

Wilmington and vicinity: Rain this morning followed by clearing this afternoon and night with little change in temperature during day but colder at night; Saturday, fair and warmer.

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Mining Town Prepares To 'Honor' Dead

Mayor Of Centralia To Proclaim Burial Day For Blast Victims

DEATH TOLL GROWS

Eighteen More Bodies Removed From Tunnels Of Illinois Mine

CENTRALIA, Ill., March 27. — Centralia made plans today to bury its miner dead, as rescue squads combed methodically through a network of mine tunnels, virtually resigned the death toll in Tuesday's underground explosion would rise to 111.

Tired, dust-smear'd rescue workers brought 18 more bodies up the shaft of the Centralia Coal company's No. 5 mine early today. But they still found no signs of life among the 76 miners still unaccounted for below. No survivor has been found since 31 men were rescued from the gas-contaminated mine the first few hours after the blast.

The known death toll rose to 35, with discovery of the additional bodies.

A rescue squad leader gave the missing men "no chance at all" and Mayor O. W. Wright disclosed he was preparing a proclamation to designate a holiday commemorating a burial day or burial days for the victims.

Probe Demanded

Meanwhile, a demand was made in the national House of representatives for an investigation of the disaster and Illinois' Governor Dwight H. Green declared he was determined to have a "full, complete, impartial and non-political" inquiry.

Acting after the Senate voted yesterday to conduct an investigation, Rep. Vursell (R.-Ill.) introduced.

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RAILROAD CLAMPS EMBARGO ON MILK

Illinois Central Will Not Haul Commodity Through Strike Zone

AMITE, La., March 27. — (AP) — The Illinois Central railroad clamped an embargo today on milk shipments through the Florida parishes of Louisiana where a non-union farmer has been wounded and thousands of gallons of milk seized during a strike of dairymen for higher wholesale prices.

O. C. Stein, Illinois Central official, announced that no milk will be accepted aboard trains anywhere along the line between Memphis and New Orleans. Several trains have been searched during stops here, and bands of men twice forced the sidetracking of cars containing milk, which was spilled onto the ground. Federal officers are investigating.

At Ouis Baham, 24-year-old official of the Dairy Farmers cooperative at Kentwood, La., was wounded in the arm last night when he refused to stop his automobile on one of the stretches of road being patrolled by strikers attempting to halt truck shipments of milk to New Orleans.

Wife Escapes

Mrs. Baham and Lucius McCoy escaped injury as a group of men opened fire with shotguns and gassed chase in automobiles until Baham drove into his farm. Baham reported the affair to police. He is not producing milk during the strike, and had none in his car.

C. L. Russell, president of the Amite Local No. 16 of the AFL-Affiliated Dairy Employees, Chauffeurs and Maintenance employees, said he had no knowledge of the shooting.

"I think the report is false," he said.

Asked whether he thought strike sympathizers might have shot Baham, Russell replied:

"I don't think so. I know they wouldn't. When my boys go out

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BAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley

MISS LUCY BIN READING ONE DEM WHODUNITS EN SHE SAY SHE FIN' OUT EARLY DE GUILTY MAN WUZ DE MAN DAT WRIT IT!

Blast Survivor Rescued



Stretcher bearers bring out one of the 131 miners trapped by a terrific explosion far down in the No. 5 mine of the Centralia Coal Company at Centralia, Ill. Thirty-four others were brought out alive afterwards. Rescue workers believed 111 perished. Search continued for the entombed men. (AP Wirephoto).

Sugar Rationing End May Cause 'Scandal'

HIGH WINDS HIT CITY, RESORTS

Four Wilmington Sections Report Electric Service Disputed

The local weather bureau reported at 1:20 a. m. today that the wind storm which caused local disturbances last night and early this morning had passed north of the city and the barometer was then rising.

Extreme winds clocked during the height of the blow here late last night were 55 miles per hour, with the maximum winds listed as 43.

At 1:20 a. m. the barometer had risen to 29.62 from an earlier recording of 29.

At least four Wilmington sections were affected directly last night by the high winds, with electrical service disrupted and lines down, officials of the Tide Water Power company said early this morning. The company had repair crews at all points in an effort to repair the damage.

The sections affected were Princess Place, Brookwood, Lake Forest and the Market Street road. At least reports no other areas were hit hard by the lack of electricity.

Police officers at Carolina Beach reported that the estimated wind velocity at the southern resort was estimated at about 35 miles per hour, early this morning. No damage has been reported, the police said.

Wrightsville Beach was also rather hard hit by the force of the winds but town police said shortly after midnight that as far as they knew no heavy damage had been caused.

STORAGE UNIT TO BE LOCATED HERE

District Engineers To Erect Center At Brunswick River Lay-Up Basin

At the request of the United States Maritime Commission, a 2500 gallon storage and distribution unit is to be installed at the Brunswick River Storage basin by the Wilmington District Corps of Engineers.

The storage tank and supply line are to be placed on the Maritime Commission dock at the basin, it was stated, and will be used to supply the gasoline operated equipment used at the basin.

