

TRAFFIC VICTIM'S CONDITION 'FAIR' Accident Claimed Life Of Canadian Woman In Brunswick County

The condition of two survivors of a traffic mishap in Brunswick county Tuesday night was described by attaches at the James Walker Memorial hospital as "fair" last night. The accident, which claimed the life of Mrs. Florida Plante, 50, of Montreal, Canada, occurred on Highway 17 near Jackie's Creek, according to State Patrolman C. J. Ferguson.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS By Alley OH, DE GOOD BOOK TELL YOU WHAT YOU GOT TO DO— IF YOU DON' GIT TO HEAV'N YOU KIN JES' BLAME YOU!!!



Obituaries

CLARENCE S. BORRELL Funeral services for Clarence S. Borrell, who died Tuesday, will be held Thursday afternoon of four o'clock from the Chapel of the Yopp Funeral home. The Rev. Bennett will officiate and interment will follow in Bellevue cemetery.

NANCY EDNA HARRISON Funeral services for Nancy Edna Harrison, 3, of Harbor Island, who died Tuesday morning in Babies Hospital after a short illness, were conducted from St. John's Episcopal church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. E. W. Halleck. Interment followed in Oakdale cemetery.

MRS. EVA C. REGISTER Funeral services for Mrs. Eva C. Register, 50-year-old Fort Fisher resident, who died suddenly at her home Tuesday afternoon, will be conducted from the Yopp Funeral home at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon with the Rev. Mr. C. C. Myers, assisted by the Rev. Mr. R. L. Shirges, officiating. Interment will follow in Prospect cemetery.

E. P. WILLARD, SR. Funeral arrangements for E. Peyton Willard, Sr., 74, who died at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning at his home at 15 S. Fourth street, after a short illness, have not been completed, and will be announced later by Ward Funeral home.

DR. J. B. CRAVEN, SR. MORGANTON, April 16 — (AP)—Funeral services for Dr. James Braxton Craven, Sr., widely known Methodist Minister of North Carolina who died suddenly Sunday at Monroe, will be conducted at the First Methodist church here at 11 a. m. Friday.

Tom Thumb, one of the first locomotives in the United States, lost a race with a horse.

Along The Cape Fear

EATING FISH DERBY — Now that the Southeastern North Carolina Beach Association has a full-time secretary in John J. Hudiburg, Holly Ridge hotel owner and sportsman, Along The Cape Fear must "promote" to the utmost its Best Eating Fish Rodeo. While the SENCBA will have \$15,000 to attract anglers from all over the nation to participate in its second annual rodeo, Along The Cape Fear has only a limited number of three cents postage stamps to be used in mailing inquiries and telephone service, which at the moment most of you will agree is a trifle limited if you live outside the limits of the Port City.

TO THE RESCUE — But despite these minor difficulties, we received much cheer from a letter reaching us from our Cardinal Point correspondent. "In the South most fish taste alike because of the universal practice of frying — usually in strong grease—and served cold," he contends. "If your column can bring out some other way of cooking Greek, Italian, or Chinese—it may help preserve the digestive organs of many southerners," he informed us. Now with such a humanitarian project facing us, we must rise to the occasion. But like all other ventures of this column, we can do little more

TEXAS CITY NOW TOWN OF FLAMES

Reporter Describes Scenes Of Anguish As Dead Are Identified By WILLIAM C. BARNARD TEXAS CITY, April 16—(AP)—This is a city of flames, torn steel, and smoking rubble, a city where the dead are uncounted and the living are too dazed and weary to cry. Tonight scores of bodies of explosion and fire, dead are stacked on benches and tables in a brick mid-town garage and in the nearby high school gymnasium. Outside these places the people gather in silent, expressionless groups. Dozens of embalmers are at work in the garage and there the slow process of identification goes on. When identification and embalming are completed a body is wrapped in a rough brown blanket and a numbered ticket is wired to a toe. An ambulance is then called out of the long line in front of the garage and the body is passed out on a stretcher and taken to the gymnasium.

A mile away black smoke from six roaring fires billows 5,000 feet into the air and drifts southward over the gulf. A 50-acre area where the twin explosions of a ship and chemical works wrought the greatest tragedy this area has ever known. I stood in the city hall and saw a woman find the name of her son on a casualty list. Her shoulders sagged, her arms fell limp at her sides and her face twisted with grief. Her husband, his face a dazed mask, caught her under the arm and led her out.

