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Phone Parley Will Resume

Attorney Chrages Official Washington Seeking To Break Strike

WASHINGTON, April 24-(AP)-A harge that "official Washington seems to be interested in break. ing our strike" was made tonight by Henry Mayor of New York, attorney for nine of the striking telephone unions.

Almost simultaneously, the Labor department announced that negotiations would resume here tomorrow, after a lapse of days, between the American Telephone & Telegraph company's long lines division and its long distance workers.

Spokesmen for the Southwestern Bell Telephone company will arrive late tomorrow, a department spokesman said, but no further word has been received from the third strategic unit of the Bell system invited to Washington for renewed bargaining, the Western Electric company.

Mayer accused Secretary Labor Schwellenbach and Assistant Secretary John W. Gibson of Trying "to break the morale of our people."

"I have been advised on good authority," Mayor told reporters, that Schwellenbach is saying in official circles that this is a weak union and that the strike will

Mayer denied that the union is weakening. Secretary Schwellenbach declined to answer, except for this

statement:

"In accordance with my custom not to engage in public debate chairman of the Mental Hygiene with the parties to a labor dispute committee, was elected president during negotiations, I am not com-Parents and Teachers today, and menting on Mr. Mayer's charges." Earlier these two developments marked the strike's 18th day: 1. John L. Lewis' United Mine

workers, AFL, gave the independent NFTW a check for \$100,000 repayable at the "convenience" 2. Reports of the cutting of long

(Continued On Page Three; Col. 3) of Kinston, was nominated from

URGED BY RAMSEY

Asheville Newspaper Man Advocates Lowering

was urged here today in an adral manager of the Asheville Citizen - Times and a member of the State School board.

Speaking at the 10th annual meeting of the State School Board Association, attended by several hundred members from all sections of the State, Ramsey recommended a five - point program which included a lessening of the teacher load, better physical education facilities, better enforcenent of the compulsory attendance law, a better school health rogram and state aid for building

Dr. D. J. Rose of Goldsboro president of the association and cently elected president of the National Council of School Board issociations, urged a five point the Alexander - Graham high election of school board members, 4 the Bynum cup for the greatest ary, 1944 was sent, but this was further consolidation of schools, a special commission to make a District No. 9, the Spruill cup, for duration of World War II, plus six udy of the state's educational system and to recommend for ture planning improvement of onditions responsible for teacher hortage, and improvement in the (Continued On Page Three, Col. 7) quality of the teaching profession. President Frank P. Graham, said POLICE REPORT hat "Education is the biggest en erprise in North Carolina in dolars and cents, and the most imrtant because it deals with the

"You occupy a highly responsiposition in your community,' told the board members, "Be ause you prevent education from coming a sprawling bureaucra w and you keep the interest in cation alive,

Ramsey said that if the teacher and in each school were reduced occurred here Wednesday night, just one pupil, it would cost with one man having already been state a million and a half dol- arrested in connection with one reatly reduced," he declared. William L. I

The Weather

FORECAST: with few showers Northwest portand not so warm in Northeast and time Wednesday night or early the North portion Friday; Saturday in cloudy with scattered showers, by cloudy with scattered showers, cigars and money valued at \$25 taken.

(Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) ological data for the 24 hours

58; 7:30 3. m. 58; I:30 p. m. m. 69; M:ximum 78; Mini-HUMIDITY

PRECIPITATION for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m

TIDES FOR TODAY e Tide Tables published by et and Geodetic Survey).

er stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at Thursday 13.4 feet.

three to five years. Madison and Mount Airy.

Trial Of Grissett SAt Fast Pace

dence Presented By Detective Murray; Many Legal Tilts

BY EARL HOWARD

Star Staff Writer former Wilmington police officer clip. charged with larceny and receiving, got underway yesterday afternoon at three o'clock. The task of choosing the jury

hearing of evidence began immediately after the noon adjourn-A good part of the afternoon period of the trial was taken up with verbal battling between

MRS. ERNEST B. HUNTER

(above) of Charlotte has been nominated to serve for the com-

ing year as president of the North Carolina Congress of Par-ents and Teachers which con-cludes its 27th annual conven-tion in Actor 11 minus

tion in Asheville Thursday. Mrs. Hunter is the wife of the man-aging editor of the Charlotte Observer.—(AP Photo).

