

Fales, Hayes Main Choices

Rumors, Counter - Rumors
Fly Fast Over Police
Chief Appointment

Rumors and counter-rumors as to who will be named chief of the Wilmington police department continued to fly fast and furious last night on the eve of scheduled city council action on the matter.

City Manager J. R. Benson still declined to comment on the situation which has been brought to the boiling point with the revelation that a man will be named as soon as a certified copy of the new civil service bill is received.

As soon as a copy of the law is in the hands of city officials a special session of the council is expected to be called.

Benson is expected to make his recommendation at that time and speedy council action is considered a certainty, either in favor of the recommendation or against it.

Fales A Contender

Lt. Hubert Fales, head of the police department's detective force, is still considered the top man in the picture despite the fact that Harry Fales, superintendent of the City-County Bureau of Identification has assumed the position of a contender with the circulation of a petition among the Wilmington residents requesting that he be named to the post.

The petition carried the signature of a goodly number of Wilmington residents last night, with Fales' supporters predicting that the number will continue to grow.

One of the chief backers of Fales is said to be Norwood Westbrook, former member of the civil service commission, who is considered one of the leading critics of the present city administration.

Lt. Hayes, who has maintained silence since he was mentioned as being under serious consideration by city officials for the position, last night said simply that the city manager and members of the council had known him for several years and that if they thought he was capable of the post and wished to appoint him he would serve the best of his ability.

He asserted that he had not sought for the job, had not asked that petitions be circulated in his behalf and had no intention of doing so.

The petition for Fales is addressed to the "Honorable Board of Commissioners and City Manager" and states that Fales has years of experience in law enforcement in the county and is familiar with all phases of police work.

The petition goes on to say that "we are very sorry that unfortunate circumstances exist in the city as relates to the police department."

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Measure No Balm, Rep. Kermion Says

New Hanover Legislator Strikes Back At
Reported Contention Salary Bill
Was To Appease Council

By EARL HOWARD
Star Staff Writer

Striking back at a reported contention that he had introduced legislation to increase the salaries of city officials in order to appease council members who had opposed the passage of a revised civil service law, Representative Robert M. Kermion last night issued a statement saying that the one purpose of his action was that he felt such an increase was needed by councilmen.

He said further that if members of the council would send him a telegram to the effect that they were opposed to the salary increase, he would have the bill held up in the Senate even though the House already had passed the measure.

"I put the bill in to increase the salaries of city councilmen because I felt that men who spend time in the office should be adequately paid for this service," Kermion asserted.

There are many men in the city of Wilmington who are entirely capable of holding the position of councilman and who are not floating in wealth, and who could be of great service to the community but who could not afford to make the financial sacrifice for service rendered," he said.

No "Appeasement"

"Furthermore, no member of the city council requested that the bill be introduced in the legislature," and it was not "my position on the bill is that I do not believe it is in the interest of the city to pass it in its present form."

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"Furthermore," Kermion said, "some members of the city council knew several weeks ago that I intended to introduce the bill prior to the passage of the civil service bill. The salary increase does not go into effect until July 1, 1947 at which time it will apply to the new council."

"However, if the city council does not want the bill passed and believe it to be to the best interest of the city that the bill not become law and will send me a wire to this effect, then the bill will be held up."

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BACHELOR, Dan Young of South Bend, Ind., on observing his 103rd birthday, said he's still willing to consider getting married, but he is not interested "in any young women from 85 to 95 years of age." He insists that if he gets married his bride will have to be about his age. (International Soundphoto)

CARTER DENOUNCES CHARGES BY FORMER HOME OFFICIALS; UNION MAY DEFEY "SEIZURE"

Phone Strike
Threat Acute

President Beirne Says
Clark Opinion Contrary
NFTW Legal Rulings

WASHINGTON, April 4. (AP)—The possibility that a nation-wide telephone strike may occur even if the government seizes the industry arose tonight when the union leadership challenged the government's seizure powers.

Joseph A. Beirne, president of the National Federation of Telephone Workers threatening a strike Monday, said Attorney General Clark's opinion that President Truman has legal seizure authority is "contrary to the opinion of our legal counsel."

Beirne left open the question whether the telephone workers will stay on the job if the President takes over the industry.

