

Wilmington and vicinity: Clear to partly cloudy today and tonight; Wednesday partly cloudy and not much change in temperature.

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Patrolman Matthew Stinson (above) takes blanket-wrapped William Preno, Jr., 7, from a porch in Philadelphia, where he was found after fleeing from his home and in the snow to escape a spanking for playing 'hokey' from school. (AP Wirephoto).

Lilienthal Hearings To End Early Today

Senate Atomic Energy Committee Votes To Close Confirmation Questioning After McKellar Ends Briefing

WASHINGTON, March 3.—(AP)—The Senate Atomic Energy committee voted late today to close the David E. Lilienthal confirmation hearings tomorrow. Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.) will be given an hour and a half to complete presenting evidence in opposition to the nominee for chairman of the Atomic Energy commission. Then the hearings, which started Jan. 27, will close. Chairman Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) made the announcement after a closed session of the committee. McKellar still was asking Lilienthal questions as today's hearing recessed to permit the members to attend a Senate session.

He said he could not recall the day or thrills. During today's session, McKellar rejected Lilienthal's statement that he had done his "damndest" to keep from accepting President Truman's nomination. "It now looks to me," the Senator observed, "like you're doing your damndest to get confirmed." With some heat, Lilienthal replied that he is "not here as an applicant for a job" and declared: "I want to make it clear that it will by no means break my (Continued On Page Two; Col. 3)

Palestine Blasts



Explosion symbols locate Jerusalem, where a British officers club was blasted, and Haifa, where a bank was wrecked. Eighteen persons were killed in the explosion—16 of them in the Jerusalem officers club. Ship symbol denotes the Haim Arlosoroff, which was aground off Haifa after 1400 uncerified Jewish immigrants were unloaded. (AP Wirephoto).

Truman Reiterates America Stands Behind Pledges To Weaker Nations; Republicans Divide Over Budget Cut

SENATE BY 64-20 VOTES SMALL CUT

Martin Says House Stands On \$6,000,000 Already Voted

THE DAY IN CONGRESS By The Associated Press Foreign—Congressmen discussed America's role in the Balkans if the U. S. takes over British commitments in troubled Greece. Senator George (D-Ga.) said this country should make it clear that it is supporting its own, not British, policy. Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.) told the House he does not believe the life of the United States depends on Britain "but if Britain falls, Communism will engulf Europe."

Result: Only A Back Ache



Truck driver Robert Bolduc, 25, of Chicago, walked away from this wreck with only a back ache, when the cab of his truck tractor skidded on an overhead bridge on Chicago's south side. The tractor smashed through the bridge railing (top left); fell 40 feet between railway cars (arrow), leaving the trailer (top center) hanging over the railing. Bolduc went the full distance in the cab. (AP Wirephoto).

CHEERING CROWDS GREET PRESIDENT

Pomp, Ceremony Marks Mexico City's Welcome To Chief

MEXICO CITY, March 3.—(AP)—President Truman, welcomed to Mexico with pomp and ceremony, declared tonight that the United States stands squarely behind its commitments to protect weaker countries the world over from oppression. Speaking in the National palace after a thundering, joyful greeting as his own ambassador of goodwill to this sister republic, the American Chief Executive warned that his country, pledged to non-intervention, can not be indifferent "to what goes on beyond our own border."

FUND CAMPAIGN STARTS TODAY

Red Cross Workers To Launch City-Wide Solicitation

With several hundred workers, the local campaign to secure \$21,233 for the Red Cross will swing into high gear today with solicitations beginning all over the community. All the kickoff meetings for the various divisions have been held, goals accepted, and workers given last minute instructions and kits containing all the information they will need in the drive. The Boy Scout of this area will also aid in the campaign as they will place posters in display windows and bumper signs on automobiles today. The overall chairman of the local campaign, J. H. Carver, and N. A. Averá, announced that all organizational plans have been completed and that all the downtown and residential areas would be covered by the volunteer workers.

FOURTH BODY TAKEN FROM DEBRIS AFTER CHICAGO EXPLOSION

CHICAGO, March 3.—(AP)—The known death toll from gas explosions which demolished a three-story "Loop" building yesterday rose to four tonight when firemen removed the body of Louis Pappas, 53, from the wreckage. CHICAGO, March 3.—(AP)—A third body was recovered today from the debris of a three-story "Loop" building demolished by gas explosions yesterday and firemen continued a search for a man still missing. The body found today was identified as that of George A. Henry, 43, a postal worker. Only one man still was unaccounted for 24 hours after the explosions rocked the Loop and shattered thousands of windows in stores and skyscrapers in the garment warehouse and financial district. Of the 50 persons injured, most of them were cut by flying glass, only four remained in hospitals today. Frances Cissna, 18, a waitress and Albert Ansello, 35, both of Chicago, were reported in serious conditions.