STATE P-TA NAMES

MRS. E. B. HUNTER

Charlotte Woman Elected.

Installed As New Presi-

dent Of Congress

ASHEVILLE, April 24 -(R)-

Mrs. E. B. Hunter of Charlotte,

of the North Carolina Congress of

Mrs. Mayon Parker of Ahoskie

was elected second vice-president.

both officers were installed in

ceremonies at the final general

session of the convention tonight

gers of the congress will meet to-

Awards Announced

ship on a 100 percent basis; Dis-

largest association in the state -

Mrs. A. M. Scarborough of

FOUR BREAK-INS

One Man Arrested In Con-

nection With A House-

hold Theft

City police last night were in-

William L. Hill is being held in

the new Hanover county jail un-

der \$1,000 bond pending the com-

pletion of an investigation into the

theft of household goods from a

house at 913 Marstellar street.

The Paradise Grill at 13th and

The Royal Crown Bottling com-

pany was also entered the same

missed, police reported.

night but so far nothing has been

The fourth break-in occurred at

vestigating four break ins which

ciations

in city auditorium.

the convention.

of school education.

Clifton Moore, district solicitor, figured in frequent verbal ex-With the decks cleared for ac-changes but the firm intervention tion with the picking of a 12-man of Judge Clawson Williams kept jury, the trial of Roy Grissett, the proceedings moving at a fast

one charge of larceny and receiving at the February term of cour here, is now facing a second was completed at 1:17 and the charge of having stolen an outboard motor from the Anchor Hardware company.

Boat Identified

Bernard Abrams, owner of the hardware firm and his father Aaron Abrams, both identified a prosecuting and defense attorneys. boat motor which was offered in Ozmer Henry, S. Bunn Frink and

Wilmington Jaycees Go All Out In Love Drive

BURGLARY CHARGE

Jack Batson, Nesbitt Courts resident, is being held in the New Hanover county jail without privilege of bond on a charge of having entered a room of two sleeping men at a local hotel early yesterday A charge of first degree burg-

lary has been filed against Batson and a conviction on this count could carry a death sentence, police said. The hotel room was occupied by J. C. Rogers and C. M.

Snooks at the time the burglary took place, according to police

AUTOMATIC RAISE Mrs. Hunter was nominated by the committee, and her only opponent, Mrs. Maude Baynor Foy IN PAY ABOLISHED the floor during the early part of The convention, the 27th annual

State Highway Commismeeting was concluded with a ceremony conducted by Mrs. Stuart Bondurant of Winstonson Will Do Away With Salem following the officers' in Monthly Schedule However, the board of mana-

RALEIGH, April 24. -(P)- The and in Morehead City. State Highway commission, holdmorrow morning for a final busi-CHAPEL HILL, April 24. — (P)—

A well rounded educational protrain for North Cereline sphere.

The George van. In the George ing its regular monthly meeting, "A well rounded educational program for North Carolina schools" assion which was held in the city auditorium. Miss Agnes SamuelThe schedule, in effect since Ward, Claud O'Shields, Ed. The schedule, in effect since Ward, Claud O'Shields, Ed. God July 1, 1941, calls for the auto- win and Eldridge Fergus. Archie son of Washington, D. C., discusdress by D. Hiden Ramsey, gen- sed the four-point P-TA program matic raise of \$5 monthly for each Fountain, Y. LeGwin and Wallace maintenance division e m p l o y e West were expected here on Satur