Work on the project will begin after plans and specifications are prepared by the local engineers.

Cubans' Honor Satisfied When Blood Flows Freely

HAVANA, Cuba, March 27. — (AP) — Blood was drawn from two Cuban Senators dueling with swords at dawn today apparently satisfying the "honor" of both.

The duelist were Sen. Francisco Prio Socarras, brother of the prime minister and an alleged close associate of the racketeer during Luciano's six months in Cuba, and Sen. Edward Chibas, who sneered publicly at the alleged friendship.

MOLOTOV RETREATS UNDER PRESSURE FROM WEST ON NAZI AUSTRIAN LOOT; REPUBLICANS PASS TAX SLASH BILL

Measure Now Faces Stormy Senate

Future Of Legislation VETO IN PROSPECT

Rep. Engel Of Michigan Flays Bill As Catering To Wealthy People

WASHINGTON, March 27. — (AP) — Republicans rammed their "30-20" income tax slash through the House on schedule today, 273 to 137 and sent it to a less enthusiastic Senate.

The final roll call found 233 Republicans joined by 40 Democrats for the bill. Against it were 133 Democrats and Reps. Engel (R-Mich), Buffett (R-Neb), H. Carl Andersen (R-Minn) and Marcan-ton (AL-NY).

The bill would trim 30 percent off the taxes of persons with taxable income up to \$1,000; and give 20 percent reductions to most other taxpayers, retroactive to Jan. 1.

Several "ifs" make the future of the bill uncertain. One is the position of GOP Senate leaders that the tax cut should be effective July 1, instead of for the full year of 1947. Another is the opposition of President Truman to any tax cuts now; he may veto the bill. Today's vote was one short of the two thirds necessary to override a veto.

The Senate probably will not act until late in April or later. Before the final House vote, the

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SENCBA TO START MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Hugh Morton Named Chairman To Enlist 2,000 Into Organization

A campaign to enlist 2,000 members into the South Eastern North Carolina Beach Association will get underway on Monday morning with members of the organization soliciting individuals and business firms over Brunswick, Onslow, and New Hanover counties.

Final discussions and organization plans for the membership drive were held last night by members of the board of directors meeting in the Friendly cafeteria. Louis B. Orrell, president, was in charge of the meeting. Hugh Morton has been named as chairman of the drive.

A goal of \$32,000, including \$15,000 for the fall fishing rodeo to be sponsored by SENCBA, has been set by the group. The remainder of the money it is to be used for other projects, creating a full time office, and for an advertising program.

Individuals and firms directly or indirectly interested in the development of the area's tourist and recreational potentialities will be asked to become members of SENCBA in the drive opening on Monday. Later, municipalities, and communities will be approached. Minimum of \$10 has been named for individual membership.

The ultimate objective of the SENCBA program is to create year-round recreational activities and projects for the area. Since its organization less than one year ago, the major projects sponsored by SENCBA was the fishing rodeo staged last fall. A larger rodeo is

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Along The Cape Fear

CONTROVERSY AGAIN—The sterling defense of the cat fish which graced this column not so long ago has brought on a controversy.

Not as to the great merits of the cat fish, we're glad to say, but as to which is the best eating fish in the Cape Fear region.

But let us tell you what one friend has written to us: "Many more millions of Americans are more interested in eating fish than in catching them," he states.

"Along The Cape Fear is passing up a great opportunity if you do not investigate this important issue," he adds.

Restaurant Operators Hold Banquet Here



The officers and guests of the New Hanover Restaurant Operators Association are shown above at the banquet meeting of the association held last night at the Famous Club. Left to right, seated—R. W. Ferguson, of Charlotte, representative of Swift and Company; W. A. Linehan, director of the sugar division of the O.P.A., Raleigh and W. C. Haas, sanitary inspector for the food division of the city-county health department. Standing—E. W. Stacy, president; Miss Anna Koutroulas, member of the board of directors; William J. Blackwell, secretary-treasurer and Chris Rongotos, vice-president of the association. (PHOTO BY CAROLINA CAMERA).

RESTAURANT MEN OUTLINE GOALS

Aims Of New Local Organization Told At First Formal Meeting

Over 100 members of the New Hanover Restaurant Operators Association and their guests attended the first official meeting of the group, organized last October, in the Famous Club last night.

President E. W. Stacy presided and before introducing the speakers on the program, he gave a general outline of the purposes and objectives of the recently-formed association.

Included in the objectives as outlined by the president were the organization for cooperative buying by the members from local merchants and brokers. Stacy said the board of directors of the Association have visions of establishing their own poultry farm.

"We will appoint a special ways and means committee to study these proposals," Stacy said. The committee and the board of directors will study the ideas submitted and work out a plan that will be presented to the members for a mail vote, the president stated.

Stacy said the restaurant operators were planning to observe May 5-12 as National Restaurant Week an extensive plans will be made to publicize the establishments of the members of the local association.

