

WEATHER
FORECAST
Fair and slightly warmer this afternoon, rather cool again tonight, with light frost west and north portion. Sunday fair and mild.

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Greece Aid Plan Backed By GOP Head

Dewey Says Truman's Program Should Have Full Support

HELP NECESSARY

Touche On Cultural, Spiritual Ties Between Two Countries

ALBANY, N. Y., March 22.—(AP)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey today endorsed President Truman's proposal of U. S. aid to Greece to halt the spread of communism in Europe and said the program should have "the full support of the American people."

Dewey, a possible candidate for the 1948 republican presidential nomination, described the Greeks as "a brave bulwark against tides of oppression which would engulf the world."

He said American help was "necessary" to assist the Greeks in "resisting the forces of armed and ideological aggression endeavoring to create chaos and disruption among them."

The statement came in a routine proclamation designating Tuesday as "Greek War Relief Day" in New York.

Dewey made no mention of Turkey but executive assistant James C. Hagerty said last week "the governor has expressed himself strongly to a number of people that we must do all in our power to prevent the collapse of the free countries of Europe."

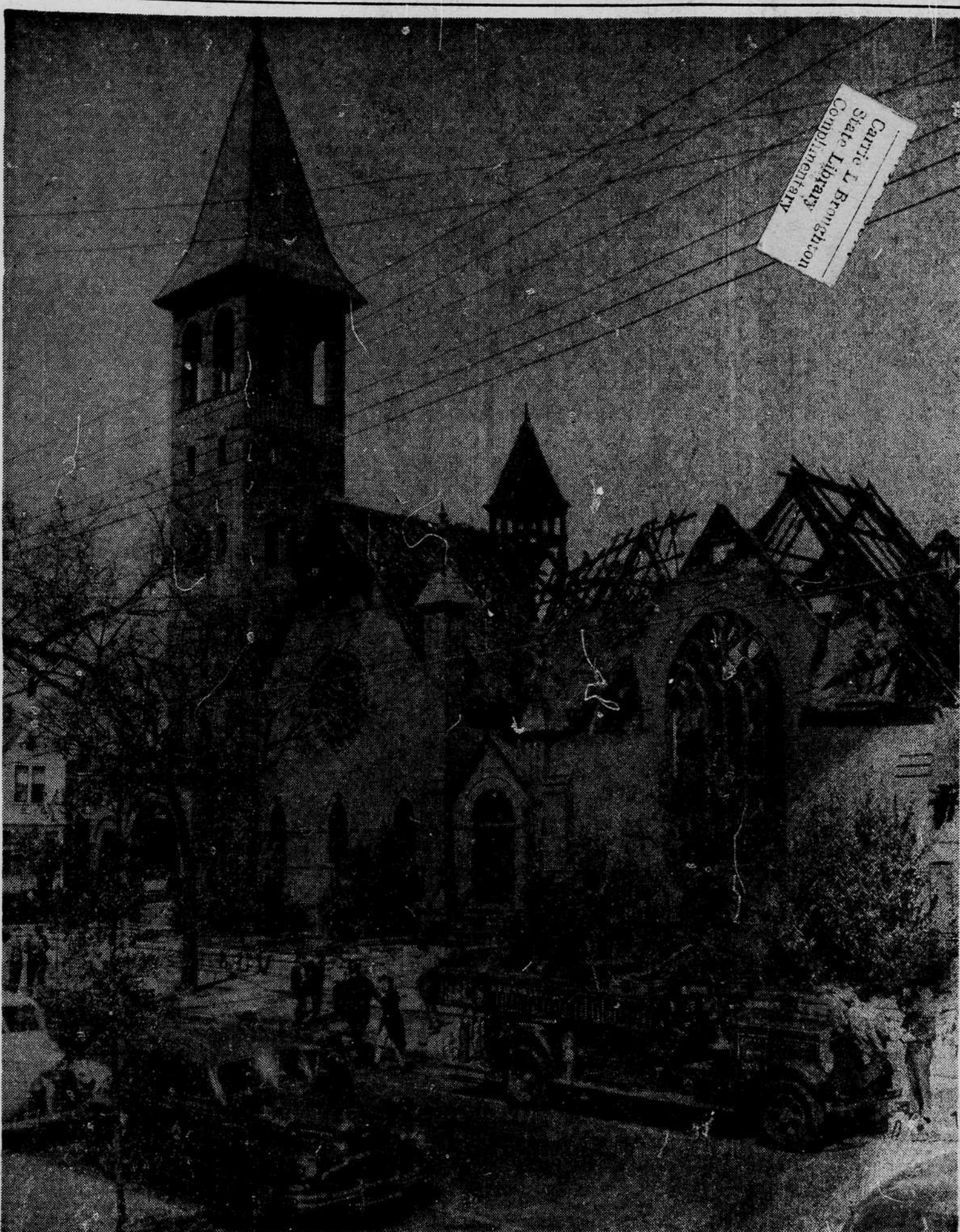
The 1944 republican presidential candidate did not mention communism specifically in his proclamation nor did he refer to the amount of financial assistance. President Truman has proposed \$400,000,000 in aid to Greece and Turkey.