During the morning session, di- vice. The commissioners said the of Wilmington Jaycettes had alabolition was due to the "level-ready arrived and expected for rectors of the ten districts reported on the work of their areas. Dr. Theo Dalton, director of in- ing off" of price schedules the weekend to take part in the throughout the country and the struction, Alamance county recent general assembly's voting schools, reported on the teacher a 20 per cent wage increase for housing survey, and the following awards were made by Mrs. E. S. all state employes and teachers. The commission also granted an Adams membership chairman: Districts No. 4 and No. 6 tied extension of time through the end

for the Alley cup, given for the of 1948, for the removal along largest number of 100 percent as- highways of all outdoor billboards sociations in the state; District which are less than 50 feet of the No. 9 received the Aycock cup for center line of the road or which the greatest increase in member- are hazardous to the right-of-way. Approved In 1941 Resolution calling for the retrict No. 3, the Blair cup, for the moval of the billboards first was

approved by the commission in rogram which would include School at Charlotte: District No. 1941. In 1943 a deadline of Janunumber of life memberships, and extended in March, 1945 to the th largest number of new asso- months. Therefore, the last exten- (Special)—The Bureau of Internal sion was to have run out by next Revenue announced today that it

Leon Brassfield, Raleigh attorney representing the Outdoor ad- excess profits and excess-profits vertising association of North and interest in favor of the Atbecause of the billboard firms' in- for the year 1942. ability to obtain labor, materials and equipment.

the association, also appeared. Brassfield said his association ed that 700 boards already have lowable.

At Convention

ATLANTIC BEACH, April 24 Led by Hal Love, their candidate for the state presidency of Junior Chamber of Commerce, a delegation of Wilmington Jaycees were losing no time in plugging their man as the state convention opened here today. A huge banner advocating 'Hal Love For State President" was dispayed at the entrance of Ocean King hotel the convention headquarters. By early vening his co-workers had just tee and nothing else. bout every available head on the each wearing a "Vote For Love" sailor hat and added to this were placards and handbills in many available spots along the board valk and in the places of recrea-

In spite of the scorching sunshine which had changed the skin of many Jaycees from milk white to cherry red, registration of delegates got off to a slow start this morning. During the afternoon the registrations spurted and by night most reservations had been taken up in the hotels on Atlantic Beach

Strong Delegation With Love and backing his candiwith 12 months or more of ser-day which is inauguration day. Mrs. Bob Howard, vice presiden (Continued On Page Three, Col. 3)

COAST LINE GETS

Overassessment Of come For 1942 Amounts To Over \$1,231,000

Morning Star Bureau Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, April 24had determined an over - assessment of income, declared value

lowance of an additional deduction President would permit the pro-F. H. Workman, secretary of for authorization of emergency fa- posed secretary of defense to select cilities causes \$615,238 of the over- the subordinate army, navy and assessment; \$522,649 of the over- air secretaries because "these civirepresented 15 of the state's lar- assessment was caused by addi- lians must be a team working in gest billboard concerns which tions to adjusted excess profits net the closest harmony and confihave 1,666 boards outside towns income, which decrease income tax dence." and cities in the state. He report- liability through the credits al- Forrestal further said the United been moved in compliance with to \$93,174 represents a portion of ment until the United Nations dethe interest assessed on previous- velops into an effective agency (Continued On Page Three, Col. 6) ly asserted deficiencies.

Carolina, told the commission that lantic Coast Line railway, Wilyet another extension was urged mington, in the sum of \$1,231,062 ceived Secretary of the Navy ForEngland started to slump last

GM, UAW Reach Accord On Pay Raise;

restal's endorsement of it. The bureau said that the al- restal expressed hope that

for keeping the peace.

FOREIGN MINISTERS CLOSE CONFERENCE IN STALEMATE; MAY THREATENS 'EXPOSURE'

Evidence May Hit Officials

Lawyer Says Former Congressman Ready To Testify On Funds

WASHINGTON, April 24—(P)— A threat of a 1944 campaign fund Elbert Brown for the defense and (Continued On Page Three, Col. 4) expose "involving high Democratic party officials" came today from the defense at the war fraud trial of Andrew J. May, former House Military committee chairman.

Sawyer Smith, an attorney for the ex-Congressman from Kentucky, announced that May is Banners, Straw Hats Plug ready to testiny about paign contributions that would involve "high party figures, including members of Congress."

Smith said May would talk if he government pursues further in the trial the matter of two \$1,000 checks the government claims May received for interceding with the rmy in behalf of two soldiers. May's counsel argued that most other wartime congressmen had interceded for sons of friends and constituents during the war and added to the jury:

"These two checks were purely and simply campaign contribu-tions to the Democratic commit-"If the government

them any further, I'll have you told the whole story under oath. I'll have Andrew J. May disclose to you the entire transaction." Smith added that he hesitates to "embarrass anyone" by getting May to tell the story.

