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F. W. Brown, ACL Official, Dies Friday

Vice President Succumbs At Hospital After Short Illness

SERVICES MONDAY

Native Of Connecticut Was Resident Here Since March 1920

Frederick W. Brown, Vice-President-Operations, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, died in the James Walker Memorial Hospital, at 6:00 o'clock last night, following a short illness.

Born in New Canaan, Conn., on Feb. 17, 1872, he was the son of William Lewis and Annie Minerva Fancher Brown.

Mr. Brown was a graduate of South Norwalk, Conn., high school in 1887.

He moved to Wilmington in 1920. He is survived by his widow, the former Mrs. Mabel Brisson Lord, to whom he was married January 17, 1936; a sister, Miss Bertie G. Brown, of Wilmington, and a step-son, Joel Iverson Lord, of Nashville, Tenn.

He was a member of St. Johns Episcopal Church, having served as a member of the Vestry. Mr. Brown was a Shriner, having been a member of Almas Temple, Washington, D. C., a member of the Cape Fear Club, Cape Fear Country Club and Carolina Yacht Club, of Wilmington.

Mr. Brown began his railroad career with the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, June 1, 1887, having served as freight clerk, operator, dispatcher, chief dispatcher, trainmaster, chief clerk, operating department and assistant superintendent, successively, to 1907.

From 1906 to March 1920 he was connected with the Southern Railway System as dispatcher, trainmaster, superintendent, chief of Tonnage Bureau, assistant to General manager and assistant to Vice-president, successively.

In March 1920 he came with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad as assistant to general manager, in which capacity he served until

PROSPECTS DIM FOR INLET WORK

Engineer Officer Tells Dredging Advocates Long Wait Ahead

Prospects for immediate dredging of Masonboro Inlet appeared gloomy yesterday as representatives of the South Eastern North Carolina Beach Association, Wrightsville Beach Harbor Island, New Hanover Fishing Club, and private and commercial boat owners were told by Col. Beverly C. Snow, Wilmington District, U. S. Engineers, that it would take approximately two years to get the project and appropriations approved by Congress.

The group arranged a conference with Colonel Snow yesterday afternoon in order to secure facts on appropriations already granted for work in Masonboro Inlet and what steps could be taken to get the bar of Masonboro Inlet dredged.

Colonel Snow told them that the \$9,000 project already authorized provided for dredging from the Inland Waterway to a point in Masonboro Inlet, but that an additional project and additional funds would have to be approved for dredging from that point to the ocean, a spokesman of the group reported.

Colonel Snow advised them to take the matter up with the North Carolina congressmen and ask their aid in securing appropriations from Congress, but said that usually, except in specially expedited cases, it takes two years to get a project of this type approved.

It was suggested at the meeting that groups interested in the dredging work on the Masonboro Inlet bar hold a meeting next week to work out some plan of action.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley

I RUN OUTER GAS IN FRONT O' KUN'S BOB'S HOUSE, BUT HE SAY LEAVE IT DAH — WON NOBODY ROB A HOUSE WID DAT CYAR OUT FRONT!



Defense Men's Trial For Gane

Case Expected To Reach Jury Today; Sinclair And Goldberg Attack State Witness In Arguments

Tears and sweat flowed in the New Hanover county Superior Court room yesterday afternoon as Defense Attorney David Sinclair described a night of Bacchanalian orgy through which he said Rebecca Gane went, while a second defense attorney of Guy Gane's declared that "this murder trial is a thing of beauty".

The trial of the 42-year-old Seagate filling station operator, who is charged with the first degree slaying of Franklin Julian Henderson, 27, last Oct. 29, will be continued this morning at 9:30 o'clock. Solicitor Clinton Moore will present the closing argument to the jury, and Judge Clawson L. Williams will then charge the jury.

Gane mopped tears from his eyes as Sinclair told the jury that the 18-year-old blue-eyed brunette was forced to drink wine and beer and whiskey.

