

FORECAST:
WILMINGTON AND VICINITY: Considerable cloudiness and some light rain today with little change in temperature; Saturday clear to partly cloudy and a little warmer.

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Doctors Divide Over New Medical School

**FIREMAN ADMITS
KILLING SOLDIER**

**Confession May Release
Hickory Man Now Serving
Life Term**

FRESNO, CALIF., Feb. 13.—(AP)—Breaking a 32-month silence, a 25-year-old locomotive fireman today told officers that he had killed a soldier in 1944, and that another man was serving a life term in prison for the crime.

Detective Sgt. S. G. Vind said Ohio Charles Stockdale, Fresno, surrendered yesterday and related the story.

FBI agents are investigating the story which, if proved, would free former Army Pvt. A. B. Richie, Hickory, N. C., who is serving a life sentence at Leavenworth, Kas., for the killing of Cpl. Pete Defusco, Uniontown, Pa., near Camp Phillips, Salina, Kas., in June, 1944.

Richie, originally condemned to death by an Army court-martial, was given a Presidential commutation to life imprisonment. Stockdale was booked for failure to process a draft card pending investigation.

Dumped Body
Vind said Stockdale related that the killing occurred after a drunk argument and that when he believed Defusco was dead he took the body and dumped it into a field. Stockdale said his conscience never bothered him when he learned Richie had been convicted because "I didn't know the guy."

Suspect Worried
Vind said Stockdale appeared worried, asking "What do you think they will give me?" after repeating his story of the killing.

**CARTIER TO HEAD
SPEAKERS BUREAU**
Group Will Aid During Red
Cross Fund Raising
Campaign

Walter J. Cartier was yesterday appointed chairman of the speakers bureau to aid in the forthcoming Red Cross campaign. Appointment was made by J. H. Carswell and N. A. Avera, co-chairmen of the drive.

**WEATHERMAN SAYS
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HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS
By Alley
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DEK DRINK 'FUM OLE
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"NO"

Relief Plane Crashes With Fight Aboard

**Issue Only One Against
Good Health Program
In North Carolina**

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CITIES ISOLATED

**Coal Shortage Spreads To
Continent; 130 Die Of
Cold In Berlin**

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Britain's worst winter in half a century claimed the lives of eight men today in the flaming wreckage of an RAF bomber carrying parachute-packed food for a snowbound Staffordshire village.

The Halifax bomber crashed two miles from Butterton where villagers had marked sooty crosses on snowdrifts as the plane for the dropping of the first food supplies in 10 days of complete isolation.

Real Issue
The real issue facing the people, he said, "is the implementation of the basic principle established by the General assembly of 1945 to effectuate a total health program, including a state-supported medical school to train the workers to perform the multiple services."

**POWER CRISIS END
NOT YET SIGHTED**
LONDON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Dwindling supplies of coal in the north of England have ended speculation of a power crisis in the region.

**SPECULATION RIFE
AS TO NEW CHIEF**
Regulation Requires Casteen's Successor To Be Picked From Force

Speculation as to who will succeed Charles H. Casteen as chief of the Wilmington police department was rampant yesterday but officials responsible for the selection refused to give any hint as to who might be under consideration for the position.

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**Former Twin-City Man
Sought After Slaying**

COLUMBUS, Ind., Feb. 13.—(AP)—Mrs. Ruth Clark Edman, 38, an attractive journalism student and artist, was shot and killed today and police began hunting for her estranged husband, David Edman, 40, wealthy, retired war contractor who had attempted unsuccessfully to win her back.

Canine War Veteran In Hiding From Gas Execution



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Commission Recommends State Build New Capitol At Raleigh

The Weather
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South Carolina: Considerable cloudiness, little change in temperature Friday morning, Saturday partly cloudy and a little warmer.

Present 107-Year-Old Edifice Would Be Turned Into Art Gallery

RALEIGH, Feb. 13.—(AP)—A new state capitol, with the present 107-year-old structure being turned into a state art gallery and hall of history, was recommended today by a special commission that studied the matter for two years.

The report was submitted shortly before the big money committee, finance and appropriations, took up requests for support of a proposed good health program, and chain store taxes.

**HUSBAND FREED
AFTER INQUEST**
French Tells Last Known Events In Life Of Coast Victim

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The last known events in the life of Jeanne French, 40, whose broken body was found in a field last Monday, were told at an inquest today by her grief-stricken husband.

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Committee To Probe Milk Strike Story

**PRESIDENT SOLID
FOR LILIENTHAL**

**Chief Executive Pledges
Unyielding Support To
AEC Nominee**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—President Truman pledged his unyielding support today to David E. Lilienthal, his choice for chairman of the atomic energy commission, and branded cries of communism against Lilienthal as "completely unfounded."

Mr. Truman made it plain to a news conference that he does not intend to withdraw the nomination, saying that he considers Lilienthal fully and thoroughly equipped and that he will stay with him straight along.

White Against
Almost as Mr. Truman was speaking, Sen. A. E. Acheson, Republican Leader White, of Maine, announced against Lilienthal for the atomic post.

Strike Threatened
The union, he said, threatened to put the company out of business unless it signed a new contract to meet terms agreed to by branches of two national dairies.

**MORGANTHAU WILL
RETURN "DIARY"**
Any Portions Of 900-Volume Collection Needed, Will Go Back

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Former Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., agreed to return to the treasury any materials from his controversial 900-volume "diary" that may be needed for the department's official records, Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder announced tonight.

**THURSDAY SELECTED FOR
EARLY CLOSING DURING
SUMMER MONTHS**

Retail merchants in the city will observe the half-holiday during the summer months, May through September, on Thursday this year rather than Wednesday, J. H. Carswell, president of the Retail Merchants' association, announced yesterday following a meeting of that group.

And So To Bed
No one knows for certain who started St. Valentine's Day, but since love is as old as Eve, the first Valentine in history was probably a heart-shaped rock carved by a prehistoric cave man and tossed with tender solicitude at his "cave girl."

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