Knocked Down In the light of the towering blazes a few hundred yards from the grotesque mountains of twisted steel. I talked to Philip Flores, young Army veteran. "I was working in a warehouse 25 yards from the ship when it blew up," he told me. "The concussion knocked me down. I crawled over to some flour sacks and buried my head under them. Then a few seconds later the (Monsanto) Chemical plant exploded. The roof and walls of the warehouse were coming down around me. I got up and ran for my life. Later I helped pull the bodies out of the wreckage. It was the most terrible thing I've ever seen."

"One man with a leg blown off was screaming with pain. I couldn't tell you how he looked because he didn't have much face left." "Most of the bodies were mangled." Juan Torres lives in a house a quarter of a mile from the destroyed chemical plant. I found him sitting on a bed in the front room staring at the floor. In the back part of the house the walls had caved in and the place was in a shambles. Torres was away at work when the explosion took place. "I came home," he said, "and found my brother, my father, and my sister-in-law missing. They may be dead."

My sister went into the back yard. It was pitted with huge pieces of jagged steel. One piece weighed half a ton. It had buried itself three feet into the ground. The smoldering ruins of a small house was in the back yard. "This," said Torres, "was the house my brother lived in." He went back into the ruined larger house and threw himself on a bed. Mayor J. C. Trahan, who wears a Purple Heart as a souvenir of buzz bombs in Belgium, said "no buzz bomb could ever compare with what happened here today. It is such a terrific tragedy that the people have not been able to realize what has happened."

Courage High They are bearing up with magnificent courage. "Our neighboring cities have been wonderful. We are sending the wounded and the homeless to a dozen different communities and they are receiving them with open arms."

30 JAPS PERISH TOKYO, April 16—(AP)—More than 30 Japanese were killed today when the railway coach in which they were riding caught fire in a tunnel between Osaka and Nara, the newspaper Mainichi reported.



BEDRIDDEN FOR EIGHT YEARS as a result of spinal trouble, Jimmy Carrick, 10, of Pittsburgh, Pa., mascot of the U. S. Navy Seabees, carries the huge cast removed from his body at Shriners Hospital, Philadelphia. Jimmy, who has spent the greater part of his life in bed or in a wheelchair, will soon be able to romp and play.

Southport Fishermen May Get New Fishing Trawlers In June

By BILL KEZIAH Star Correspondent SOUTHPORT, April 16—June should see the delivery of a number of sizeable and costly shrimp trawlers to Southport men engaged in a fishing industry, with probably half the boats going to others in other parts of the county. W. S. Wells is now having two fifty footers constructed in Georgia. Hardee got keels and other stuff sufficient to build six boats and it is understood he plans to go right on building and to get as many boats in operation, as possible, before the present season closes.

Port City Items

A total of \$850 from three Wilmington firms has been invested in the South Eastern North Carolina Beach association in the organization's current drive. Officials of the beach group's campaign committee said yesterday. The organizations are the Coca-Cola Bottling Co., the Tide Water Power Co. and the White Ice Cream and Milk Co., all of Wilmington.

Dr. A. H. Elliott, city-county health officer, last night urged all restaurant and cafe employees to attend the week's course to be offered here by the state department of education. Opening Friday at the Community center, the lecture course will be presented by Miss Gage Morton of the public instruction department. The course, which received the full endorsement of the city-county health department, is being sponsored by the New Hanover Restaurant association.

The two-day training course at the local office of the North Carolina State employment service concluded yesterday, according to W. H. Powell, manager. The sessions were planned to train four interviewers in employer counseling and selective training.

Members of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce are in the process of selecting five new members for its board of directors. The balloting is being conducted by mail.

Members of the Commercial Fishermen and Dealers association will hold their charter meeting Friday night at 8:30 o'clock in Superior courtroom at the New Hanover county courthouse, and J. Hampton Lee, newly elected president of the group will preside, according to an announcement made yesterday by W. D. Stokely, secretary.

After-dark flower stealing continues in Wilmington as two citizens reported to police yesterday of their gardens being clipped during the night. Mrs. J. L. Baldwin, 1924 Chestnut street, and Mrs. Mary E. Hughes, 517 Dock street, both asked police to be on the look-out for flower thieves.