Clark had ruled earlier that the President may exercise war powers in the Federal Communications act to seize the industry.

After a meeting of the NFTW policy committee Beirne told reporters:

"The Attorney general's opinion is contrary to the opinion of our legal counsel. He is stretching the law to the breaking point in handing down such a decision. If seizure is decided upon by the President we will then determine what action is to be taken."

Tone More Hopeful

These developments came as negotiations in the dispute took on a more hopeful tone—with the strike deadline hardly more than two days off.

Regarding prospective action by the government, Beirne said:

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LABOR BILL MAY BAN CLOSED SHOP

Measure Now Before Com-
mittee Would Bar Union
Health Fund Control

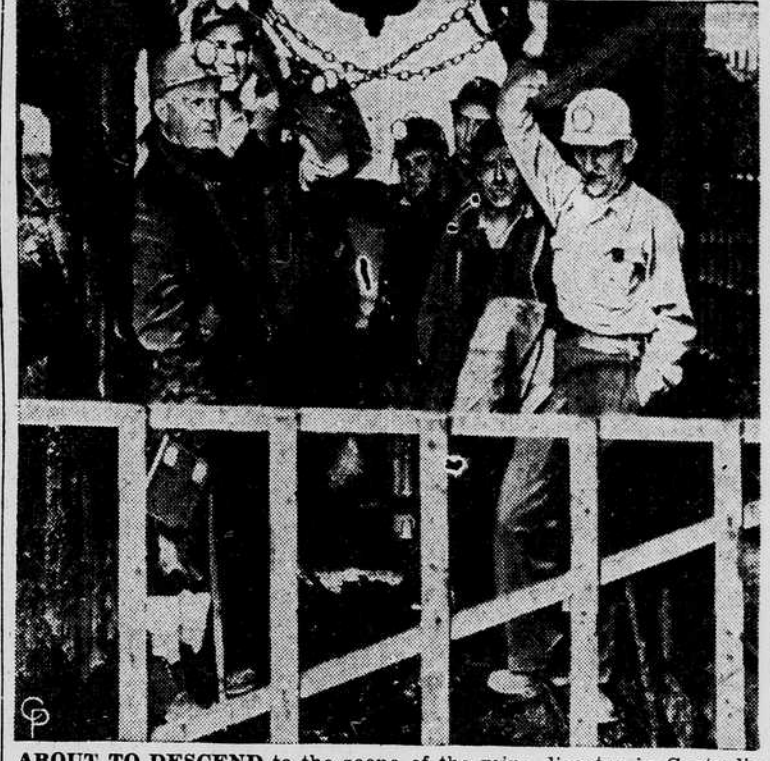
WASHINGTON, April 4. (AP)—A ban on the closed shop, jurisdictional strikes and secondary boycotts is contained in the preliminary draft of a general labor bill before the Senate Labor committee, legislators disclosed tonight.

The bill, prepared by the committee's staff as a starting point for discussion by members, contains no outright ban on industry-wide bargaining. Neither does it ban the union shop nor maintenance of membership.

But the draft, described by Senators as "very preliminary" and likely to be changed in many details, now provides for:

1. Outlawing of secondary boycotts and jurisdictional strikes, as well as strikes designed to force an employer to (a) bargain with a union which is not certified under the Wagner Labor Relations act, (b) correct practices for which an administrative remedy is provided under the Wagner act, or (c) violate any law.
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ABOUT TO DESCEND to the scene of the mine disaster in Centralia, Ill., where 111 miners lost their lives, are members of the committee appointed by Gov. Dwight Green to investigate the accident. Included in the group are John E. Jones, representing the Federal Coal Mines Administration; William A. Gallagher, district engineer of the Bureau of Mines; Wilbert H. Holt, state's attorney for Washington County; David Devanand, vice-president of the Peabody Coal Company; Oliver Bishop, United Mine Workers of America representative; Fred Hellmeyer, chief electrician, Centralia Coal Company, and James Sneddon, inspector for the Illinois Bureau of Mines and Minerals. (International)

Warm Meet Set Monday

Commissioners Will Give
Full Airing To "Treat-
ment" Controversy

By GEORGE HASLAM
Star Staff Writer

Storm clouds were gathering to day over the impending meeting of the New Hanover county commissioners on Monday when conditions at the county home will be thrashed out again both pro and con.

