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DEFENSE CHARGES GRISSETT ABUSED

Officer

For the better port of 52 minbasted the methods used by three charged with store-breaking, lar- police force.

ceny and receiving. Judge Luther Hamilton.

In his address to the jury, he said that as Grissett's attorney, that everything he had told Chief he was not invited to the hearing held by N. J. Wolfe, and E. B. Murray, city detectives; and Harry Fales, city-county identification bureau chief.

The Sunday Star-News came in for some unkind words for making oath." picture of Grissett during the questioning in Fales' office.

He said that Fales did not want him at the hearing, but that he wanted the newspaper reporters, photographers and radio reporters. "None of us are infallible," he 'not even Murray. He has made mistakes before. He will make a million more before he dies," and added that "I expect if

hung, along with his wife and He declared that the officers raised Grissett's bond from \$3,000 he entered the army. to \$9,000 "just to punish him" and keep him in jail. The bond later

He charged Fales with inviting representatives of the press and the animal for \$1.50. radio to the five-hour "gruelling" vited "just to embarass" Grissett, by his attorneys.

Frink, and wiped sweat from his stand. brow and hands and twitched and

squirmed in his chair. department) on the witness stand,' he roared. "Why gentlemen, Lieutenant Hughes testified that during the month of July, Mr. Grissett

WILDLIFE FORCES SCORE IN HOUSE

Separation Bill; New Measures

House overwhelmingly passed to northern point. day the North Carolina Wildlife division of game and inland fishtries from the Department of Conservation and development, while the Senate received a measure to promote safety on the highways Adell Somerset. committee session, there was talk of Communismetaoinnn House committee on manufacturing and labor voted by a wide payment of union dues.

The wildlife bill, to which only and rifles from Krug. with the House committee, but about the matter. preferred to withhold its vote un-

til after house action. mittee, meanwhile, turned thumbs and put her in jail." down on the South Piedmont plan under which teachers' salaries had debated the plan briefly, only one vote was heard in opposition to an unfavorable report. Public Hearing

A House Finance sub-committee held a public hearing on a bill to permit a vote in Hickory on the question of opening alcoholic bev-

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HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS By Alley

WEN US HAD TWO DOLLAH BILLS DEY'D BUY SUMP'N _ BUT HIT TEK A FI' DOLLAH BILL TO DO DAT NOW!



Former Police Officer Tells Court Of Earlier

Ex-Police Officer Roy Grissett Prosecutor Cites Record nervously told a New Hanover County Superior Court jury yesterday afternoon that it was "sometimes" necessary for him to be under oath in order that he might tell the truth.

That admission came under the For the data afternoon in New rapid-fire cross - examination of Hanover County Superior Court Solicitor Clifton Moore. Grissett here, Attorney Elbert Brown lam-took the stand as court reconvened officers in questioning Roy Gris- charged with larceny and receivsett last Jan. 18 when he was ing while a member of the local

A charge of store-breaking and Yesterday the store-breaking entering was dismissed yesterday tharge was dismissed by Presiding morning by Judge Luther Hamilton ton, presiding. Grissett admitted to the court

Charles Casteen, during the investigation of the case, was a lie. "You weren't telling the chief the truth, were you?" Moore ask-

to tell the truth?" Moore asked. "Sometimes," he said.

Grissett when he denied that he had three outboard motors belonging to the Anchor Hardware Co., for which he stands indicted. Casteen had testified that Gris-

the presence of other officers. During the cross-examination, he Murray had his way in this matter, he'd have this boy (Grissett) of 12 he wrote a letter to a married woman which contained improper proposals. He also said that he got into similar trouble just before

Solicitor Moore asked him if it wasn't the truth that on the way home from church the day he was baptized he stole a goat and sold

Grissett answered in the affirmafrom the record under objection NY.) Dressed in the same blue suit

During the thundering address to which he has worn throughout the the jury, Grissett sat at the table trial, he visibly was nervous durbeside his other counsel, J. Bunn ing his 50 minutes on the witness

victed of assault on a female. the Senate, where a majority of However, he said the charge later Republicans favor a \$4,500,000,000 I can't see why the prosecution However, he said the charge later put Lieutenant Hughes (T. B. was dismissed after he had joined Hughes of the Wilmington police the army. He was sent to the East Carolina training school and spent seven months there when he was

Goff, except that he drove a big van to Wilmington about every

Lower Chamber Passes He said that he had been in the service with Goff. He said that he didn't know the name of the worked, nor did he knew where RALEIGH, Feb. 20 -(P)-The brought to Wilmington from some