After two or three minor witnesses had been heard when court

UNITED STATES, PHILIPPINES SIGN 99-YEAR PACT ON ISLAND BASES; WIDE POWERS FOR TRUMAN STUDIED

Both Houses Of Congress Ready To Act

Lower Chamber Committee Plans Hearings On Greek Plan Soon

SENATE UPS WORK

Vandenberg Compiles Questions On Historic Diplomatic Move

WASHINGTON, March 14.—(P)—A plan giving President Truman wide discretion in using the \$400,000,000 he seeks for bolstering Greece and Turkey against Communism was studied today as both branches of Congress arranged for speedy action.

The House Foreign Affairs committee set public hearings for next week.

The Senate Republican conference approved a work schedule designed to produce a decision on the question by March 31, although leaders privately expressed doubts that action could be completed that soon.

The bill still is being drafted. But Congressmen reported that administration officials suggested flexible provisions which would permit the President to decide whether the money should be sent to Greece and Turkey as loans or as outright grants, and to parcel it out at intervals as needed.

Provisions for that purpose were reported discussed by House Foreign Affairs committee members with Secretary of War Patterson, Secretary of the Navy Forrestal and Acting Secretary of State Acheson in a three-hour session behind closed doors.

Whatever form the bill takes in committee, however, it will be subject to amendments on the floor. By this means Congress-

CAPT. GRAY ASKS \$10,000,000 CASH

Southport Man Files Protest With Dutch Government For Ship Seizure

THE HAGUE, March 14.—(P)—The Dutch government replied to United States protests against seizure of the American freighter Martin Behrman in Java today by asserting Dutch responsibility for the handling of internationally controlled products of the Netherlands East Indies, a government spokesman announced.

The reply was handed to the United States charge d'affaires here, M. J. Webb Benton, with the notation that it was a preliminary answer, pending receipt of further details on the Martin Behrman case from the Dutch administration in Batavia.

The text of the reply was not published, but the spokesman, summarizing its contents, said it stressed Dutch international responsibility in East Indies economic affairs and asserted that by-passing Dutch economic control would increase war-born poverty which the United States had shown a desire to alleviate.

Follows Seizure
The protest from the U. S. state department followed seizure of the Martin Behrman's \$3,000,000 cargo at Cheribon, Indonesian controlled Java port, by Netherlands Indies government authorities. The American

Along The Cape Fear

MANY THANKS — The Rev. Andrew J. Howell, eminent local historian and author of "The Book of Wilmington," was kind enough to mail us a whole list of suggestions for future columns.

As he is, in all probability the best informed person in Wilmington on the doings of the Port City, both past and present, we are indeed grateful to Mr. Howell for his interest in and aid to "Along The Cape Fear."

To those few who have never read Mr. Howell's book, a treat is in store. And for those fortunate enough to own a copy of "The Book of Wilmington," they can always reread it with delight and entertainment.

RAILROAD TOWN — As Mr. Howell points out in his message to us, the Port City has always been keenly interested in railroads and railroading.

The Atlantic Coast Line railroad is now our major industry, yet long before that vast railroad system came into being Wilmington was the variable center of much activity in the then rapidly expanding Iron Horse mode of transportation.

Truman Arrives For Florida Rest



President Harry S. Truman (left), doffs his hat from the back seat of his car as he is driven from the airport at Key West, Fla., after he arrived for a short rest at the naval submarine base. With the President are Capt. Henry M. Cooper (center), and Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, Presidential Chief of Staff. Mr. Truman left for his four day vacation immediately following his blunt speech to Congress asking aid to Turkey and Greece. (AP Wirephoto).

TRUMAN RELAXES UNDER WARM SUN

Stuart Symington, Judge Rosenman Join Presidential At Key West

KEY WEST, Fla., March 14.—(P)—President Truman, relaxing in tropical sunshine on his brief vacation here, was joined today by Stuart Symington, assistant secretary of war for air, and Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, former counsel to the President, for "purely social" visits.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said there was no significance in the presence of either Symington or Rosenman.

"Purely social" was the way Ross described their presence.

Symington, who arrived in his special B-17 bomber from the Bahamas, was in time for luncheon with the President and the crew of Mr. Truman's special plane, the "Sacred Cow". At the luncheon were Lt. Col. Henry T. Myers, pilot of the plane; Maj. Elmer F. Smith, co-pilot and Maj. Theodore J. Boselli, the navigator. Neal Helm, an old friend of the President from Caruthersville, Mo., also was at lunch.