Miss Anna Koutroulas, a member of the board of directors, served as toast mistress. In introducing W. A. Linehan, director of the sugar branch of the O.P.A., with headquarters at Raleigh, Miss Koutroulas, referred to him as the "Sugar Daddy" of the restaurateurs.

"You people, the institutional users of sugar, know just about as much as I do about the present sugar situation," he said.

He stated that the main source of the American sugar supply comes from the Caribbean area. He went into detail of explaining the present sugar regulations, but

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Local Merchants Sponsoring Event

The 'Weather' Today And Saturday Designated As 'Shop In Wilmington' Days

"Shop in Wilmington Days," today and tomorrow.

These are the days when the alphabetical symbol SWD, about which you have been reading, come to realization.

The two days have been set aside by the Wilmington merchants as a period of special appeal to out-of-town shoppers to visit Wilmington stores and view the beautiful Easter displays now featured here.

For the first time since the close of the war, Wilmington merchants (Continued on Page Seven, Col. 3)

INQUEST CALLED IN NEGRO'S DEATH

Coroner Sets Monday Night For Probe Of Fire Victim

New Hanover county Coroner Gordon Doran announced last night that an inquest into the death of Bob Martin, aged Wilmington Negro, has been scheduled for Monday night in the grand jury room of the courthouse at eight o'clock.

Martin's body was found badly burned in a blazing house at 706 Green street Wednesday night and it was thought at first that the house caught fire accidentally and Martin was trapped in the building. He was found crumpled just inside the front door and firemen were forced to break the door down when it was found locked.

Local officers, together with Doran, started an investigation when certain clues were found led them to suspect foul play. Investigating officers said yesterday that Martin reportedly had several hundred dollars locked in a trunk in the house but efforts to find the trunk were unsuccessful.

Another thing which acted to raise suspicion was the manner in which the frame structure burned. A strong odor of kerosene

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Bacon Business Brings 'Blushes' To Barrister

Lawyers usually are the last persons in the world to become embarrassed in court. They have the know-how of making defendants wish they were, well, you know where.

But such wasn't the case in Recorder's court here yesterday. For a fleeting moment an attorney turned and twisted like a worm on a hot brick. And figuratively he was on a hot brick for the moment.

Compromise Proposal Is Brushed Off

Russian Minister Agrees to Discuss Key Issue to Peace Parley

MARSHAL HOLDS ON

Bevin, Bidault Back United States Stand That Definition Needed

MOSCOW, March 27. — (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov gave ground tonight under pressure from the three Western nations and agreed to discuss a definition of German assets in Austria, the key issue in the writing of the Austrian peace treaty.

He submitted to the Foreign Ministers council a compromise proposal which American authorities said unofficially was too vague to permit acceptance. Whether Molotov's retreat foreshadowed agreement on the Austrian pact remained in doubt.

For two hours Molotov clung steadfastly to his argument that any German assets in the Eastern zone of Austria belonged to Russia without question, and that no definition of what constituted German assets was necessary. The problem, he said, was covered adequately by the Potsdam agreement which Russia has interpreted as allowing her to take whatever she pleased.

West Insistent Secretary of State Marshall, French Minister Georges Bidault and British Secretary Ernest Bevin had insisted that it was necessary to define what constitutes German assets in Austria. They maintained that the Germans had seized much Austrian and United Nations property without payment, and this could not be considered German although it was in German hands at the end of the war.

In partial acceptance of a French proposal, Molotov suggested that the deputy foreign ministers be instructed to "prepare a definition of German assets excluding property seized by the Germans by direct force, or as a measure of aryanization without compensation from the United Nations or Austrians."

The French proposal would have the deputies prepare a "definition of German assets excluding all property taken by force or direct force, and in general unduly taken by the Germans from the United Nations or Austria for religious, political and racial reasons."

Soviet Claims Molotov's elimination of the phrase "by duress" would give the Russians a right to assets taken by the Nazis by the use of threats and other pressure. Likewise the phrase "as a measure of aryanization" would apply only

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SNOW, HIGH WIND CUTS ATTENDANCE

Three Thousand Teachers Gather At Asheville For Convention

ASHEVILLE, March 27. — (AP) — Inclement weather, including snow and ice and high winds, slowed arrivals here today for the 63rd annual convention of the North Carolina Education association.

Approximately 3,000 school teachers, principals and superintendents, including 1,800 official delegates, are expected to attend the convention, however, and welcome signs were in evidence in store windows and public buildings throughout the city.

Sessions which preceded the first general meeting of the convention, this afternoon included meetings of the NCEA board of directors and of the superintendents' and united principals' divisions.

Two general sessions are scheduled to be held tomorrow. One, beginning at 9 a. m., will feature election of NCEA delegates, the president's report on association activities, discussion of the NCEA

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And So To Bed

How old should a dime be to be old?

The question is not so ridiculous as it might sound, since any numismatist — coin collector — might ask it.

O. V. Hill, of 11-X Lake Forest, has a dime dated 1833, which makes it about 114 years old.