Federation's bill to separate the late at night and parked the truck at Second and Dock Streets. This question, which he said he sold to

and sold it for \$130. He said he sistant John Steelman calls North bought other motors from a man Carolina Congressional leaders and the county would ask the Tide named Krug, who operated a maritime commission officials to- Water Power company to purchase margin in favor of a bill to out. Chicken stall at the city market, gether for a face-to-face conference electrical facilities at the airport Winston-Salem Also Relaw the closed shop, and to elimi- But Krug has disappeared, he ence. hate mandatory check-offs for said, to parts unknown. He said he also had bought some shotguns

The joint Appropriations com- don't we will go get your wife the commission's side of the mat-

raise money with which to prose- meeting to thrash out the differ-Would be increased an average of cute H. L. Gurley, another ex- ences, if possible. Senator Hoey 68 per cent. After the committee (Continued on Page 3, Column 1)

WEATHERMAN SAYS CONTINUED COLD

terday was badly needed by local build up its shipping which was a farmers, R. W. Galphin, county "war casualty." farm agent, said. It should have been enough to bring up the seed shipyard area as a port terminal planted, he added, provided we

Offenses

239-159 Vote

"No!" he said. "I wasn't under

"Do you have to be under oath

The questions were directed at

sett had admitted the charge in admitted that when he was a boy bottom.

He said that in 1939 he was con-

12 years old, he said. outboard motor from the Anchor (Continued on Page 3, Column 7) and buildings at Bluethenthal air-Hardware Co. here. He said he got the motor from a truck driver named Goff. He said that was all STEELMAN PLANS

three months loaded with hardtransfer company for whom Goff Goff delivered the merchandise he

Grissett said Goff came to town was where he got the motor in the surplus Wilmington N. C..

He said he paid \$60 for the motor next week when Presidential As- sion and approved the plan as

Moore asked him why he had time today, answering the maritime senate, whose conservation and development committee met.

Moore asked him why he had time today, answering the maritime commission's objections to sale of the yard, which it has earmented as one of four to be kept

EXPECTED IN AREA

The weather forecast for Wilmington today is cloudy and continued cool. A low of 34 was predicted for early this morning by ing than if it were left idle in only Paul Hess, local weatherman, with the mercury due to rise to about 46 during the day. A high ernment would get \$1,200,000 of 56 degrees was recorded yester-

Slash Comes took the stand as court reconvened from the noon recess. He is

Congressmen Follow Party Lines After GOP Stymies Floor Amendments

SENATE GETS BILL

Capitol Hill Observers Believe Final Cut Will Be \$4,500,000,000

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. -(A)-The Republican - controlled House voted tonight to try to hold spending in the next fiscal year to \$31,-500,000,000, where President Truman had set \$37,500,000,000 as rock

The \$6,000,000,000 slash recommended by the Senate-House Budget committee, calling for cuts in Army and Navy as well as other funds, sailed through on a rollcall vote of 239 to 159 which generally followed party lines.

Twelve Democrats joined 227 Re publicans in support of the slash It was opposed by 157 Democrats of Grissett, and termed the hearing tive, but his answer was stricken we'side show." The press was infrom the record under objection we.) and Rep. Marcantonio (AL-

> Chairman Knutson (R.-Minn.) of the House Ways and Means committee declared the economy would assure a 2 per cent cut in individual income taxes.

However the issue now moves to budget slash to protect Army and Navy funds, instead of the \$6, 000,000,000 cut recommended by the Senate-House Budget committee.

SHIPYARD PARLEY

Of Local Facility Nears Climax

By FRANK VAN DER LINDEN Morning Star Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- Probably the final round in the long pattle over the proposed sale of the surplus Wilmington N. C., shipyard to the North Carolina sioners and Harry Gardner, board WEST CAROLINA State Ports authority will occur

Steelman heard Senators Hoey and Umstead, and Representative Clark conferred with Steelman at marked as one of four to be kept He said that he admitted the act in reserve for future emergencies.

Grissett denied that he tried to Now he will arrange a joint emphasized, however, that although Steelman is "really anxious to help us," the project may fall

Hoey, Umstead and Clark told Steelman today that the government would save the maintenance expense of keeping the stand by yard, if the property were sold to the state ports authority, which would actually keep it in better condition for emergency shipbuildcaretaker status.

Besides, they argued, the govfered by the state.

They said the government should The rain over the county yes- feel obligated to help Wilmington

Wilmington needs to develop the 27, 1776. don't get another cold wave soon. (Continued on Page 3, Column 3)

Army Heads Parry Thrust Against Its Ban On Duels

f the American Bar association cal interest."

chuckle, "There is the possibili- martial.

