
1:30 a. m. 91; 7:30 a. m. 86; 1:30 p. m. 70; 7:30 p. m. 67.

Precipitation
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.—0.05 inches.
Total since the first of the month—2.16 inches.

Tides For Today
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)
High Low
Wilmington — 4:44 a. m. 12:12 a. m.
Masonboro Inlet — 5:03 p. m. 8:54 a. m.
2:19 a. m. 8:54 a. m.
2:41 p. m. 9:08 p. m.
Sunrise 7:10; Sunset 5:42; Moonrise 12:41 p. m.; Moonset 2:06 a. m.
River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. Thursday, 13.2 feet.

AIRPORT BOARD TO MEET TODAY

Representative Clark's Secretary Expected To Report On WAA Action

A meeting of the Wilmington-New Hanover Airport Authority has been scheduled for this morning at 11 o'clock with Marion Shuffler, secretary to U. S. Representative J. Bayard Clark, slated to be in attendance, it was revealed last night.

Expected to be the chief subject of discussion is the effect of the War Assets Administration order freezing equipment at Blumenthal airport. The WAA action came on the heels of charges leveled at the WAA by Clark, who said that the organization has been guilty of removing, maintaining and operational materials from the field.

The WAA freezing order directed that no materials of any kind be removed from the airport, according to Shuffler, who came to Wilmington yesterday in reference to the matter.

Portions of the field are slated to be turned over to New Hanover county but as yet documents effecting the change of control have not arrived even though their departure from Washington has been disclosed.

No action concerning the airport equipment is expected to be taken until after the arrival of the papers transferring control of the county, it was reported.

Carolina Officials Hear Need Of Ports

Legislators Told Neglect In Developing State Harbors Would Be Nothing Less Than "Shame And A Crime"

RALEIGH, Jan. 30.—(P)—The state ports authority told state officials and legislators today that unless North Carolina starts spending money to develop its ports, particularly Wilmington, her industries will fall far behind her sister southern states.

Legislators were told that unless they appropriate money to improve state ports now that they have an opportunity, "it will be nothing less than a shame and a crime."

COMPLETE STUDY OF YARD PLEDGED

Steelman To Investigate Local Facilities For President Truman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(P)—Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman today advised North Carolina congressmen he will complete a thorough investigation into the status of the North Carolina Shipbuilding yard at Wilmington before reporting to President Truman.

Senators Hoey (D-N.C.) and Unstead (D-N.C.), and Rep. Clark (D-N.C.), conferred with Steelman "to present the full background and importance of North Carolina in obtaining these yards for the state." Unstead told a reporter.

He added, "Dr. Steelman indicated a real interest."

Last week Tar Heel congressmen met with members of the state ports authority, then took their case to the White House.

R. B. Page, Wilmington publisher, who is chairman of the port authority, at that time repeated the state's offer of \$1,200,000 to the Maritime commission for the shipyard.

The group also asked the president to hold up any disposal of equipment in the shipyard until the entire "matter is satisfactorily finished."

President Truman told the North Carolinians they said, that he would have Steelman investigate in detail before any final action is taken.

MARCH OF DIMES EXTENDED HERE

County Chairman Rhodes Reveals Campaign To Continue 10 Days

A large crowd attended the March of Dimes Ball at the Cape Fear Armory last night and according to W. K. Rhodes, Jr., chairman of the local drive, over \$250 was cleared.

Rhodes also announced that the drive has been extended ten days in an effort to reach New Hanover county's goal of \$8,200.

Music for the dance was furnished by Gordon Simpkins and his orchestra.

During the evening of dancing, Little Miss Patsy Davenport, a former victim of polio was crowned "Queen of the Ball" by Rhodes.

The drive chairman reported late last night that contributions were "trickling" in at a slow pace, but quickly added that the added ten days should see New Hanover county reach its goal.

Day In Congress

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Taxes—Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) said the Republican party's goal is a 20 percent cut in income taxes, but the party is not committed to apply it to all incomes.

Two GOP lawmakers, Reps. Knutson (Minn.) and Engel (Mich.), almost came to blows in a congressional cafeteria row over "across-the-board" tax cut proposals.

Labor—Creation of a special "labor court" to enforce congressional restrictions on unions and employers was urged at a senate labor committee hearing by Ludwig Teller, New York labor consultant. He said congress should outlaw the closed shop. Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said the national labor relations board had "tried to put a CIO union in every plant in the United States in every plant."

Atomic—Senator Bricker (R-Ohio) told the senate atomic committee he objects strongly to sharing U. S. atom bomb secrets because it might "lead us right into the holocaust we are trying to prevent." Bricker said the A-bomb should be outlawed by international agreement as a weapon of war.

Air Safety—President W. A. Patterson of United Airlines told a senate group that anti-crash safety devices should be installed at 200 U. S. airfields. He said they would make air travel "as safe as surface transportation" in three to five years.

Prospects Brighten

Morning Star Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Prospects of linking Wilmington and other southeastern cities with the Caribbean by air appeared somewhat brighter to congressmen from that area today after they had urged civil aeronautics board chairman James Landis to approve Colonial Airlines' proposed route from New York southward along the Atlantic Seaboard.

Representative L. Mendel Rivers of Charleston led the delegation which included several other congressmen from South Carolina and neighboring states. Representatives Clark, Bonner and Barden of North Carolina are backing the proposed route, which would touch Elizabeth City, New Bern, and Wilmington.

And So To Bed

The Penny Parade has now dwindled to a half-penny parade. R. H. Caudill, 1909 Ann street, who is Boy's work secretary of the local YMCA, has in his small collection a British half-penny bearing the date 1744.

Mr. Caudill tells us the coin was given him by a serviceman, who had been overseas. The coin had turned black, but after a thorough scrubbing it proved to be in good condition with the inscription showing up well. The coin was minted in India, Mr. Caudill reported.



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HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley

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