STALIN RESIGNS MILITARY TASKS

Russian Prime Minister Steps Down As Commander Of Armies

LONDON, March 3.—(AP)—Prime Minister Stalin, after six years as commander of the vast Russian military organization, resigned his post as minister of the armed forces today because of the "excessive pressure of his main work" and handed the job to politically astute Marshal Nikolai Alexandrovich Bulganin, the Moscow radio said tonight. The change in the top military command came as the Soviet Union gradually was deemphasizing military activities and demobilizing millions of soldiers to enter industry and speed up the nation's current five-year plan. Stalin stepped out of the military office only a week before the Four Power Foreign Ministers conference was scheduled to open in Moscow. The brief radio announcement, recorded here by the Soviet monitor, gave "pressure" of other work as Stalin's only reason for relinquishing one of his many state posts. However, the tremendous task of guiding Russian military forces through the war with Germany undoubtedly tried the 67-year-old Stalin, who has repeatedly been reported ill since the end of the war. He was away from Moscow when the Soviet Union celebrated his 67th birthday last Dec. 21, but when he returned from his vacation it was said he was in normally good health for a man of his age.

Jewish Underground Band Hurls Grenades At British Office

JERUSALEM, March 3.—(AP)—Five hand grenades were hurled into a British military office at Haifa tonight, shortly after the Jewish underground organization Irgun Zvai Leumi proclaimed that "open warfare exists in Palestine." A British announcement said there were no casualties in the grenade attack. Irgun claimed that it had successfully attacked British army camps at Petah Tiqva and Hadera, in retaliation against the imposition of martial law on more than a third of Palestine's 600,000 Jews. There was no confirmation by the British of these claims. Petah Tiqva, seven miles east of the Jewish city of Tel Aviv, is in one of the martial law zones. Hadera, 25 miles north of Tel Aviv, still is free from military rule. Pamphlets signed by Irgun telling of the purported attacks said "all our soldiers returned safely from recent operations, and we now declare that open warfare exists in Palestine." The pamphlets reiterated that Irgun accepted the responsibility for the explosion Saturday at a British officers club in Jerusalem. Attack Notice The Palestine Post, Jewish owned newspaper here, said it had received an anonymous telephone call saying Irgun "soldiers" would attack two British security zones in Jerusalem tonight.

IRGUN PROCLAIMS "OPEN WARFARE"

Washington, March 3.—(AP)—Differences between Senate and House Republicans on fiscal policy came sharply into the open today as the Senate voted a \$4,500,000 budget slash and Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) announced the House leadership will insist on a \$6,000,000 cut. The Senate's resolution was passed 64 to 20 with every Republican on the floor supporting it except Senator Morse of Oregon. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

Chiang's Men Trap 200,000 Communists

The Weather

North and South Carolina—Clear to partly cloudy and warmer Tuesday and Tuesday night; Wednesday partly cloudy and not much change in temperature. (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. 37; 7:30 a. m. 35; 1:30 p. m. 39; 7:30 p. m. 49; Maximum 44; Minimum 27; Mean 35; Normal 50. Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 47; 7:30 a. m. 54; 1:30 p. m. 55; 7:30 p. m. 43. Precipitation: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0 inches; 24 since the first of the month 0.18 inches. Tides For Today (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey). HIGH LOW WILMINGTON 7:36 a. m. 2:04 a. m. MASONBORO Inlet 8:20 a. m. 1:42 p. m. 3:22 p. m. 5:50 p. m. Sunrise 6:37; Sunset 6:11; Moonrise 3:22 p. m.; Moonset 3:12 a.

Smartly Executed Pincers Movement Halts Drive For Changchun

NANKING, March 3.—(AP)—Nearly 200,000 Communists driving towards Changchun have been trapped in a smartly-executed government pincers movement and already have suffered 20,000 casualties, the Ministry of information reported late today. This claim of a major victory on the snowy plains North of the Manchurian capital coincided with information from a reliable source that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his top-ranking officers have agreed to plans to wipe out the Communists throughout China. (Continued On Page Two; Col. 3)