One candidate was officially entered and two more had secured application blanks in the race for the office of town aldermen in Wrightsville Beach yesterday afternoon. H. C. Johnson, realtor, already has officially filed his application in the office of R. L. Benson, town clerk. Two others, Ed M. Hawkins and Whitman M. Farrar, Wrightsville businessmen have obtained application blanks.

Carolina Beach's Mayor Tom Croom and the town council are expected to soon institute an ordinance governing bingo playing in the resort city. The Carolina Beach council directed attorney Emmett Bellamy to prepare an ordinance, bounding the game following passage of a bill by the state legislature empowering the council to do so.

Penderlea high school will be the scene of the annual meeting of the 11th North Carolina district of Home Demonstration clubs. Miss Ann Mason, Home Demonstration agent, said yesterday. The meeting, which takes place on Wednesday, April 24, will begin at 10 a. m. and will continue through to the early afternoon.

Two officers from the Wilmington District offices of the U. S. engineers left yesterday to attend a hearing on the proposed basin at Harkers Point, the engineers office has announced. The hearing is taking place in the Harkers Point school auditorium.

Mrs. W. S. Pullen, Girl Scout cookie sale chairman, announces that a total of 6,213 boxes have been reported sold as of yesterday afternoon. Twenty-one or 38 troops have turned in orders. Final completions will be made by Saturday, April 26.

STATE OF TEXAS MOBILIZES AIDES

Red Cross, Armed Services, Veterans Groups Press Disaster Relief

By JOHN HARTZELL United Press Correspondent TEXAS CITY, Tex., April 16—(UP)—The State of Texas, assisted by the Red Cross, the armed services and veterans organizations, mobilized its resources tonight to handle the big job of disaster relief in this blasted city.

Red Cross officials announced an "initial appropriation" of \$250,000 for the emergency needs of victims. But even as the mobilization of relief forces got underway, explosions still rocked the waterfront and fires flamed along a two-mile stretch of the bay.

An emergency "ham" network of amateur radio operators for the Texas City area was being supervised from Dallas, with the approval of the Federal Communications commission, which announced that a broadcast band had been cleared for it. Only emergency messages were being handled.

The Fourth Army announced at San Antonio that it was sending help. The 10th Air force was named coordinator of transportation and immediately dispatched two airplanes to Scott Field, St. Louis, Mo., to pickup 12,000 pounds of blood plasma. Plasma Sent

Two planes from a troop carrier group at Bergstrom field, Austin, Tex., were loaded with 6,750 pounds of plasma and sent here. All Army plasma in the San Antonio area was enroute, along with here, 41,500 gas masks from the San Antonio General Army depot.

Two C-47 cargo planes were sent to Fort Worth for 10,000 blankets. Braniff Airlines said doctors and nurses from all major cities on its routes were heading for the stricken Gulf Coast city in its planes. The Red Cross flew in 17 specially-trained disaster workers.

Gov. Beaufort H. Jester alerted two battalions of Texas State guardsmen at Houston to add 400 men to the 150 state troopers who moved in from nearby LaPorte. Fire and police department men from Gulf coast cities in an 80-mile radius came in to help.

Highway patrol cars were here from cities as far away as San Antonio, Waco and Austin. The Texas Highway department said all the tractors and bulldozers in its system would be made available as needed to clear the wreckage.

Coast Guard Acts The Coast guard rushed a half dozen boats through Galveston Bay to Texas City and also set up a radio communications truck. Dozens, possibly hundreds, of ambulances traveled in an endless stream between Texas City and Galveston, Houston and other cities in the region. As hospitals overflowed, private homes were taken over.

The Eighth Coast guard ordered the Cutter Iris, standing by to direct operations of any boats reporting for volunteer duty Rear Adm. G. T. Finlay, commander of the 8th Coast guard, said he would reach the scene by tomorrow.

An airplane carrying five doctors, five nurses, two Navy pharmacists mated and a load of supplies, including morphine and blood plasma, arrived from Corpus Christi, Tex. The Red Cross flew in a plane load of gas masks from Lake Charles, La., and other masks arrived from Ellington field, near Houston.

The Navy placed a 700-bed hospital at Houston and a 500-bed hospital at Fort Crockett, near Houston, in the hands of the Red Cross.