The army parried today a thrust and it certainly can do no harm at its ancient ban against duels. to leave the section in I would the defeat in 1771 of the Regulary TORY PLANS — The plan of the ecommendation of a committee books a provision of such histori- eastern faction.

that Article 91 of the Articles of The section is one of the oldest War be deleted. It said in a state ment that the article forbidding duels may be "obsolete" but it fixes "certain standards of conduct the fixes" certain standards of conduct the fixes "certain standards of conduct the fixes" certain standards of conduct the fixes "certain standards of conduct the fixes" certain standards of conduct the fixes "certain standards of conduct the fixes" certain standards of conduct the fixes "certain standards of conduct the fixes" certain standards of conduct the fixes "certain standards of

for officers which are of value to It provides that any person sub- call had not been idle either. ject to military law who fights, As a matter of fact the Gov-Undersecretary of War Kenneth promotes, "connives in" or fails to ernor was technically out of the Royall was asked by a reporter report knowledge of a duel may be colony since he had taken refuge whether there was any worry over dismissed from the se vice or sub- on a British ship in the mouth of coast. Blocked by Moore from his night when the door slammed be- Charleston Daily Mail. He called jected to whatever other punish- the Cape Fear River. Well, of course," he said with ment is directed by a court With such a situation staring

Over 75 Episcopal laymen, representing churches in the New Hanover county area, attended a banquet meeting at the Church of the Good Shepherd parish hall last night. Shown above, left to right: Bishop Thomas H. Wright; W. M. Atkinson, toastmaster; John Bragaw, Washington, N. C., attorney, who delivered the main address; and Robert Strange, treasurer of the East Carolina Diocese. (PHOTO BY CAROLINA CAMERA). Britain Sets Date LAYMEN PRAISED

OS ANGELES PLATING PLANT EXPLOSION:

SUSE VOTES \$6,000,000,000 BUDGET CUT

Episcopal Laymen Attend Meeting At Good Shepherd Parish Hall

Plans Drafted Here Forwarded To WAA Of-The Weather ficials At Charlotte

The decisions reached at yester-North Carolina and South Carolina — Fair Friday and Saturday, continued rather cold Friday and Friday night; slightly warmer Saturday.

(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. 40; 7:30 a. m. 27; 1:30 p. m. 48: 7:30 n. m. 38: day's meeting between officials even months there when he was 2 years old, he said.

Denies Theft
Grissett, 29, denied stealing the

Senate-House Budget committee.

Bitter debate pivoted on the question whether such a slash would cripple the Army and Navy and ative to the disposal of equipment. port are due to be forwarded to the Charlotte office of the WAA immediately for approval.

AIRPORT PROGRAM

AWAITS APPROVAL

Final action on the matter will 1:30 a. m. 72; 7:30 a. m. 84; 1:30 p. m. 96; 7:30 p. m. 90. official in Charlotte, and if the Debate On Proposed Sale day's session is approved then the plan will be returned to Wilmington 0.65 inches. program as drawn at yesterfor consummation.

Yesterday's meeting, held in the office of Jesse Parker, airport Wilmington - 10:10 a.m. 10:21 p.m. plementary report drafted by A. J. Narciso, disposal agent for the

Addison Hewlett, Sr., chairman of the board of county commismember, were present at the sessubmitted. It was learned that

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WORK TO START ON LAB BUILDING

because they told him if "You Previously, Steelman had heard Jenkins Reveals Expansion Eastern part of the state as rain Plans At Experimental Farm

> Further development of the fice building will be errected cury rising during the day. immediately on the 50-acre tract Schools closed in Asheville and trouble. The pilot made a forced prevention program.

Sunrise 6:50; Sunset 6:01; Moonrise 7:30a; WAA and B. A. Waldenmaier, CAA Moonset 6:42p. River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at a. m. Thursday — 11.2 feet. **GETS SNOW FALL**

FORECAST:

North Carolina and South Carolina

48; 7:30 p. m. 53. Maximum 62; Minimum 36; Mean 49;

Precipitation

Total for 24 hours ending 7:80 p. m.

0.65 inches.

Tides For Today

(From the Tide Tables published

U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey).

HIGH LOW

Masonboro Inlet 7:57 a.m. 8:04 p.m.

Normal 49.

ported Four Inches By Midafternoon Thursday

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Snow and freezing rain that blanketed western and central portions of North Carolina last night was expected to move on the early today with clearing skies and slightly higher temperatures following over most of the state.

further development of the clearing weather was expected to state's new vegetable research be accompanied by temperature while nearing the

situated on the Castle Hayne road.