TAX REFUNDS GO TO LOCAL FIRMS

ACL Receives Largest Sum In State From U. S.; Others Listed

The Atlantic Line Railroad company received the largest federal tax refund made in North Carolina for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1946, and two other Wilmington firms came in for substantial rebates also, according to word from Washington yesterday. The refunds were for overpayments of excess profits and income taxes for the year, according to the Associated Press. The railroad's return was reported as \$5,671,001. Next in line among the Wilmington refunds was that of \$205,011 and \$69,405 (excess profits) received by the Ethyl-Dow Chemical Company. The third largest Wilmington figure was \$27,884.18 (excess profits) received by the Tide Water company. The refunds were reported through the annual report of refunds made by the bureau of internal revenue, the Associated Press said. Among other North Carolina firms receiving refunds were the following: R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company, Winston-Salem, a total of \$667,657.70 composed of \$520,578.38 in excess profits tax and \$157,079.32 in tobacco taxes. Liggett and Myers Tobacco company, Durham, a total of \$524,799.33 for overpayment of tobacco tax. Robert R. Reynolds, former junior senator from this state, was reported to have received a refund of \$655.66 for overpaid income tax. Other Wilmington returns of overpayment of income taxes, unless otherwise noted include: Wilmington Savings and Trust company, \$1,034.13 (excess profits); D. P. Xanthos, \$1,021.76; Southern Manufacturing company, \$2,384 (excess profits). Sprunt and Sons, \$2,577. Annie Gray Sprunt, \$2,577. Mrs. L. S. Saunders, \$1,540. Will Rehder, \$2,639. Roger Moore, \$1,872. Dan Keromitis, \$1,797. (Continued On Page Two; Col. 1)

PROFESSOR FINDS AMBER BORESOME

Harvard Man Brands Winsor Novel As "Secondary" Literature

BOSTON, March 3.—(AP)—The morals of "Forever Amber"—the book itself—went on trial today under the only censorship law of its kind in the country and its supporters defended it with the doctrine of "freedom of the press" and Harvard professor's testimony that it did not "corrupt or deprave" him. Professor Howard Mumford Jones, who testified that the novel "bored" his wife, was a defense witness in the first case of modern times in which a book itself goes on trial under a new Massachusetts law replacing old codes that tried the bookseller or publisher, and often resulted in the "banned in Boston" brand. Author Kathleen Winsor did not appear when called by the court clerk but her novel of a gay beauty of England's restoration court found defenders in the Boston book merchants and the publishers, MacMillan and company. Prosecuting the book as "obscene, indecent and impure" was Massachusetts Assistant Attorney General George B. Rowell empowered by the new law which says that "court action shall be directed against the said book by name." First defense came from Atty. Harold Williams for the Board of Trade of Boston book merchants who declared that "the basis of this defense will be freedom of the press."

EXPLANATION OF LAW PRESENTED

City Manager Benson Outlines Changes In Civil Service Act

An explanation of the changes in the civil service act desired by the city council was presented to members of the Wilmington police force yesterday by City Manager J. R. Benson. Benson pointed out at the meeting that the city governing body sought the authority to name a chief of police from within or without the department, to make promotions and demotions and make suspensions up to 30 days. Following the afternoon session it was decided by the force to appoint two members from the city shift to meet with Senator Alton A. Lennon and representative Robert M. Kerron Saturday to hold a full discussion of all phases of the commission law. He said the administration does not desire to take away from the civil service commission the right to investigate applicants for positions on the force and other powers now vested in the board by the present law. Benson said yesterday afternoon that a change has been effected in the new bill which the city desired to have adopted. Under the change, he said, the members of the commission would keep their positions on the board until the end of their term. In re-writing the bill, he explained, the part referring to the commission as regards the present members was inadvertently omitted. 250,000 Isolated With approximately 250,000 Jews isolated from the rest of the world, Jewish and British sources agreed that indefinite continuation of the military rule would result in financial ruin for the areas affected. British Maj. Gen. R. N. Gale, military governor of the Tel Aviv area, said martial law "inevitably would spell economic disaster to the community as a whole if it continued for long, as business is going to be hamstrung." Hagana, armed force of the Jewish agency, accused Britain of "deliberately destroying the Jewish economy." The agency itself said military law had brought "economic damage to hundreds of thousands of people who have nothing whatever to do with terror and crime."

ALONG THE CAPE FEAR

REMEMBER WHEN — Always willing to oblige, we must pass this request on to our kind readers and see if they can help us in gathering some information. A request has arrived from Mr. James Hinton for Along The Cape Fear to attempt to locate any member of the Naval Reserve unit which functioned here about 60 years ago. With all the current interest in the Naval Reserve program here, surely someone will be able to help us out in this matter. So please head in those old scrap books and see if you can find even a trace of the Port City's Naval Reserve during the 1880's. NAMES AGAIN—Not so long ago we were called upon to trace the various names by which the Port City has been known. Then yesterday we had a request to find out when Southport really became Southport. The city located near the mouth of the Cape Fear river was named in honor of General Benjamin Smith and known as Smithville from 1792 until 1887. In 1887 the name of the communi-

WOMAN SENATOR OFFERS MEASURE FOR STUDY OF STATE'S SCHOOLS

RALEIGH, March 3.—(AP)—A bill, providing for a thorough study of the state's education system by a 25-member commission which would report its findings to the General Assembly, was introduced here tonight in the Senate by Sen. R. S. Ferguson and others. Senator Ferguson is the only woman member of the legislature. Members of the commission would be named by the governor, and would be directed to make a comprehensive study of organization, supervision, curriculum, standardization, consolidation, transportation, buildings, personnel, a merit rating system for teachers, vocational education, and any other problems related to the over-all education program of the state. The measure requires that the board should hold its first meeting prior to May 15, 1947, and at its first meeting would elect a chairman and a full-time executive secretary.