May and three co-defendants are being tried on government charges that May received pay for using his official influence as House Military chairman to get war department favors for the Garsson Munitions combine. On trial with him, charged with

(Continued On Page Three, Col. 3)

SERVICES MERGER

Former Secretary Of War Savs Unification Important Forward Step

WASHINGTON, April 24 -(AP) Henry L. Stimson urged bipartisan support of the Army-Navy unitication measure today, calling it "one of the most important peacetime forward steps in our military his-

HUGE TAX RETURN Stimson, Republican "elder statesman" who served as wartime secretary of war under Presiden Roosevelt, sent his endorsemen to the Senate Armed Services committee which is considering the

> He wrote that during the war 'President Roosevelt was not al ways able to give his personal guidance to the armed forces' and that the proposal for a secretary of national defense as super visor over secretaries of the army navy and air force would remedy such a situation.

Meanwhile the House Expenditures committee, handling legislation in that chamber,

The balance amounting States must not consider disarma-



as John Swanson, a local hardware merchant places signs on his store's window announcing a lowering in prices. Stores throughout the city, which has a population of 15,000, cut their prices 10% in response to the President's plea to lower costs. Many businesses reported marked increase in sales after adopting the plan.—(International Soundphoto).

Legionnaires Of State May Hold Parade In City Top Officials Discuss Plans

BREAD SCARCE

PARIS, April 24-(AP)-The government tonight ordered France's daily bread ration cut from 300 grams to 250 for each person to help meet an acute flour shortage. Bread queues multiplied in

Paris and its suburbs as the country heard the gloomy forethat by June there would not be enough bread to go around unless America | flour shipments were increased.

Between 700 and 1,000 bakeries were closed in and near the capital. Others opened for only two hours in the morning and two in the afternoon.

MANY RETAILERS START PRICE CUT

Newburyport Plan Gains Recruits In Three New England Cities

24—(P)—Retailers in a widening deliver the main address. circle of cities hopped aboard the Newburyport price-cut bandwagon

As a scattering of merchants marked down price tags an average of 10 percent-many said in response to President Truman's appeal for lower prices-the Fedethe ral Reserve bank of Boston issued a report showing unit volume of For- England started to slump last week, prior to the Newburyport price-cut move.

The bank said dollar volume in 47 scattered establishments in the week ended April 19 was off 10.7 percent-even at inflated 1947 prices-compared with the correponding week a year ago. With buyers' response to the

10 percent slash described as "terrific" in this tiniest of Massa-(Continued On Page Three, Col. 5)

tion it was indicated by Younts, that either General "Ike" Eisen-

hower, Chief of Staff, or General NEWBURYPORT Mass., April Omar Bradley would be on hand to "However," Younts said, "As yet we are not certain of either one of sure it will be one or the other."

Auxiliary and other officials.

membership committee.

The sum and substance of the

meeting revolved around four points. Housing, invited honored

he go-getters, the sparkplug of the

As for the honored guest as the

principal speaker for the conven-

For 1947 Convention To

Be Held June 14-17

nent of the American Legion con-

vention, to be held at Carolina

each post members.

these nationally known speakers. "But," he went on to say, "I feel When asked about the housing (Continued On Page Three, Col. 2)

BUYERS RESISTING

Revises Construction Estimates For 1947 WASHINGTON, April 24 -(P)-

The Commerce department forecast tonight that 1947 construction will be \$2,000,000,000 to \$3,300,000,-000 les than it estimated in January, partly because of buyer resistance to higher costs. Other factors cited were un-

certainty over future prices and 100,000 Workers Protest Labor Laws costs, and uncertainty over "the pattern of general business conditions during the rest of the year" - that is, whether there will be a The department scaled its esti-

mated of the total volume of all 1947 construction expenditures to between \$18,300,000,000 and \$19,600,-000,000 from an original \$21,600,-000.000. Both estimates include \$6,500,

000,000 for maintenance and repair (Continued On Page Three, Col. 1)

DELEGATES REGISTER FOR SECOND ANNUAL ROTARY CONFERENCE

SOUTHERN PINES, April 24 .-P)-Approximately 150 delegates of the 191st district of Rotary International registered today at the Highland Pines Inn here for their second annual conference. Speakers included Charles Car-

GM employes who are members of roll, past president of the High Point club, the Rev. Kenneth Goodson, president of the Wadesboro Frank Harrelson, Salisbury; Edmund Harding, Washington, hum-2. Six paid holidays for seniority orist; District Governor Joseph D.