The building contract has been were scheduled to be closed in Out.

Schools closed in Asheville and trouble.

Winston-Salem yesterday and landing.

At the

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Along The Cape Fear

BATTLE ROYAL - Yesterday pointed a Provincial Council to we recounted some of the events rule in his stead. leading up to the famous battle of In 1775, upon recommendation developed. Ballauf made a safe Moores Creek Bridge on February from Congress, two continental re- landing on the Inland Sea.

park located at Currie which is and partly disciplined. about 25 miles northwest of the

the U. S. Department of The In- march toward encircling them. terior, we told how the Old North | Since continental troops were in State was divided into factions the field, Col. James Moore of the WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.-P- ty even in these modern times over control of the Royal Colony. first regiment was in command of

7, 1776.

The site of the renowned endition, several battalions of Minute here, were installed, Ballauf took them in their fire insurance." counter is now a national military Men and militia were organized off and, coaxing Ronald passed

Tories were uniting at Cross Creek, station this afternoon. Yesterday, thanks to Oswald E. the continental troops, Minute

It refused to go along with the hate to omit entirely from our lators, the western element, by the Tories, of which the most famous Coats in a rapid conquest of the Butler and 16-year-old Johnny oxygen. Then they started poundcolony.

With such a situation staring them in the face, the Patriots ap- (Continued on Page 3, Column 2) It was 32 degrees in the icebox. "very rated."

For Leaving India Attlee Announces Plans To Liquidate 200 Years Prominent Attorney

> a definite date—June, 1948—for herd to hear an address by John setting out of India and desig Bragaw, prominent attorney of police described as the worst nated a great grandson of the first Washington, N. C.
> Empress of India to liquidate al"The fine work and spirit you most 200 years of rule over that men have shown in the east Caro-

Of Rule

people. Prime Minister Attlee, in a his-many undertakings and accom-toric statement to a House of plishments made by the laymen Commons listening in strained si- and remarked "I am not asking lence, indicated that unless you men for money, I only intend quarreling Moslems and Hindus to point out the great benefits de resolve their differences over writrived from your contribution to
the Laymens Thank offerings."

Family Life Leaders From
the Laymens Thank offerings." independence by next year's dead-line the British may turn control of the foremost matters today that over to provincial governments. In should engage the efforts of laymen a splintered India, New Delhi dis- is the work of the church and its patches said this might mean the mi sions.

Pakistan-self-rule He announced the appointment line of the work done in the Dioof Admiral Lord Mountbatten, cese during the past year. He whose mother was a grand-daugh-urged the laymen to "Push our ter of Queen Victoria, to succeed Field Marshal Lord Wavell, as (Continued on Page 3, Column 8) Viceroy in March. Despite continued prodding by opposition leader CHAMBER PRAISES Winston Churchill and cries of 'answer!" from Conservative benches Attlee refused to explain why Wavell was being recalled.

An informed source said the

RELUCTANT RONALD FINALLY HITS PORT AFTER EIGHT MONTHS

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 20.-(A) plane that favors inland lakes, ar-The U.S. Weather bureau fore rived here today - four months letter received yesterday by

While nearing the end of the and promptly developed engine cities in North Carolina for its fire Mary Lee Burns, assistant agent;

At that time there was enough awarded to "llette-Miller, I , lying rural sections of the Pied- water for a safe landing, but not tional organization for entry in the enough for a takeoff. The Navy annual contest conducted by the Robert McDougal, assistant agent; had to wait for winter rains. Tuesday, the pilot, Lt. C. Ballauf, gunned the engines and soared aloft-with a sigh of relief.

look, and engine trouble promptly

Camp, the custodian of the park Men, and militia assembled at for the National Park Service of various points and directed their Fast-Thinking Butcher

On February 20, McDonald be. of meat into the refrigerator from gan his movement toward the show cases about 8:30 Saturday as he made his rounds with the planned route, he marched east- hind them and the inside handle help.

Episcopal Group Hears Ad- happened." dress By John Bragaw.