Dewey touched on "cultural and spiritual ties" between Greece and the United States, and said:

"At a grave hour in world affairs, the government of the United States has proposed to bring its great strength to the aid of the stricken people of Greece. This help is necessary in order to help them in their epic struggle to recover from the desperate ravages of war, meanwhile resisting the forces of armed and ideological aggression which are at this moment, endeavoring to create chaos and disruption among them."

"Once again the Greek people are standing as a brave bulwark against tides of oppression, which would engulf the world and our nation should and, I am sure, will give them the assistance with the full support of the American people."

Mute Evidence Of Flames Which Swept Grace Methodist Church



The once graceful lines of Grace Street Methodist church appeared as a charred shell yesterday as firemen found on duty to search for smoldering embers, and probable causes of Wilmington's greatest church catastrophe since the First Presbyterian church, Third and Orange streets, was burned, New Years Eve, Dec. 31, 1925. (CAROLINA CAMERA PHOTO)

TRUMAN ORDERS PURGE; SIGNS OPA DEATH BILL

Sugar, Rent Controls Are Being Urged

\$179,645,668 Appropriation For Liquidation Is Approved

FUNDS REDUCED

Act Eliminates Three Once-Powerful War Agencies In Capitol

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—President Truman signed a June 30 death warrant for the OPA today but urged congress to provide for the rent and sugar controls to be carried on by other agencies.

A meeting of republican senate leaders, however, failed to settle the differences among them over whether the controls should be continued, and if so how.

The president approved the \$179,645,668 deficiency appropriation bill which liquidates the catch-all office of temporary controls at mid-year along with the OPA and the civilian production administration merged into it.

Simultaneously, Mr. Truman ordered all the housing controls of the OPA transferred on April 1 to housing expediter Frank R. Creedon and "fully enforced" by him.

OPA's funds are so reduced by the bill as to make it powerless in the construction field beyond March 31. The measure requires various government agencies to return to the treasury \$699,000,000.

In specifying the liquidation of OTC, the act eliminates three once-powerful war agencies consolidated in the control office last December—OPA, CPA and the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

The president emphasized that congress has not decided that rent control and sugar rationing are to end along with the agencies under death sentence.

"On the contrary, the congress is now considering legislation to extend sugar rationing beyond March 31 and rent control beyond June 30, 1947," said Mr. Truman's statement.

He said he is mindful of the bill's effect on the rent and sugar programs "which are so important to the welfare of the American people" and desired to explain their status "so that the country may be fully aware of the danger."

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Loyalty Investigation Hits All Departments

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—President Truman tonight ordered a purge of all government employes where there are "reasonable grounds" to doubt their loyalty and set up sweeping new standards to test it. His executive order directed a "loyalty investigation" of everyone who applies for a job in the executive departments and agencies, without exception, where now only questionable applicants are tested. And it instructed the agencies to submit the names of all their present employes to the federal bureau of investigation for a check wherever this has not already been done.

Late Bulletins

MOSCOW, March 22.—(AP)—The foreign ministers agreed today to adjourn until Tuesday in an effort to try to catch up on what they have accomplished thus far and get a look at the problems ahead.

ATHENS, March 22.—(AP)—The Greek cabinet imposed martial law throughout the prefecture of Laconia at the southern tip of the Green mainland tonight as a result of the tense situation created by the massacre of 32 communist convicts Friday in a prison at Ghythion.

JERUSALEM, March 22.—(AP)—Five known terrorists, "two of them believed to be big boys," were arrested by British authorities in a combined army-police search in the Syrian orphanage area of Jerusalem today, an army spokesman announced tonight.

MOSCOW, March 22.—(AP)—Russia proposed to the council of foreign ministers tonight that the future German government be based on the defunct Weimar republic which Adolf Hitler used to climb to power and then destroyed.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—A batch of documents laid before the house foreign affairs committee as "background" on the measure to aid Greece and Turkey proved tonight to be just that—historical background, hardly worth the "secret" label.