The die was cast yesterday when Commissioner George W. Trask, who made the original charge that the inmates were not receiving "kind" treatment at the hands of Superintendent C. M. Carter, announced that he would insist on S. G. Long, former superintendent of the institution and Mrs. D. C. Livingston, a former nurse at the home, testifying at the commissioners' meeting.

Superintendent Carter, the storm center of the current investigation, last night vehemently denounced published reports of charges by Long and Mrs. Livingston and said that he felt sure the county commissioners would hear his side of the matter come Monday morning.

Long, who now is serving as superintendent of the county home's farm, is expected to throw much light on conditions at the home. Commissioner Trask has indicated that the charge of wasting food will be aired at the Monday session.

May Testify

Mrs. D. O. Livingston, who told Commissioner Trask that the superintendent fired her from her job at the home, is expected to testify that she saw mistreatment of inmates.

Superintendent Carter, alarmed over the charges made by Long and the former employee, told the Star that he had taken offense at the insinuations by the pair and would be happy to face them when the commissioners meet.

"I discharged Mrs. Livingston," Carter said, "because at the time I employed her I was under the impression that she was a single person."

"In this type of work, it requires a person who can live at the home and most married women are anxious to be at their own homes at night," he explained.

"It's true that she gave me" (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

JUDGES PAY HIKE BILL GOES DOWN

House Appropriations
Committee Kills Measure
Passed By Senate

RALEIGH, April 4. (AP)—The House of the legislature today passed by oral vote a bill permitting an election in the city of Asheville on legalization of alcoholic beverage control stores.

The bill, introduced early today by Reps. Henry C. Fisher and George A. Shuford, both of Buncombe, was sent to the Calendar committee which gave its approval, and the measure was sent to the House.

Rep. Roy Taylor, one of the three members of the Buncombe house delegation, opposed passage of the bill on grounds that the people of Buncombe county in 1938 voted against establishing ABC stores. Taylor said that he felt sure the sentiment had not changed.

House speaker Tom Pearsall told House members that "things look bright" for final sine die adjournment "sometime late tomorrow."

The Senate, rushing through legislation at an afternoon session, approved an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the State Art society, and passed bills increasing the salaries of State Supreme Court justices and Superior Court judges. Pay of Supreme Court judges would be raised from \$7,500 to \$8,250; Superior Court judges, from \$6,500 to \$7,250.

However, the House Appropriations committee tonight killed the measures which would increase the salaries for the Supreme Court judges and Superior Court judges by making an unfavorable report.

Governor's Salary

The House also passed a bill which would increase the salary of the next governor from \$10,500 to \$15,000 annually.

Rep. J. P. Bullock of Robeson asked that the House take on the unfavorable calendar a bill which would change the method of selecting the first of the month 0.84 inches.

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HORSE RACE BILL MAY BE DEFERRED

Little Possibility Now Of
Action At Monday
Meeting

Little possibility of action Monday by the county commissioners on the new state measure, permitting the board to call an election to determine if the county would approve setting up a race track with pari-mutuel betting, was indicated last night by Commissioner H. R. Gardner.

The bill, which earlier had been passed by the house following its sponsorship by Rep. R. M. Kermion, was passed on its third reading yesterday by the senate at Raleigh.

"We will have to wait until we receive an official copy of the measure," Commissioner Gardner explained.

"Then the county commissioners would have to receive a petition from the people requesting such an election before it could act," he pointed out.

State Measure

The state measure, as made official yesterday, would permit the New Hanover commissioners to call an election before January 1, 1949 to determine the wishes of the county in the matter.

Another member of the board, L. J. Coleman said last night that he was "definitely against it" if it would permit gambling.

News of the passage of the only piece of horse-racing and pari-mutuel betting legislation was greeted here with an open mind by Commissioner J. M. Hall.

"It's up to the people of New Hanover county. Just like the recent approval of the junior college and the tubercular sanatorium, if the people want it then I will follow their wishes," Commissioner Hall said.