LONDON, Feb. 20 — (P)—The
British today for the first time set

a definite data lung 1948 for

by the county area gathered last night at the Church of the Good Shep-

rich subcontinent of 400,000,000 lina Diocese is gratifying," the lina Diocese is gratifying," the speaker said. He praised the

Moslems would win a measure of Introducing the speaker, Bishop Thomas Wright, gave a brief out-

FIRE DEPARTMENT

(Continued on Page 3, Column 2) National Organization Lauds Record Of Chief J. Ludie Croom

Recognition of the Wilmington work. efforts have been afforded by of--Reluctant Ronald, the Navy sea- ficials of the United States Chamber of Commerce, according to a cast from Charlotte said today's after leaving Philadelphia on a Industrial Agent John H. Farrell. Tide Water Power company kitchinsurance department, U. S. freezer locker, farm near here was signaled in an announcement yesterday that a combination laboratory and ofa combination laboratory and ofgiven building will be expected to the department and the central portion, and the central portion and the central portion and the central portion are combination laboratory and ofgiven building will be expected that the meeting the end of the linearing the end of the light last Oct. 18, Ronald—a PBY congratulations to the department were: Pender county — Mrs. Frances Register, agent; Miss fire building will be expected.

The record form of the department will be forwarded to the na. Lefler, Mrs. Johnnie Powell and tional events and the state of the powell and the po U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Fire and Mrs. Ferman Galloway.

Chief J. Ludie Croom said. The letter said in part "Our congratulations on the honor taken He reckoned without Ronald. Ap- by your fire department. It is only proaching the Salton Sea in Im- through the cooperation of local perial Valley, Ronald took one businessmen and their fire department that honors such as you have can be obtained. Few people in the community realize what an After engine parts, flown from actual cash saving this means to City Manager J. R. Benson exseveral small San Diego county pressed pleasure at the recogni-With the first news that the lakes, landed at the Naval Air tion and said it was "well de-Tories were uniting at Cross Creek station this afternoon."

Cheats Death In Icebox

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 20. | Butler took a meat hook and - (P) - Cecil Butler, 35-year-old beat his hard rubber comb into a group were the hearty Scotch butcher, today was credited with crude screw driver. With it, he GENERAL UPHEAVAL — The Donald, was to advance along the from freezing to death in a meat The temperature climbed to 50.

Rhodes were packing the last load ing on the door.

Forrest Godby, 16, heard them The two prisoners were weak" when finally libe-

Blast Breaks Windows In Large Area

Chief Police Fears Final Death Toll May Total Well Over Seventy

TERROR RAMPANT War Veterans Describe Disaster As Worse Than Battle For Manila

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20-(P)-A tremendous explosion blasted one-story building into smoke and rubble today, killing at least 16 persons, jolting the entire downtown district and breaking windows houses and office buildings 70 blocks away. More than 100 were injured.

Shortly after the explosion, which leveled the O'Connor Electro-plating plant, Assistant Police Chief Joseph Reed told reporters he feared the death list might range from 30 to 75, but by nightfall, bulldozer, power shovel, and other workers, probing the debris, could

find but 16 bodies. J. J. O'Connor, head of the Electro-plating firm, told reporters late today: "We were doing something for the government. You can see what

He declined to amplify the statement, but said that a War department representative from San Francisco was investigating. The reverberating explosion,

which also demolished three near-

by residences, was followed by a

fierce fire. In a mile-square area

WORKERS GATHER

Pender, New Hanover, Brunswick Here

Approximately 50 Home Demon tration and 4-H club workers from three counties attended the all-day meeting held here yesterday in the office of Miss Ann Mason, home lemonstration agent. The program was especially planfor home

agents, their assistants, 4-H club

eaders, and the family life leaders in all the home demonstration clubs in New Hanover, Brunswick and Pender counties. Miss Virginia Swain, family relationship specialist of the State College station in Raleigh, was

he principal speaker.

During the morning session she spoke on family relationship and understanding the needs of children. The afternoon session was devoted to a discussion of 4-H elub Later in the afternoon, Miss Ruby Shoats, food conservation

specialist of the State College station, held a demonstration in the H. E. Holton, an official of the en on preparation of food for the Those present at the meeting

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And So To Bed

We thought the chamber of commerce and restaurant people might like to know about

A long black sedan equip-

ped with a New York license plate and streamlined trimmings drew up to the curb on 2. street several blocks from mid-town late yesterday. On the rear seat, between tiers of tan leather luggage,

sat loudly lipsticked ladies per-

The front seat was occupied by their escorts, two corpulent customers attired like animated advertisements of the haberdashery industry.

One of them asked a nearby pedestrian, "Is there any place in this town where we can get a good meal?"

"There is," said the pedestrian succinctly. "Go up three blocks and turn to the left. That street will take you into the downtown area. You'll find plenty of restaurants there. Any of them can serve you a meal you'll want to write home about."

spiringly uncomfortable in expensive fur coats.