OFFICIALS STUDY PAVING PROJECT

Surfacing Of Canal Drive At Carolina Beach Is Favorably Viewed

Favorable reaction by state highway commission representatives to a request by Carolina Beach officials that the highway department pave Canal drive on the north extension of the beach was reported by Mayor T. A. Croom last night following a visit of Division Engineer T. T. Betts and Commission Member J. A. Bridger to the resort town yesterday. Croom appeared before the highway commission late last year to request that funds for the work be granted. According to Croom, the road under discussion starts at Cape Fear boulevard and leads north about one mile up the basin. A sand-gravel road is now being used but Carolina Beach officials have requested that the state construct an asphalt road to be used instead. Yesterday's visit was for the purpose of a preliminary survey by the highway commission officials, Croom said, and pointed out that the final decision on the matter was in the hands of Bridger. A report on the project is expected in about a week, Croom explained.

FUNDS ASKED FOR LOCAL AIRFIELD

Congress Requested To Appropriate \$25,000 For Bluenthal Airport

The recommendation that \$50,000 be expended on Bluenthal airport, with half of the funds to be provided from federal funds and the other half to be furnished by New Hanover county, was presented to congress by department of commerce officials in Washington yesterday. It was learned here last night. When advised of the action, a spokesman for the Wilmington-New Hanover airport authority said that the county's share of the improvement fund would figure in the discussion at a joint meeting of the county commissioners and the airport authority which has been scheduled for March 12. The \$50,000, if appropriated, will be used for new administration facilities at the airport, according to present plans. The Commerce department's action yesterday in making the request to congress for the money came upon the recommendation of the Civil Aeronautics Administration. Also included in the fund request was \$62,000 for the Lumberton municipal airport, with Robeson county to furnish a similar amount for field improvements. Love will find a way, even if it takes two round-trip fares to do the job. Last night a would-be Romeo headed for Wrightsville Beach and his date. A trifle weary, he decided to take a short nap on the bus going down. Upon awakening he found himself passing through Seagate on the return trip. "But I wanted to get off at the beach," he told the driver, only to be reminded that he owed the driver for the return fare. "Well, take out another round-trip fare," he said, "as I'm going to keep that date on the beach if I have to ride this bus all night to get there."

Onslow County Gets Gift Of Portrait Of Namesake

JACKSONVILLE, March 3.—(AP)—Onslow county at ceremonies at the courthouse here today officially accepted a portrait of its namesake, Arthur Onslow, 18th century statesman and speaker of the British House of commons. The portrait came as a gift from Lady Halifax, wife of the former British ambassador, and a descendant of Arthur Onslow. The gift will be hung in the courtroom as a permanent fixture. Henry Howard Eddy, acting director of the State Department of Archives and History, presented the portrait, and Judge Henry L. Stevens accepted. Eddy traced Onslow family history back to the 16th century, when Richard Onslow was a speaker of the House of commons.

And So To Bed

Another Onslow, also named Richard, served as speaker during the third parliament of Queen Anne, and was a member of Commons for 28 years. The third great Onslow to hold the speakership was Arthur, who was a member of parliament for 41 years and served 33 years as speaker. "This country can well take pride in the name of Onslow, both of what you and your forebears have made that name mean here on the Western shore of the Atlantic and for what the Onslow family has made it mean in the chronicles of the older nation," Eddy said. Arthur Onslow was speaker of Commons when Onslow county was created in 1734.

Advertisement for 'I'SE GITTIN' TIARED HEAHIN' BOUT HOW GOOD TIMES IS WEN DEY AIN' NOUGH GOOD EATIN' TO GO 'ROUN'!!' with a cartoon illustration of a man.

Today And Tomorrow

By WALTER LIPPMANN Freedom At Stake. A pamphlet of only about thirty-six pages has recently been published in Great Britain which poses concretely, and more poignantly than any other contemporary document, the problem of the preservation of freedom in our time. The pamphlet is the White Paper presented by the Prime Minister to Parliament, and it is called simply "Economic Survey for 1947." It is worth the most careful study in this country, not only because it states the hard facts which will compel us in the fairly near future to take extraordinary measures but also, because it discloses so many of the real issues underlying the ideological conflict throughout the world. This pamphlet throws more light on the choices which men have to make than can be gotten from most of what is written about the theories of Communism on the one hand and of free enterprise on the other. The broadest, and in many ways the most significant, conclusion which one may draw is (Continued On Page Two; Col. 2)