Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy and slightly cooler today. Wednesday, considerable cloudiness with not much change in temperature.

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#### Thirteen Per Cent Of Noted Automotive Pioneer Lewis' Union Membership Defies Orders

WASHINGTON, April 7.-(U.P.)-The government claimed tonight that 54,000 of John L. Lewis' 400, 000 soft coal miners "ignored" nis safety strike today and went back

This apparently meant that the bership had defied their leader. But the bulk of his men, particularly in the great producing treas of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Ilinois were standing squarely, be-

were refusing to enter "hazardmines and extenhing last week's "mouring" shutdown for victims of the Centralia, Ill., mine misaster into a "safety" stoppage of indefinite duration.

The nation's coal-consuming injustries were preparing for a starvation diet. mediately cut its blast furnace and the Pennsylvania railroad said off 1,500 employes because of dwindling coal shipments. tocks depleted, other industries were expected to follow suit.

The government stood by, apparently helpless to do anything

The Coal Mines administration disclosed the "revolt" against Lewis' leadership, reporting that 500 of the 2,531 government-held

#### 725,000 Tons Mined It estimated that these mines,

together with privately-owned pits using non-union workers or members of the rival Progressive Miners Union of America, produced 725,000 tons today. This is about o per cent of normal daily out-

The 500 mines presumably have been certified as safe. Most of them were believed to have been on a list of 1,200 which Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug said could e reopened once government managers found that no 'hazardous" conditions exist.

The agency said that nearly 900 the 2,531 mines in federal poscertificates today by operating managers or, in some cases, by mine safety committees. The latter's approval also is needd for 518 mines that Krug considered particularly dangerous.

Lewis, however, had demanded that the government keep closed but two mines until they could by Bureau of Mines in vectors. The demand was rejected as 'arbitrary," leaving the next move up to Lewis. By doing noth-

ing, he made it clear to his miners that his "safety" stoppage Reports from the field showed

(Continued On Page Two, Col. 5)

# PASSENGERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

#### Only Six Out Of 300 Injured When Crack 'Pennsy' Train Piles Up

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., April 7. (P)- Derailment of the Pennslyania railroad's eastbound Gotham minted at a cross-over switch ere early today left the locomoe and thirteen cars of the fifteenleup but no one was killed and nly six of the 300 persons aboard

affered serious injuries. Fifteen injured persons were takto two hospitals in Fort Wayne favor. nine of them were treated and leased during the day.

Remaining in the hospital were: rs. Joseph Schneider, 48, Pittsigh, with head and back injuries; daughter, Miss Anna Marie hneider, 28, also with head and ck injuries; Vernol Stauffer, 66, rest, O., Mail clerk, fractured ht leg; Mrs. Paul Lake, Decatur, , back and leg injuries; Grover ica, 39, New York, right arm back injuries; and William intain, 27, Pittsburgh, head and

ck injuries. all about 40 passengers sufed injuries but many of them re treated in the city hall here then were taken by bus to Fort yne to continue to their desti- pace." ions by other trains. ailroad officials began an intigation to determine the cause

#### The Weather

Carolina - Considerable cloud h Carolina — Considerable cloudimid warm Tuesday; Wednesday,
cloudy and warm, occasional
rain in North portion.
h Carolina — Partly cloudy and
y cooler Tuesday; Wednesday, conble cloudiness and occasional light
in west and central portions.
(Eastern Standard Time)
By U. S. Weather Bureau)
by U. S. Weather Bureau)
TEMPERATURES
a. m. 68; 7:30 a. m. 62; 1:30 p. m.

68; 7:30 a. m. 62; 1:30 p. m. m. 72; Maximum 85, Min-Mean 73. Normal 59.

HUMIDITY 7:30 a. m. 93; 1:30 p PRECIPITATION

for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. hes. Total since the first of 1th 0.84 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY rom the Tide Tables published by S. Coast and Geodetic Survey). HIGH LOW 11:50 a.m.