PARIS, March 22.—(AP)—Premier Paul Ramadier won a 411 to 0 vote of confidence in the French national assembly today on his policy to stamp out the Indochinese revolution, but there were signs his four-party government might face even stronger tests.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—A confident attempt by Republican leaders to end Senate-House differences over slashing government costs, reducing taxes and making payments on the debt blew up today.

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CSC BILL STAND TAKEN BY KERMON

Representative Declares City Came Back Home To Pick Manager

Representative Robert M. Kermion took a definite stand last night favoring picking a police chief from the Wilmington police department to replace Charles H. Casper who retired a month ago.

"After noticing the previous experience, Wilmington has had in picking city managers, taking final action by coming back home to pick one from the personnel of the city for the job, it shows we have competent and efficient people to handle the jobs pertaining to the city government," he said.

It was understood that Kermion referred to the election by councilman J. R. Benson to the city manager's post last year.

"Therefore it is our belief that the police department has sufficient and competent personnel to handle the position of chief, and if there is any shaking up or investigation in the department, the person brought into the department to do this should be able to accomplish it."

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Eisenhower To Visit Forts Bragg, Jackson

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will visit Ft. Bragg and Ft. Jackson, early in April on an inspection tour, the war department has announced.

He plans to leave Washington March 30 and will return April 16. He will make an Army Day address in Atlanta April 7.

The Weather

(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. 33; 7:30 a. m. 45; 1:30 p. m. 53; 7:30 p. m. 50.
Maximum 56; Minimum 42; Mean 49; Normal 55.
Humidity
1:30 a. m. 49; 7:30 a. m. 46; 1:30 p. m. 34; 7:30 p. m. 44.
Precipitation
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. — 0.00 inches.
Total since the first of the month — 0.79 inches.
TIDES FOR TODAY
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
High
Wilmington — 10:20 a. m. 5:09 a. m.
Masonboro Inlet — 10:39 p. m. 5:20 p. m.
Low
Masonboro Inlet — 2:35 a. m. 2:21 p. m.
Sunset 6:11; Sunrise 6:26; Moonrise 7:00 a. m.; Moonset 7:37 p. m.
River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 7 a. m. Saturday, 14.6 feet.

DR. EVANS DIES AT HOME HERE

Death Came Suddenly In Home; Funeral Arrangements Incomplete

Dr. John E. Evans, well known Wilmington physician succumbed to a heart attack at 7:30 last night at his home, shortly after attending a reception at the home of C. Heide Trask, at Hydrangea Place.

Relative said Dr. Evans died suddenly a few moments after he entered his home at 202 N. 15th street.

Shortly before he left the Trask home, Dr. Evans was apparently in good health, according to Miss Nell Trask, who said she talked to the physician a few minutes prior to his departure for home.

Born in Abbeville, N. C. 55 years ago, Dr. Evans came to Wilmington many years ago, and was one of the city's leading physicians and surgeons.

He practiced medicine in his offices at the Murchison building, and surgery at James Walker Memorial hospital. Dr. Evans was an elder in the St. Andrews' Episcopal church, and a teacher of the Sunday Bible class there.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sarah Sheppard Evans; two daughters, Miss Mildred Evans, now at Agnes Scott School in

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Friends Flock To Aid Of Methodist Church

As throngs of Wilmingtonians gathered curiously at the intersection of Grace and Fourth streets to view the charred shell that remains of the once proud Grace Street Methodist Episcopal church, Kelly W. Prude, chairman of the trustees of the church property told the Star-News last night, no plans were yet laid for rebuilding the ruined cathedral.

Estimated cost of new construction was put at \$500,000 by building inspectors, but Price said the church had been added to so many times during its long service to

SERVICES AS USUAL

Grace Methodist congregation will worship this morning at 11:15 o'clock in St. Paul's Lutheran Parish House, Sixth and Princess streets. The congregation will hold evening services in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sixth and Market Streets, at eight o'clock. There will be no Sunday School this Sunday.

Wilmington, that an accurate estimate of the value of the building was impossible to make.

Meanwhile J. C. Roe, member of the New Hanover Board of Education, quickly offered the use of the Hemenway school for Sunday church goers who will no longer sit in the hallowed halls of the Grace street building.

Discovered by the Boy Scout

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Carolina Alumni To Meet Tuesday; Will Show Films

University of North Carolina alumni and their guests in Wilmington will see movies of the 1947 Sugar Bowl game at their smoker meeting Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the Community center, at Second and Orange streets. I. B. Grainger, Jr., vice-president of the New Hanover county alumni chapter, said yesterday.