Banquet Ends Moscow Meet

ESTABLISHED 1867

Marshall, Disappointed Over Meeting Failure Leaves For Home

MOSCOW, April 24 - (P) - The Foreign Ministers conference ended tonight with Secretary Marshall expressing "disappointment" over failure to reach agreement on an Austrian peace treaty and a four-power pact against Germany. But Marshall, before leaving to attend a farewell banquet at the Kremlin kiven by Prime Minister Stalin for the top diplomats who had met in the Soviet capital for six weeks and four days, told newsmen they should regard the conference as "the first round." The ministers of the United States, Britain, France and Rus-

sia, who had been unable to reach agreement in 44 meetings since March 10 on any of the major issues in the writing of German and Austrian peace pacts, ended their session on a note of amity. In a last minute decision they

agreed to limit the number of Allied occupation troops in Germany and appoint a special commission to study the areas of disagreement on the Austrian peace Meet In November

The ministers themselves will meet again in London in November, unless all of them show up for the United Nations assembly in New York in September. In that event a brief session will be held in New York. Arrangements for the agenda

will be made through "regular diplomatic channels." By the same method deputies on Germany will be given instructions to continue their work, probably in Lon-Details for the State depart- don or Berlin.

Marshall will leave Moscow for Washington via Paris and Perlin Beach June 14-17, were mapped at 9 a. m. (1 a. m. Eastern Stanhere last night at a meeting be-tween Wilmington and Carolina was reported planning a report to the American people presumably The planning conference was un- by radio, on the conference. He der the direction of Paul Younts, said that if he arrives on Saturexecutive vice commander of the day, as he expects, he will make state department. Other members the report on Sunday, or Monday of the committee included William at the latest.

The American secretary strode Matthews, commander of the Carodirectly into Spasso house, resilina Beach post, Ray Galloway, state vice commander and execu- dence of U. S. Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith, for a meeting with tive director of post 10, Wilmington, Mrs. Thomas W. Bird, presi- newsmen directly after the conferdent of the state American Legion

ence adjourned. He reeled off his opinions in machinegun fashion. "After all, we have had a very natural disappointment that we did

guests, parade and a banquet for not have agreement on the four power pact and the Austrian treaty," he said. He declared that "the results of (Continued On Page Three, Col. 3)

GROUP MAY SLASH SURVEY PROJECTS

Carolina Beach, Holden's Beach On List To Be Reviewed

Prospects of proposed flood control measures at Carolina Beach BUILDING PRICES and Holden's Beach dimmed yesterday with the announcement by Representative Dondero of the public workers committee of the Department Of Commerce house of representatives that he will introduce a bill to recall auhouse of representatives that he thority given by Congress for 81 survey projects. Dondero and his committee has started what he terms an unpre-

cedented move to de-authorize

many flood control and navigation He said an investigation showed that 1,164 projects were now in the laps of the army engineers. and Carolina Beach and Holden's Beach are included among the 81 which the committee proposes to

drop from the list. A third project on the North Carolina coast. Harkers Point basin in Carteret county, is listed among the 81 which are scheduled to be dropped from the approved

The committee's recommendations are in line with a systematic review of all projects previously approved, Dondero said.

And So To Bed

In these days of advance ments and improvements in modes of travel - announcements of new developments are not surprising.