Ministers Oppose

Earlier in the day the Wilmington Ministerial association went on (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

BOYS' CLUB MEMBERS SIGN UP FOR EASTER EGG HUNT MONDAY

One hundred and twenty-five members of the Brigade Boys' club had signed up last night for an Easter Egg hunt at the Bruce B. Cameron Memorial Boys Camp on Monday.

How many more may sign on the dotted line before the truck starts from the Brigade Armory, Second and Church sts., is anybody's guess, according to James Copeland, executive director.

Harold L. Culler, physical director, plans to start early Monday morning with a group of the older boys to hide the eggs. Then at 10 o'clock Secretary Copeland will leave the hunters.

Soft drinks and lunch will be provided by the Senior Fraternity Ladies Auxiliary.

Today will be devoted to dyeing the eggs at the Armory.

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TRACTOR BLAMED FOR TRAIN WRECK

Machine Falls Off Freight
In Path Of Streamliner;
Two Killed

CHICAGO, April 4. (AP)—A tractor that slipped from a flat car almost into the path of an oncoming passenger train was blamed today for the freak wreck of the Burlington railroad's Twin City Zephyr in which two passengers died and 34 other persons were injured.

The eight car steel streamliner, bound for Chicago from Minneapolis and St. Paul, was traveling its usual 75 mile an hour speed when it plowed into the tractor late last night at suburban Downers Grove.

The diesel engine swayed sharply from side to side, pushing along the heavy obstruction. The action snapped the coupling to the coaches and the engine continued over two blocks and then spun over on its side.

The first and second coaches jack-knifed and smashed against the deserted brick and concrete railroad station, caving in a part of the building wall. Most of the injured were in the first coach, which was sheared open by the impact. The third coach came to rest upright but astraddle the Burlington's three tracks. The remaining five coaches also left the rails but remained upright.

Man, Woman Die

The dead were Lloyd W. Wright, 48, Oak Park salesman, killed in the wreck and Edith Helled of Minneapolis who died from injuries today in a Hinsdale, Ill., sanitarium.

Edward Flynn, executive vice president of the Burlington railroad, said the dispatcher's records (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

BEATS HANDICAP

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 4. (AP)—Russell Herford, 22-year-old former paratrooper who is paralyzed from the waist down, has obtained a license to fly an airplane.

The Thornfield, Mo., veteran, a patient at Veterans hospital here, passed his flight test yesterday under the scrutiny of Aeronautical Inspector Wayne Canney of Atlanta.

A special extension on the craft's brake pedal enables Herford to handle the craft. He bought a small plane and started lessons October 21, 1946.

Herford was wounded in the spine while serving with the 513th Parachute regiment during the Rhine offensive.

Twenty-Five Per Cent Of Closed Pits May Re- open Monday

By The Associated Press

The task of correcting unsafe conditions in 518 bituminous coal mines was well under way today throughout the nation, and United Mine workers officials insisted on careful scrutiny of results "for the protection of our men."

As reports trickled in announcing safety certification of some pits, a Navy spokesman indicated that at least 25 percent of the cited mines would "be certified okay" before Monday—end of a six-day mourning period by 400,000 soft coal miners.

"When the operating manager of the mine and the United Mine Workers' safety committee declare the pit safe, the Navy (operating the mines for the government) immediately certifies it as such," the official said.

Union safety committees in UMW District 5 at Pittsburgh were ordered by District President John P. Busarello to defer signing of any certificates until his office "could check on what's been done to improve safety."

"We're doing this for the protection of our miners," Busarello asserted.

At Clearfield, Pa., James Mark, president of UMW District 2, said union committees should "keep (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

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Jerusalem's Jews Worship
By Wailing Wall; Via
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RAIN MAY DAMPEN MILADY'S BONNET

Weather Seers Say Um-
brellas Should Be Part
Of Ensemble Sunday

By The Associated Press

Weather forecasters conjured up this vision Friday of what the nation's Easter morning parades will be like:

In the Midwest and parts of the East, promenaders will step lightly to keep warm.

Their ensemble may include Umbrellas in the Northeast, in New York, the coastal regions of Florida and Carolina and around Kansas City.

Most of the South may expect perfect weather, with clearing skies and mild temperatures.

Partly cloudy skies were in prospect for most of the West.

