

# Phone Workers Here Will Continue Strike

## SFTW Members Vote Unanimously Against Return To Work; Service Remains Sub-Normal In State Cities

The Wilmington local of the Southern Federation of Telephone Workers voted unanimously last night to continue the month long strike.

Last night's unanimous vote was the second in as many days, with the union having taken similar action at a two hour session Sunday.

The conference, held in the New Hanover county court room, was barred to all but union members and lasted one hour. The announcement of union action was made by officials of the local following the end of the session.

E. C. Drinkard, SFTW head here, said that a general discussion of the whole situation was held, with Thursday night being set as the date for another meeting of union members. The session will be held in the court house at 7 o'clock, he said.

**Ten Return**

It was pointed out that of the 170 members of the local, 10 had returned to work with the telephone company. Union officers said this did not indicate by any means that there would be a general back-to-work movement by the remainder of the members.

**SERVICE IN STATE REMAINS SUB-NORMAL**

RALEIGH, May 5. — (P) — Telephone service in North Carolina remained sub-normal tonight and Gov. R. Gregg Cherry said he planned no immediate action.

Today was the deadline set by the governor for the resumption of normal telephone service. The Southern Bell Telephone company reported that about 2,200 of its 4,700 employees had returned to work.

The governor told the company Friday that if striking employees did not return to work by today, new employees should be hired.

Atlanta headquarters of Southern Bell replied Saturday that it would do its best to have a sufficient

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# Voters To Elect New City Council Today

## DEPUTY SHERIFFS SOON TO BE NAMED

## Civil Service Commission Approves Applicants For Position

Appointments to fill the two vacancies in the office of Sheriff Porter Davis probably will be made in the very near future as the New Hanover Civil Service Commission placed their stamp of approval on applicants for the deputy's positions yesterday afternoon.

Seven applicants were examined by the commission, and, as is the custom, two applicants for each position were approved according to Frederick Willetts, Sr., commission chairman.

Official appointment rests with the county commissioners, and, according to Willetts, they should make the appointments within the next few days.

Those appearing before the commission yesterday were: B. W. White, 1911 Ann st.; James A. Phillips, 2643 Adams st.; James M. Ray, 628 Caldwell ave.; A. W. Best, Jr., 204 Calhoun drive; George L. Highsmith, 2678 Jefferson st.; F. A. Tatum, Jr., and J. M. Shinn, Jr.

**ACL EMPLOYEES URGE REPEAL OF CROSSER RETIREMENT MEASURE**

Morning Star

WASHINGTON, May 5. — Representing employees of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, a delegation from Wilmington today called upon Senators Clyde R. Hoey and William B. Umstead to register disapproval of the Crosser amendment act which requires both employee and employer to pay an additional retirement levy.

Senator Hoey said the group presented petitions signed by 2,000 railroad workers in the area served by the Coast Line urging that the Crosser amendment be repealed.

M. V. Barnhill, Jr., of Rocky Mount and Wilmington was spokesman for the group. Other members of the committee were V. H. Henderson, Jr., Charles D. White, C. M. Appleberry, A. D. Curtis and Mercedes Catherwood, all of Wilmington.

# Commerce Office Located In City

## John H. Farrell Appointed To Fill Position Of Secretary

A cooperative office of the U.S. Department of Commerce has been located in Wilmington, with John H. Farrell, City Industrial agent, acting in the capacity of secretary.

The office will maintain files on business information, render business service to manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and foreign traders and offer other services in marketing goods.

In addition, according to Farrell, up-to-date and detailed reports on trades and businesses will be kept for reference.

Farrell will handle the post of secretary of the commerce office in conjunction with the post of industrial agent.

He took the oath of office on April 25 and will serve in the capacity of a dollar-a-year man for the commerce department.

The appointment was made by the office of Secretary of Commerce W. Averell Harriman in Washington.

# The Weather

**FORECAST**

South Carolina—Fair and mild Tuesday; Wednesday partly cloudy and slightly warmer.

North Carolina—Fair and slightly cooler Tuesday; Wednesday partly cloudy and mild.

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday:

Mean 71; Normal 71.

Maximum 80; Minimum 63.

**HUMIDITY**

1:30 a. m. 70; 7:30 a. m. 78; 1:30 p. m. 75; 7:30 p. m. 78.

**PRECIPITATION**

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. .04 inches.

Total since the first of the month .56 inches.

**TIDES FOR TODAY**

(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

Masonboro Inlet — 5:34 a. m. 5:34 p. m.

Wilmington — 10:07 a. m. 5:38 p. m.

8:45 p. m. 2:23 a. m.

Sunrise 5:18; Sunset 6:59; Moonrise 8:49; Moonset 11:13.

a. m. Monday 11.3 feet.

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# Wilmington Leads Entire United States In Approved Non-Residential Projects; Senate Vote "Riddles" Agency Budgets

## Slash Passes

## Labor Department, Federal Security Fund Requirements Lowered

WASHINGTON, May 5. — (P) — With an economy coalition in control, the Senate tonight passed a Labor department-Federal Security fund appropriation totaling \$1,676,198,080 — or about \$100,000 less than President Truman asked.