The pictures present a play-by-play account of the game between Carolina and Georgia in New Orleans January 1. Running commentary of the game will be given with the pictures. Every play is included, including the controversial "forward lateral" pass and the Carolina touchdown that was disallowed when interference was ruled.

The Sugar Bowl pictures have been shown widely over North Carolina. Bringing the pictures here will be Luther C. Hodges, field representative of the University Alumni association. Also

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Smoker Speaker



LUTHER C. HODGES

RUBBER STRIKE IS CALLED OFF

Four Large Firms Affected; Deadline Was Midnight

CLEVELAND, March 22.—(AP)—Robert Cruden, public relations director of the CIO-United Rubber workers, reported tonight a strike of unionists against the "big four" firms of the rubber industry scheduled at midnight Sunday has been called off.

TOOK OFF YESTERDAY ON WEEK-END CRUISE TO TRAIN OPERATORS

With high winds and bad weather in the offing, the PC 776, used in training Naval Reserve personnel, departed from the customhouse docks at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, for a training cruise.

According to schedule, the ship will leave Wilmington and proceed to Southport. If the weather permits, the ship will stand out to sea this afternoon.

In the event prevailing weather conditions deem it risky to venture out, there will be a lay-over in Southport until morning.

"If the seas aren't too rough, the ship will clear the bar, and anchor directly off the inlet at Southport, to lay there during the night," said Commander John Wilson, captain of the PC 776.

The cruise is being conducted for the purpose of training the radio and radar operators in their duties, and giving the "black gang" a check out in the engine room. The cruise will feature an indoctrination period for the men of the Reserve who have seen no previous Naval service.

Several city notables will be guests on the cruise, to give them a little of the inside operations of the Navy. The guests are men from the city government, and men instrumental in conducting affairs of the city.

Wilmington Red Cross Praised For Efforts

Miss Francis P. Simerville, regional director of the American Red Cross, in a letter to the local Red Cross co-chairman of the Red Cross drive in Wilmington, J. H. Carswell, congratulated the chairman and co-workers for their "highly successful and speedy campaign."

Approximately \$31,301 was raised in the drive in this area; exceeding the goal by a total of about \$10,000. Carswell stated, Miss Simerville extended the National organization's congratulations to call all those who participated in this campaign effort.

Star-Newsreel To Visit Sampson

In the seventh Sunday radio visit to the counties served by the Star and the News the Sunday Star-Newsreel will salute Sampson county today over WFMD at 1:30 p. m. The program is written and directed by Ben McDonald, Star News Round-The-Town-Reporter.

Admiral Pays Brief Visit To Wilmington

Barely having time to take his hat and coat off, Admiral Joseph F. Farley, commandant of the United States Coast Guard, stopped over in Wilmington a few hours yesterday afternoon to visit with relatives before returning to Washington.

Interviewed at the home of a sister-in-law, Mrs. Harlee R. Bellamy, 612 Princess street, Admiral Farley would not disclose where he had been before coming by the Port City.

Puffing on a curved stem pipe, characteristic of his sea captain's background, the former Modoc captain, said that he had left Wilmington in November, 1937. He was made commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard on Jan. 1, 1946.

Farley was accompanied by his wife, the former Ruth Bridgman, who was visiting with Mrs. Bellamy and her brother, Burke H. Bridgers, 212 Orange street.

The admiral first came to Wilmington in 1915 as an ensign on the Coast Guard cutter, Seminole, and returned again for two tours of duty on the Modoc as executive officer, and later as commander.

According to a member of the family, Farley was making plans yesterday to purchase a summer home at Wrightsville Sound for his vacations.

The Admiral took off in a plane from Pennington airfield at 4 o'clock. He had landed there earlier in the day accompanied by two Coast Guard airmen.

FAIL TO AGREE

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—Wrangling Republican senators failed to agree today on whether controls on rents and sugar should be continued, changed or dropped. They will try again next week.

Appointment Rumor Denied By Mayor

Mayor W. Ronald Lane said last night that to his knowledge there has been no discussions in official circles regarding the possibility of the appointment of Richard L. Burnett, city councilman, or Willard I. Gatlin, former member of the State Bureau of Investigation, being appointed chief of police of the City of Wilmington.

Burnett, he said is entering business in the Fales Wholesale Fish and Oyster Company, and about Gatlin, he said he knew nothing.



Admiral Joseph F. Farley snapped as he visited the home of Dr. and Mrs. Harlee Bellamy late yesterday. (CAROLINA CAMERA PHOTO)