But when all laws of nature are defied - questioning eyebrows are raised. Among a brood of biddles

that hatched yesterday morning was one which cracked the shell and rolled out with not two-but four-legs. It probably thought it was going places in this world. But alas he only lived a short while. Last night we saw himpickled in a jar of formaldehyde-headed for the State

The brood of biddies, is which this one hatched, owned by Allene B. Evans,

Carolina-Considerable cloudi-

Carolina-Partly cloudy and cond warm with few scattered showers mountains Friday; Saturday conable cloudiness with scattered rers mostly over North portion,

has been missed as yet. TEMPERATURES COUPLE SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS

ROXBORO, April 24. —(AP)— Mrs. Ruby Owens of Danville, Va., convicted with her husband in a bank fraud case yesterday, was sentenc- the first of the two contingents beed today by Judge R. Hunt Park- gan pouring into the already pared today by Judge R. Hunt Parks gan pouring into the already parter of serve from one to two years, er to serve from one to two years, titally-filled square shortly after 3 the present site of headquarters, to encourage alertness when a 1. An 11 1-2 cent hours High Low er to serve from one to two years in the Central prison at Raleigh.

1:10 p.m. 8:14 p.m. 11:03 a.m. 5:02 a.m. 11:31 p.m. 5:08 p.m. 11:32 p.m. 5:08 p.m. 5:28; Sunset 6:51; Moonrise Ercel T. Owens, 28, husband of the sentenced woman, previously was crammed with more than 100,-

FOR BANK FRAUDS

on similar charges at Leaksville,

Wright street was entered some- Auto Industry Throttled When Unions Mass For Demonstration

DETROIT, April 24. -(A)- Thouarea workers converged on downtown Cadillac square today to pro-B. T. Goodrich Tire company, but test pending Congressional labor police reports stated that nothing legislation in a five-hour rally

major auto plants were closed and five years of service in the deothers reported heavy absenteeism partment gave a member im- by the name of R. F. Hamme." as workers gathered at focal points munity from jury duty. on the East and West side, then marched on the hub of this industrial stronghold. Bearing aloft flags, local union

banners and protesting placards,

has been given a prison term of 000 milling unionists, by estimate of Senior Police Inspector Samuel J. company with an engine house on the house upon being summoned (Continued On Page Three, Col. 5) 4th.

Along The Cape Fear ormation and data are presented Little Giant - Mr. Chadbourn says today on the history of A. David's -was the John T. Rankin. When

or two ago of this column. Its revival brings to the mind

ago was a volunteer organization. In a near-general exodus several Its only compensation being that MAKE-UP-Mr. Chadbourn says formed valuable service,

> several hose and reel companies. and Ladder company. It was tatives. But the principal equipment was largely composed of dashing the Little Giant, corner of Fourth young society men."

sands upon thousands of Detroit Hook and Ladder Company. This the Little Giant came, "naturally company was the subject a day the members were proud of it." "One day while they were gazing at it," said he, "the question sponsored by the CIO-United Auto of C. C. Chadbourn the fact that arose as to whether any member workers.

was performed by only one member-a highly respected merchant the UAW-CIO said "we estimate companies, Chadbourn says, per-

The Cape Fear was a Negro house and the first man to reach 1947.

of the red balls collected,

Eleven, One - Half Cents House Increase May Set Pattern For Industry DETROIT, April 24. -(P)- General Motors corp. and the CIO Unit-

ed Auto Workers tonight reached agreement on an 11 1-2 cent hourly wage increase and paid holidays equivalent to an additional 3 1-2 cents and an improved vacation President Walter P. Reuther of

this wage package to be a little more than 15 cents an hour." GLAMOUR - While all of the The agreement was reached af ter a five-hour session marked by "real frequent separate conferences bethere was a bucket company and glamour was attached to the Hook tween the union and GM represen-The agreement, covering 220,000

1. An 11 1-2 cent hourly increase and whose engine was the A. firebell sounded, red balls were effective April 24, 1947, providing it club; Harold Makepeace, Sanford; placed near the entrance to the is ratified by the union by May 5,

Both defendants now face trial Throop who viewed it as "one of Hook and Ladder on Dock near Prizes were awarded on the basis of Front and the Prizes were awarded on the basis employes. These are defined as Ross, Jr., Asheboro; W. Bert Weaver, Spray; and the Rev. Tucker

med On Page Shree, Can 3) Humphries, Southern Pines.