When the President originally planned to make a Caribbean cruise, the cruise was cancelled, however, when Mr. Truman was held in Washington by the Greek crisis.

Ross told newsmen that if Secretary of State George C. Marshall wants to talk with the President by telephone from Moscow, the call would be placed through a "scrambling" device which would protect the secrecy of their conversation.

There was no indication, however, that Mr. Truman would make any effort to reach Marshall, operating on the theory that when Marshall has something to report he will get in touch with him.

Mr. Truman has yet to take his first swim of the trip. He has been on the beach two straight days, but did not go in the water. The President has picked up a noticeable suntan and seems to be enjoying the rest thoroughly.

The Weather

FORECAST:

North Carolina and South Carolina — Partly cloudy and slightly colder Saturday and Sunday night. Sunday partly cloudy and cool.

(Eastern Standard Time)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday:
TEMPERATURES
1:30 a. m. 63; 7:30 a. m. 62; 1:30 p. m. 65; 7:30 p. m. 58; Maximum 67; Minimum 57; Mean 62; Normal 53.

HUMIDITY
1:30 a. m. 78; 7:30 a. m. 96; 1:30 p. m. 75; 7:30 p. m. 24.
PRECIPITATION
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 2.13 inches.
Total since the first of the month 4.37 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
High Low
Wilmington 4:00 a. m. 11:22 p. m.
Masonboro 4:22 p. m. 11:37 p. m.
1:43 a. m. 8:14 p. m.
Sunrise 6:22; Sunset 6:20; Moonrise 1:57a; Moonset 11:44a.
River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. Friday 15.2 feet.

MAN BEING HELD IN BANK ROBBERY

Sheriff Says Indian Has Confessed To Pembroke Holdup

PEMBROKE, March 14.—A Robeson county Indian identified as Bill Locklear, about 30, confessed tonight Sheriff W. C. Britt said, that he robbed the Scottish bank here early today of an audited total of \$9,200 taken at gunpoint from three bank employees who were herded into a closet.

Locklear, who gave his home address as near Maxton, was arrested at the Maxton bus station at 11:30 a. m. today by Rural Policeman Ralph Purcell and turned over to Sheriff Britt and FBI special agents who had been detailed to the robbery.

The young Indian, still under questioning tonight by the FBI and county officers in the banking quarters here, was seized by Purcell an hour after he had paid a Laurinburg automobile dealer \$900 on an automobile purchased by Locklear from the dealer a week ago.

The car, a 1946 model Nash, is said to have been the machine in which the bandit fled from the bank.

Sheriff Britt quoted Locklear as saying that he alone had engineered and committed the robbery.

A young man, identified as an Indian but not by name, who had been riding with Locklear shortly before the latter's arrest, was released after questioning. No charge had been lodged against the young man, who was absolved of any participation by Locklear.

Locklear, who was standing beside the newly purchased car when arrested by Purcell, was quoted by Sheriff Britt as saying he threw into the Lumber river all of the stolen \$9,500 except the \$900 used in paying on the automobile.

The robbery took place a few

NEW YORK STATE HAS TOUGH BILL

Measure Now Before Dewey, Makes It Economic Suicide To Strike

ALBANY, N.Y., March 14.—(P)—New York state was prepared tonight to write into law the nation's most drastic ban on strikes against government.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who personally engineered it's stormy passage through the legislature, had before him for signature the stringent Condon-Wadlin bill to make it "economic suicide" for public employes to strike.

As Dewey received the anti-strike bill, organized labor warned that it would make a last-ditch fight against the measure. Officials of the State Federation of Labor and the CIO said they had demanded that the governor hold a public hearing on the bill.

Specifically the bill would decree automatic dismissal for teachers and other public servants who take part in a walkout. They would be eligible for re-hiring but their salaries would be frozen at

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TODAY IS FINAL FOR REGISTERING

Books Open Last Time For Sanatorium - College Referendum

Today is the final day for qualified citizens to register in order to vote in the March 25 referendum on the question of whether a tuberculosis sanatorium and a junior college shall be established in New Hanover county.