A storm was moving Northeast over the Great Lakes area, bringing widespread rains, but forecasters said it probably would blow itself out in the St. Lawrence Valley by Saturday night, leaving cool but otherwise pleasant weather in its wake.

However, the storm brought the prospect of a "dismal" day in the extreme Northeast, with heavy showers possible in some places.

Colder weather covered the Western states Friday, while the South central sections experienced warm and humid conditions. Normal weather prevailed elsewhere.

High winds and fairly heavy rains were expected to accompany the Great Lakes storm on its North Eastern trip, but forecasters said calm weather would follow.

PUBLIC INVITED TO RADIO SALUTE

Star-News Program At
High School Sunday Will
Honor New Hanover

The general public is invited to attend the Star-News radio salute to New Hanover county from the stage of the New Hanover high school auditorium by remote control over WMFD tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

The broadcast, the final in a series of salutes honoring the counties in Southeastern North Carolina served by the Star and the News on the Sunday Star Newsweek will highlight the voices of the New Hanover high school Glee club under the direction of Mary Henri Wolfe.

In addition to the Glee club, W. O. Page, Jr., soloist will sing several of his own arrangements of well-known Easter hymns. Del McGowan, instrumentalist, will also have a featured role.

The program, under the direction of Ben McDonald, Star-News round-the-town-reporter, will describe the past history of the county, the present development as a whole and future possibilities of its continued growth.

ALONG THE CAPE FEAR

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WEALTHY AIRMAN PLANS WORLD HOP

Milton Reynolds, Pen Man-
ufacturer, To Make As-
sault On Hughes' Mark

NEW YORK, April 4. (AP)—Milton Reynolds, 54-year-old millionaire who made the Ball point pen famous, was making final preparations tonight to take his plane, "The Reynolds Bomshell," on a weekend around-the-world flight in an attempt to break Howard Hughes' record of 1938.

The twin-engine converted A-26 attack bomber was scheduled to leave from LaGuardia airport at 12:01 A. M. tomorrow on a projected 20,000-mile trip over four continents and two oceans, but last minute complications arose.

THOUSANDS TO HEAR Moravian Services

Special To The Star
WINSTON-SALEM, April 4. — "The Lord Is Risen."

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The Weather

FORECAST:
South Carolina and North Carolina — Mostly cloudy and rather windy with occasional showers and scattered thunderstorms Saturday and Sunday night; warmer Saturday; Sunday partly cloudy and mild.

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Metecological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

TEMPERATURES
High 78; Low 64; Maximum 86; Minimum 44. Mean 55; Normal 54.

HUMIDITY
7:30 a. m. 78; 7:30 p. m. 87; 1:30 p. m. 71.

PRECIPITATION
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.4 inches.
Total since the first of the month 0.84 inches.

THE TIDES FOR TODAY
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

Wilmington	Low	High
9:40 a. m.	4:23 a. m.	4:41 p. m.
10:10 p. m.	4:41 p. m.	5:00 a. m.
11:00 p. m.	5:00 a. m.	5:18 p. m.
11:50 p. m.	5:18 p. m.	5:36 a. m.

Moonrise 5:54; Sunset 6:36; Moonset 11:50; Sunrise 6:06.

Up: Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. Friday missing feet.

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ICC Masterminds Atomic Shipments

WASHINGTON, April 4. (AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission, which has figured out the plentitude of toughies in the transportation field since 1887, has doped out tentative regulations for shipment of the hot stuff that goes into atom bombs.

About 30,000 words of regulations, plus diagrams, to be exact, and really quite simple, as for example regulation 368 (G), which liquid or solid, must be packed in suitable inside containers completely surrounded by a shield of lead or other suitable material of such thickness that at any time during transportation meter (9.7 radiation at one inch) from and at right angles to any point on the long axis of the package, which says more directly:

"No person shall remain within three feet of this container unnecessarily."

Other timely tips from the ICC: The containers "must be carried by the handles when handles are provided."

If you happen to be carrying a roll of undeveloped film, and pass within 15 feet of the shipment, your films are likely to be developed very quickly.

When trains are made up, a car carrying radioactive materials may not be placed next to another car loaded with ordinary explosives, or carload shipments of undeveloped film.

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