18,52 p.m. Geot 3.31 a.m. the 3.34 p.m. stair 9.58 p.m. 3.34 p.m. Sunset 6:38, Moonrise

liver stage at Fayetteville, N. m. Monday 13.4 feet. (More weather on Page Two)

# 54,000 UMW Henry Ford Dies STRIKERS SET FOR LONG SHUTDOWN Back In Pits Suddenly At Home ON PHONE INDUSTRY, BEIRNE SAYS;

# Succumbed At 11:40 O'Clock Last Night

DETROIT, April 8. (Tuesday)-(U.P.) -Henry Ford died at 11:40 o'clock last night, it was announced early today.

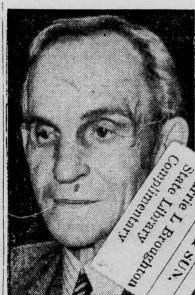
A spokesman for the Ford Motor Company, which the elder motor 13.5 per cent of Lewis' total mem- manufacturer founded and ballooned into a billion dollar organization said simply:

"Henry Ford died in his home at Dearborn at 11:40 p. m. Monday, April 7." He was 83.

Death found the frail, aging auto maker in complete retirement from active management of his vast empire. He retained only directorships in the Ford Motor company and the smaller Ford Motor company of Canada. Ford was president of the auto

ompany which bears his name from 1903 until 1919. He gave up the title in 1919 but returned to active management May 1, 1943, when the sudden death of his only son, Edsel, vacated the presi-

greatest industrialists, was born months Ford left the Flower Brothn a small comfortable farm house ers and went to the Dry Dock Ennear Dearborn, Mich., July 30, 1863, gine company where he remained the son of frugal and industrious for two years. William Ford and Mary Litogot Ford, he showed mechanical aptitude about the age of 11 when he



began making miniature water dams and tinkering wth watches, At 18 he decided to pursue a mechanical job rather than farming, and went to work for \$2.50 weekly at the Flower Brothers special commission. machine shop in Detroit. After Henry Ford, one of the world's working 10 hours a day for nine

> It was not until Sept. 21, 1945, (Continued On Page Two; Col. 8)

Unsightly Spots New

Underway

By SUE MARSHALL

Star Staff Writer

This civic pride movement - :

(Continued on Page Two, Col. 6)

Mother Of Three Says At-

tempt To Telephone

Alarm Unanswered

ELMSFORD, N. Y., April 7.

sponse when she attempted to re-

utes after the nationwide telephone

port a fire in her home at 10 min-

Her three children and their 17-

in a second story bedroom, perish-

The mother said that when she

Screens nailed into second floor

children's escape by window. Mrs.

Brown attempted to remove a

A telephone spokesman said that

CHILDREN PERISH

ts suburbs.

# mines operated today. It said that they employ 54,000 UMW mem-Face-Lifting Free

#### Passengers Trapped

SEATTLE, April 7 — (AP) Seven persons were believed to died when a North Coast lines bus, enroute here from Portland, plunged off the Pacific highway into the Duwamish river, near Seattle's south city for New Hanover county's road limits, shortly after 7 p. m. to- sides and areas.

An hour after the accident all rubbish heaps, and otherwise unwas confusion at the scene as sightly dumps from along the policemen, duputy sheriffs and highways and parks got underway city police officers rescued pas-|yesterday. sengers from the submerged bus and tried to revive them with project for which the local Scrosis artificial respiration.

While authorities said they be lieved seven were dead they could not give an accurate estimate. The accident occurred when the not only to encourage highway se re-examined and declared safe the bridge. The truck driver was parks and playgrounds throughout reported to have escaped with the county. minor injuries.

## BLASTS with a proclamation calling attention to the fact that the week of MARSHALL

#### Britain. France Join U. S. In Opposition To Central Government Idea

MOSCOW, April 7. - (U.P.) -Russian today demanded that the German people decide by plebiscite whether they shall have a strong central government but the Big Four delegates of the United States, Great Britain and France denounced the proposal as a threat to world peace.

Russian Foreign Minister Viacheslav Molotov insisted that the Germans themselves be permitted to say whether they want a strong ar train strewn in a staggered central government — which Russia desires or a federalized regime, linked by a weak central administration, which the United States, Great Britain and France

"The United States does not want to set up a central govern- ed in the blaze. ment which might eventually be one," Secretary of State George she ran outside. A neighbor attract-C Marshall said.