Today the registration books will be open from 9 a. m. until sunset, 6:20 p. m., at the regular polling places throughout the county.

Next Saturday, March 22, has been designated as challenge day, and on this day, between 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., the registration books will be open at the polling places for inspection and for objection, if desired, to the names appearing on the books.

The vote in the special election will be "against the registration." That is, voters who are properly registered and who do not vote for one or both of the twin issues will, in effect, vote against them.

In the matter of the proposed junior college, the question for determination by the voters is whether or not there shall be levied and collected annually a special tax not exceeding five cents on the \$100 of real and personal property valuation, such proceeds to be used for the maintaining and equipping of the school.

In the matter of the proposed

McNutt Winds Up Duties At Manila Post

Agreement Calls For Security Council Use In Security Interests

NAVY GETS LOCATIONS

Roxas Government Retains Certain Rights Of Jurisdictional Nature

MANILA, March 14.—(P)—In the festive atmosphere of a farewell ball for Ambassador Paul V. McNutt, the United States and the Philippines tonight made a 99-year agreement for American military and naval bases in these islands.

McNutt signed for the United States and President Manuel A. Roxas for the Philippines in the council-of-state hall in Malacanang palace. Concluding months of negotiations, McNutt is due to leave by air Saturday morning, via India and Paris, for Washington, where he will resign the ambassadorship.

A provision in the agreement states that in the interests of international security any of the bases may be made available to the Security council of the United Nations.

The Philippine government issued a statement saying the Americans had met "in every respect, the request of the Philippine government that no permanent bases, and especially no operating bases, be established in centers of population. There will be no bases in the city of Manila or its immediate environs."

McNutt read a statement from Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson that "the United States proposes to retain in the Philippines only such armed forces as required to man bases and to constitute a small military mission. Troops now in the Philippines not required for these purposes will be shifted to other areas to continue support of the occupation of Japan."

The Philippines retain the right to exercise jurisdiction over all offenses committed outside bases unless in the performance of specific military duty or in cases involving only Americans.

The government announced that the principal American military establishment would be at Fort Stotsenberg Military reservation in Pampanga province, Central Luzon, with Clark Field practically contiguous.

The Navy gets four operating areas, centered at Guuan in the Leyte-Samar area; Subic Bay; Tawi-Tawi; and Sangley Point, Cavite.

Ten other areas of limited size, (Continued On Page Two; Col. 3)

DRY DOCK ASSURED FOR LAY-UP BASIN

18,000-Ton Floating Facility To Be Available For Use Here

WASHINGTON Star
Wilmington Bureau
WASHINGTON, March 14.—An 18,000-ton floating steel drydock for the Wilmington Reserve fleet ship storage basin was virtually assured the United States Maritime commission last night.

The drydock, will employ about 50 men, who will come from the Wilmington area. The drydock is expected to be delivered in Wilmington in about six months. It was said.

Meantime, it was reported that 300 vessels would be stored at the Wilmington basin by midsummer. At the present time about 50 ships are docked there.

The personnel for the dry dock, it was said, would engage only in maintenance of the ships. This was understood to mean that there would be no interference by this additional crew of men in the work of the regular repair yards.

It was stressed that the drydock would in no way affect the future development of the North Carolina shipyard. It will be used exclusively for the reserve fleet, it was added.

And So To Bed

"We trim you every chance we get," says one upstate business firm, stating its position very frankly indeed.

Today And Tomorrow

By WALTER LIPPMANN

AND MARSHALL'S IN MOSCOW

While Congress and the American people are faced with the need to make decisions which are as grave and as obscure as any in the history of American foreign policy, what is happening in Moscow? Secretary Marshall has become involved with Mr. Molotov, just like Secretary Byrnes before him, in a complicated wrangle about the agenda and about the details of the military occupation of Germany.

No doubt the questions are important on which the foreign ministers are once more stubbornly

engaged—the rate and degree of militarization, the displaced persons camps, the size of the occupation forces, and the prisoners of war. But if Secretary Marshall must spend his time and his energy debating questions of this sort, if these questions cannot be dealt with by deputies and subordinates, when, how and by whom are the crucial tasks of our rapidly developing foreign policy to be examined, to be planned, to be explained, and to be administered?

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