Strikers Respond The striking telephone workers union ordered its members to report for duty in the stricken area for the duration of the emergency and the Southwestern Bell Telephone company said its managers at Houston, Texas City and Galveston advised the response of the union men and women was fast.

Mosquito helped make up for it. In addition, she said, Mosquito was about to become a mother and the Geldners were looking forward to having the pups around.

"Mosquito was a great talker," Mrs. Geldner said. "Pete taught her to say lots of words." Mosquito, a six-year-old half-terrier, half-English hunter, spotted black and white, brought in the morning paper from the front porch and let the cats in and out at night. Her English vocabulary included the words "papa," "mama," "auto," "fast," "meat," and "out," Mrs. Geldner said.

Besides these accomplishments, the Geldners claimed, Mosquito was learning to speak Spanish when she disappeared.

attend a hearing on the proposed basin at Harkers Point, the engineers office has announced. The hearing is taking place in the Harkers Point school auditorium.

R. W. Tinning, Jr., was appointed electrical engineer for the proposed wharf on Eagle Island has been applied for at the U. S. District Engineers office by the Steen Contracting corporation of Richmond, Va. Any objection to the work will be received in the Engineers office until tomorrow, April 24.

The Weather

Weather report of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 6 p. m. in the principal cotton growing sections in the South.

Joe Cutrell School Preens Auctioneer

KINSTON, April 16. — Joe Cutrell, partner in the operation of Knott Warehouse here, announced today that a school for tobacco auctioneers has been established, and that response to teaching has been good.

More than 20 young men have started studying for the charming profession, an enrollment is continuing at the local school, known as the Joe Cutrell school, founded and established by Cutrell and his associate, B. E. Dale Jr. The school runs for four weeks and a series of classes are being held.

Thirteen Convicted

BUDAPEST, April 16—(AP)—People's Court convicted 13 persons today of plotting against the Hungarian Republic in an effort to re-establish the regime of Admiral Nicholas Horthy by arms revolt and sentenced three of them to die by strangulation.

Those condemned to die were Dr. Gyorgy Donath, a former member of Parliament who was accused of being the "brains" behind the alleged conspiracy against Hungary's communist-dominated regime; aging former Gen. Laszlo Dalmik Veress, at whose home the state charged an "underground chief command" was established on Oct. 31, 1946; and Sandor Andras.

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(Continued From Page One) returns the pits. The NLRB said the government had found operation of the mines "exceedingly burdensome."

CLEARING

(Continued from Page One) adding that clearing weather would end the flood threats. The Neuse river had risen slightly at Neuse, Goldsboro and Smithfield. However, the river is not expected to reach flood stages at either point. Today's reading showed a rise to 12 feet at Goldsboro where the flood stage is 14 feet.

The Devil's Kitchen is one of the Icelandic geysers, about 50 paces from the great geyser. It is provoked by throwing into the opening clods of grass, when it belches forth a magnificent column of boiling water, which may be very dangerous to bystanders.

In early-day Illinois, wagon freight charges were often \$10 a ton, for twenty miles.

Did "Diamond Jim" Have Stomach or Ulcer Pains? It is hardly likely that Diamond Jim Brady could have eaten so voraciously if he suffered after-eating pains. Sufferers who have to pay the penalty of stomach or ulcer pains, indigestion, gas pains, heartburn, burning sensation, flat and other conditions caused by excess acid should try Udgas. Get a 25c box of Udgas Tablets from your druggist. First dose must convince or return box to us and get DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK. SAUNDERS DRUG STORE and Drug Stores Everywhere

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Tobacco Prices

LONDON, APRIL 16 — (AP)—Britons by the millions swore off smoking today and then made the rounds of the tobacco shops for a final nicotine binge before new, highest-in-history prices went into effect. Beginning tomorrow, the package of 20 cigarettes will cost three shillings four pence (about 68 cents), a shilling (20 cent) increase, in 48 hours.

Augustus Montague Toplady was an English clergyman and hymn writer (1740-78) author of the hymn, "Rock of Ages."



THE FORMER \$64-a-week cashier, Willie Arthur Nickel, of Esopus, L. I., New York, is shown in the Kings County Court, after he pleaded guilty to swindling the Morgenthaler Linotype Co., out of \$780,000. Nickel is expected to be a prosecution witness at the trial of his co-defendants, Irving (Icky the Red) Cohen and Julius (Jimmy Collins) Lobell, (International).