"It would be a danger to the fire by an alarm box. peace of the world. The United States wants a central government based on the German states. "It is not possible today or in the immediate future to get an screen from the outside but her intelligent expression of German stepladder was too short to reach opinion. It is not even practical. the window. The drafting of a constitution is very complicated and any plebiscite in the provisional period 6, and Barbara, 11, and their cous

would be highly dangerous for in, Margaret Mahoney. normal service was being main-Reminding Molotov that strong German governments had started tained by a supervisory staff at the two world wars, that Hitler had time. gime and that he had used the neighbor of Mrs. Brown reported necessary for us to experience glance at the photograph you will

The company also said another

## (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2) her call was promptly handled. Carter Exonerated By Commission Vote this valuable print which Mr. Burke Bridgers of 212 Orange st.,

By GEORGE HASLAM Star Staff Writer

An uncertain peace and quiet hovered over the New Hanover county home today following a stormy session of the county commissioners yesterday climaxing official who has served on the scene). charges as to the type of treat- resignation as chairman of the it would inspire Mr. Paul Hess, think for one minute that the cold ters as a P-51 Mustang fighter Both men were thrown from the M. Carter.

stands exonerated by a four to nothing vote of the commission- overnight.

Superintendent Carter almost of the participation in winter sports of which the Port City no longer can airport, took off this afternoon of the commissioner overnight.

Superintendent Carter almost overnight.

Superintendent Carter almost overnight.

Superintendent Carter almost overnight.

Winter to put on one grand last show, just to prove to Port City no longer can flying service at the Stevens Point of the Stevens Point overnight.

Superintendent Carter almost overnight.

Superintendent Carter almost overnight.

Superintendent Carter almost of the participation in winter sports of which the Port City no longer can boat overnight.

Superintendent Carter almost of the participation in winter sports of which the Port City no longer can be participation in winter sports of the Stevens Point of the

initial charge a week ago yesterday that the inmates were not (Continued On Page Two; Col. 7) ago.

receiving "kind" treatment that til now. lead to the full-fledged investigation of the Carter administration. for our decision to hold Mr. Brid-

ment the inmates were receiving county home committee, reiterate our local weather observer, to de-snap of 30 years ago confined it-pilot, was killed in an airplane plane as it crashed. The plane ment the initiates were receiving country home confinitive, reflerate at the hands of Superintendent C. his original charges against for his official sanction for spring self to stopping the street cars. where the street cars wide area Klanately and the loss of the street cars. Superintendent Carter, and action blossom along the Lower Cape What the city lost through incon-Today Superintendent Carter cuse Commissioner L. J.; Cole- Fear region. stands exonerated by a four to man of altering his opinion of 2. We felt sure that if we print- up for by unusal opportunities for panion.

staining from casting his "aye" facing his remarks, directed at residents that the winter season swain rummaged through the a manufacturer's representative credited with bringing down four rummaged through the a manufacturer's representative credited with bringing down four Commissioner Coleman, after he immediately passed was merely attic of his home. Or, it might who did his traveling by air. A German planes. He entered the

#### ward direct aid for Greece and He then proposed that economic aid for the Greek people be handled by the United Nations under a He rejected all suggestions for military aid to Greece and aid of any sort to Turkey.

Russian View

Given Counci

w Delegate Accuses

uman Administration

Of Weakening U. N.

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., April 7.

-(AP)-Soviet Delegate Andrei A

Gromyko today accused the Tru-

man administration of by-passing,

weakening and undermining the

United Nations by its efforts to-

The Soviet Deputy Foreign minister charged in a policy speech to the Security council and again in a brief statement during later debate that the dispatch of American civil and military instructors to Greece would be interference in Greece's internal affairs. He said it would deal a "serious blow to its actual inde

#### Council Adjourns

The council adjourned debate on the Greek question until Thursday Campaign To Clear Up (10:30 A.M.E.S.T.) without decision on Gromyko's proposal or on a motion by Warren R. Austin, U. S. delegate, for representatives of the Balkans commission to remain in Greece until the Security council

A new face is being moulded that Russia felt it should come through the United Nations and should be administered under a The face-lifting job of removing special Security Council commis-He opposed the Austin sion. resolution. He rejected any idea of aid to

Turkey, assailing that nation as a war "profiteer" which entered the club is to be thanked-is designed (Continued On Page Two; Col. 4)

# See Pictures On Pages 2 and 5

Mayor Ronald W. Lane officialy opened the campaign yesterday Sixteen - Year-Old Youth Signs Confession In

April 7-12 had been designated as Murder Of Sexton "Clean-up week" in the city and

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 7. -(AP) The Wrightsville Beach Lions Sixteen-year-old Stuart Allen club is co-sponsoring the camcalmly signed a statement, police said, that he slew the elderly sexton of his father's church because he "felt an urge to kill someone, but the boy expressed great shock tonight at learning that he was an adopted child, a fact he said he had WHEN HOME BURNS not known 'until 15 minutes ago.' The shock, he told newsmen in his cell after police questioning,

was greater than that of finding himself faced with promise of arraignment on a first degree murder While he talked, his restless fin-

gers tapped on the table top. His bow tie was neatly in place and a (U.P.) Mrs. George Brown said she handkerchief stood out from the was unable to get a telephone re- breast pocket of his brown jacket. He said he never had been in trouble before.

## Skipped Classes

year-old cousin, who were trapped casionally." Police Chief J. Croy Keller said ed by her screams reported the ment in which he said he bludgeoned the 58-year-old sexton on the head with a hammer and then mutiwindows apparently barred the lated his body with an electric drill

County Prosecutor O. R. New-Victims of the fire were the Brown children, James, 3, George, raigned tomorrow morning.

church last April Fool's day.

# CHURCH DESTROYED—Pictured above is the fire in progress yesterday which did an estimated \$15,000 damage to the Maffitt Village Presbyterian church. This was the second church fire in this area during the past three weeks. On March 21 the Grace Street Methodist church in Wilmington was destroyed in a \$200,000 fire.

GROMYKO BLASTS TRUMAN AID BILL

# **SPOT FIRE BURNS** PART OF CHURCH

WILMINGTON, N. C., TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1947

#### Blaze Started From Trash Heap, Damages Maffitt Village Property

A fire said to have started from a trash heap set afire following an Easter egg hunt, caused damages unofficially estimated at beshould have aid but made it clear tween \$10,000 and \$15,000 to the Maffitt Village Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon before the blaze was brought under control by the Wilmington Fire de partment and volunteers.

which housed the Sunday school rooms was almost completely destroyed as a brisk wind whipped the flames toward the brick sec tion of the church.

The latter structure was not damaged to any great extent as the fire was brought under control ADMITS SLAYING before it reached the main part of the building.

Sunday school teacher was conducting an Easter egg hunt yes. The Senate cleared the way toterday afternoon and that follow- night to begin consideration to-

ing the festivities a fire was start- morrow of President Truman's (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3) \$400,000,000 Greece - Turkey aid are in the making and an entry

# LILIENTHAL

# mation At 5:00 P. M.

Ayes, Nays On Confir-WASHINGTON, April 7 — (AP)

the Atomic Energy commission. Senate on the voting time.

Senator McKellor (D - Tenn.) A test vote last Thursday took

the youth, Stuart Allen, an honor the fight out of the opposition and roll student in high school, and foreshadowed confirmation of the transformed into an autocratic was unable to reach the operator foster son of Episcopal Rector Rev. appointees. The Senate refused James S. Allen, had signed a state- at that time, 5-2 to 38 to send the committee for an FBI check.

in the basement of his father's thal is certain. Up for confirmation along with him are Robert F. Bacher, L. L. comer said he would file first de- Strauss, W. W. Waymack and gree murder charges against Al- Summer T. Pike, nominees for len and that the boy would be ar- commissioner, and Carroll L. Wil-

# Senate Agrees To Count

The Senate agreed today to vote at 5 p. m. Wednesday on the question of confirming David E. to be casting himself in "an un-Lilienthal and other nominees to Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa), chairman of the Congressional action apparently would narrow board to call a special election to Atomic Energy committee, obtain- any aid to Greece to relief as- determine whether the county is ed the unanimous consent of the sistance onle and bar help to to have horse racing and pari

"Well," he laughed in a low leader of the anti-Lilienthal forces, voice, "I've slipped classes oc- sat silent as Hickenlooper made the request.

nominations back to Hickenlooper's After that vote, Senators on both sides declared approval of Lilien-

# Along The Cape Fear

yesterday before we would dare bring you the photograph of the Port City which you will find on Page 2.

with permission to reproduce un-Two good reasons we'll advance

Yesterday's session also saw ger's picture (not a portrait of the Commissioner Trask, the veteran gentleman, merely a downtown for five long days. board for 29 years, tender his 1. We were nortally afraid that

It was Commissioner Trask's witnessed his colleagues give child's play as compared with the nave been the cellar, or even the the airport said, the light airplane state guard and was discharged

SPRING AT LAST - It was | JUST TAKE A LOOK-If you'll the fire by telephone and said that one real balmy spring day like see how Princess and Front See Picture On Page Eight

> Streets looked around New Year's We felt honor bound to withhold Day in either 1917 or 1918. down to five above zero, the snow so kindly placed at our disposal piled high on the ground, Wilmington's public transportation system came to an abrupt halt. As a matter of fact, the street car seen in the picture remained snow-bound at that popular corner

> > veniences, many residents made

# **EMERGENCY CALL** pany To Again Spon-

sor Boy's Event

course on Wednesday, July 30.

This announcement was releas-

ed simultaneously yesterday by the managements of The Wilming-

ton Star-News and Raney Chevro-

reach the 100,000 mark.

Preliminary plans for this

year's Soap Box Derby here now

fidently expected by the sponsors.

(Continued On Page Two: Col. 3)

**BOARD SIDESTEPS** 

This expectation is based large-

RACING MEASURE

On Betting Legislation

Passed Recently

The New Hanover county com-

missioners yesterday sidestepped

be found elsewhere on this page.

The horse racing bill, which has

The board also permitted the

M. L. Lander, a civil engineer.

sary surveys at Carolina Beach in

state general assembly.

mutel betting.

1947 Soap Box Derby Set

#### MADISON, Wis., April 7-(AP) -Eight-year-old Carl Satterfield got a call through Madison's "emergency call only"

telephone situation today to report an important news item. The youngster reached the Madison Capital Times city desk, requested that his name be spelled correctly and piped: "I just saw four robins."

## The frame part of the church SENATE TAKES UP AID BILL TODAY

#### Vandenberg To Start De- ners from 132 other cities of the parties to get some sleep," Warren bate On Greek-Turk Loan Measure

WASHINGTON, April 7. - (A) bill despite Andrei Gromyko's list of well over 100 cars are concharge that the program undermines the United Nations.

Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) chairman of the Foreign Relaions committee arranged to take the floor at noon tomorrow in be-

half of the bill. Vandenberg told reporters he may reply to the charges that Gromyko, Coviet deputy foreign minister, made in a speech to the Security Council today.

Other senators disputed Gro myko's contention. Senator George (D - Ga) told a reporter that Gromyko appeared familiar role as a defender of the United Nations." He added that the Soviet proposal for U. N. recent legislation permitting the

Turkey. "I think we have been at great pains to indicate that we are not (Continued on Page Two, Col. 6)

#### TEACHERS OF STATE TO SEEK MORE PAY WHEN 1949 ROLLS IN

stantial pay increases by the re- measure. cently adjourned legislature, have served notice they'll be back in withdrawal, by the police depart-

1949 for more money. In one of the hottest fights of a portion of Legion stadium next ship. the Assembly session, teachers week for a police show. The show were granted emergency bonuses would have been in conflict with

The larger figure, Comptroller connection with the drainage pro-Paul Reid of the State Board of gram there. Education said, represented a 30 The commissioners also had per cent over all increase, but drawn the names of 36 prot was not intended that sub-stand- spective jurors to serve during the

this fiscal year - through June - baseball teams' schedules. and an appropriation of \$102,418,-430 was made to pay them during was employed to make the necesthe 1947-49 biennium.

### ard teachers should get as high a special criminal term of Superior boost as Grade A and G (Grad- Court which is scheduled to open with the thermometer dipping Famous Pilot Killed On Pleasure Flight

STEVENS POINT, Wis., April 7 apparently tried to make a land-(P)—Robert J. Klopotek, the ing at the airport, but instead "Mad Pole" who won the Displowed almost 400 feet through a tinguished Flying Cross and the ICE SKATING, TOO-But don't Air Medal with 23 Oak Leaf Clus- jackpine thicket and crashed.

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 4) was in trouble. They said Barber honorably Dec. 1, 1945.

life of his civilian pilot com- and Barber apparently died instantly. Dr. W. C. Sheehan said.

# Conciliators Gain Ground

#### Warren Adjourns Meeting Until Today After Reporting Progress

WASHINGTON, April 7 \_ (P) -President Joseph A. Beirne, of the striking National Federation of Telephone workers said tonight the union was settling down for a long shuidown of the telephone indus-

Beirne said the union had made plans for a long tieup when the strike was called.

He made the statement to reporters after an evening conference with Edgar L. Warren, director of the Federal Conciliation service and top conciliators handling the government-sponsored negotia-

These include bargaining talks between the union and the American Telephone and Telepraph company's long lines division and the For Wednesday, July 30th South-Western Bell Telephone company. Both are key units in the cross-country Bell Telephone system chief target of the NFTW's Star - News. Raney Com- first nation-wide walkout which began at 6 a. m. today.

Beirne told reporters that the evening session with Warren was for the purpose of reviewing the whole collective bargaining pro-Wilmington's second annual All-American Soap Box Derby will be gram today-in which Warren earlier had reported "good pro run over the local Derby Downs

Warren told newsmen that "we explored with the union representatives what possibilities they saw for a settlement." The conciliation chief, unshaved let co. who will again sponsor this great amateur racing event for and weary from his almost unboys between the ages of 11 and broken day and night efforts to

avert the strike and now to cut it short, said: "We don't have any definite pro year's Wilmington Derby will be sent to Akron, Ohio to compete in posals from either side." the 10th Anniversary All - American Soap Box Derby against win- broken off tonight to permit "all

said. The Akron race, biggest boy event in the world today again vene at 10:30 a. m., EST, and the will be staged over the famous Southwestern negotiations will pick Derby Downs course and will be up at an indefinite time early to witnessed by a crowd expected to morrow, Warren said.

#### LONG DISTANCE LINES 80 PER CENT DOWN

By The Associated Press The first coast-to-coast telephone strike hit the nation yesterday, knocking out 80 per cent of all long distance calls but crippling less than a fourth of the country's local

A hopeful note was injected late in the day in Washington, however, with Director Edgar L. Warren of the U. S. Conciliation service announcing "good progress" had been made in negotiations in-Commissioners Fail To Act volving the long-lines phase of the

walkout. The American Telephone and (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

# 3,000 HOMELESS FOLLOWING FLOOD

#### Meadville, Pa., Suffers \$1,-For more than two hours it was concerned with the county home 000,000 Damages From hearing, the story of which will Swollen Creek

borne the brunt of attacks by MEADVILLE, Pa., April 7-(AP)several groups in the county, was A portion of Meadville's industrial introduced by Rep. R. M. Kermon and railroad shops remained during the recent session of the temporarily paralyzed by flood water today as normally-placid Under the provisions of the bill, RALEIGH, April 7 - (P) - North the county commissioners have French creek, receded slowly af-Carolina School teachers given sub- until Jan. 1, 1949 to act on the ter surging to record levels in an Easter flood.

Approximately 3,000 persons were driven from their homes in ment, of a motion for the use of the city and nearby Vernon town-

Meadville officials-who said the flood was the worst in the of \$8,250,000 for the remainder of both the Pirates and the NHHS city history—estimated damage might reach \$1,000,000. Four plants-Meadville Malleable Iron co., Westinghouse

Electric co., Meadville Distilling co. and the Erie Railroad shopsremained badly flooded, temporrarily idling 2,000 workers. Other industries managed to continue production, but ab senteeism was reported as high as 50 percent because of flooded ighways and washed-out bridges.

There was only one fatality-14year - old Donald Ross — who drowned when he rode his bicycle directly into the path of the advancing waters vesterday.

## And So To Bed

All the screaming at Legion Stadium last night wasn't over the thrashing the Pirates were

handing the Bears. The fans were having a hollering good time, all right, cheering the local club onto victory at the 7th inning when the score was 13-3.

But along about that same time some fellow - there always is one around - found a snake in the stadium. And for a brief moment it

seemed as though that section of the stadium would be emptied. Then it was discovered that the reptile was dead.