The bill, which is \$8,388,000 less than the House voted, now goes to a Senate-House Conference committee where differences will be ironed out. The funds are to finance the two agencies for the fiscal year starting July 1. The Senate action was on a voice vote.

A little earlier in the day, the House Appropriations committee whacked \$162,893,515, or 23 per cent, off the President's budget for the State, Commerce and Justice departments and the federal courts.

Senate approval of the other measure came after a combination of Republicans and Southern Democrats had slapped down a series of amendments to increase funds for Labor department agencies.

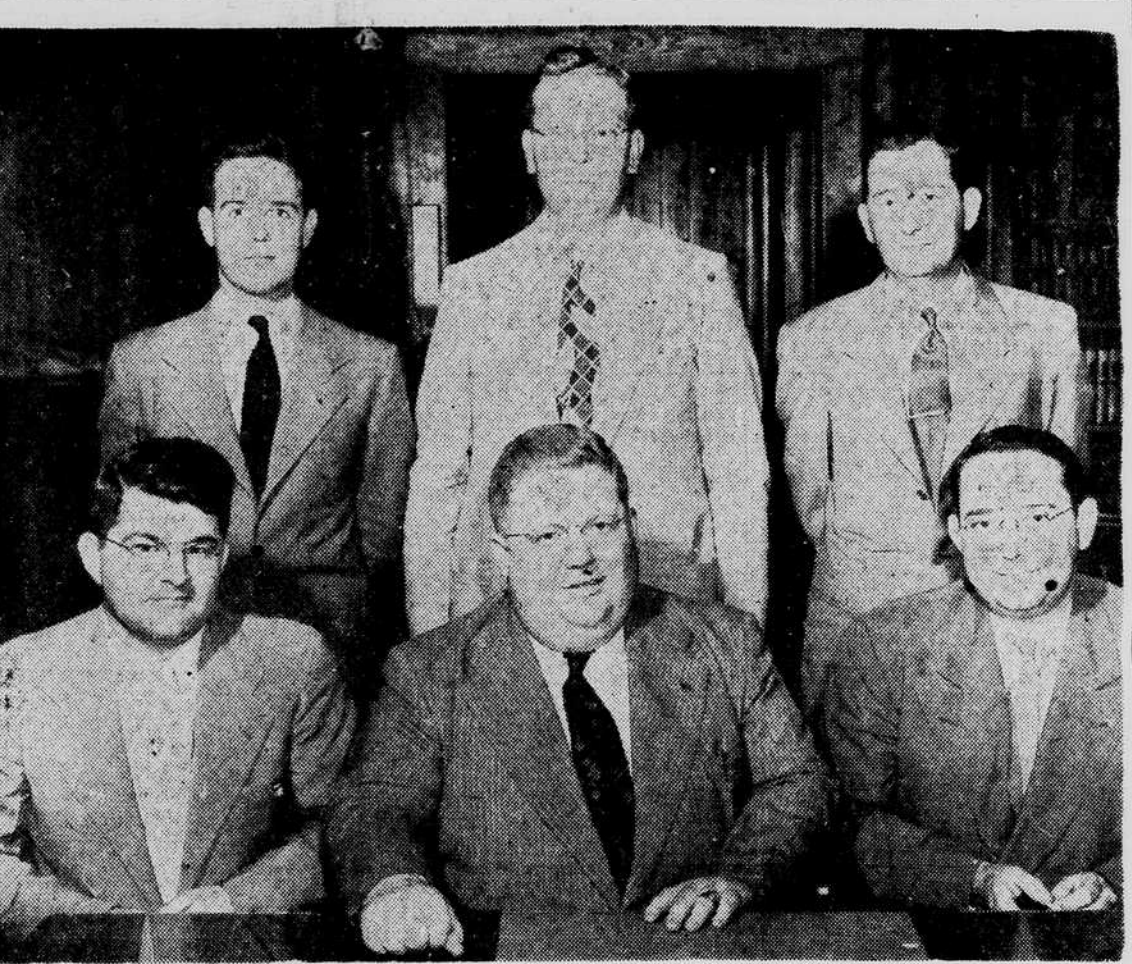
More than 90 per cent of the total in this bill is made up of benefit payments and grants to the states for such purposes as railroad retirement, old age assistance, aid to children and the third, unemployment compensation and vocational rehabilitation.

The Senate approved appropriation of \$79,862,900 for the department of labor. This is a cut of \$10,001,300 under the amount authorized by the House and is \$23,817,391 less than was requested in the President's budget.

In approving the bill, the Senate struck out a House-approved provision which would have denied further pay to Director Edgar L. Warren of the Labor department conciliation service.

In the Senate's first major test on the year on the issue of slashing expenditures, the chamber defeated the bill.

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ELECTED YESTERDAY—New officers of the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce who were named yesterday from the newly elected board of directors are pictured above. Standing, George Straka, 14, and George, not seriously wounded, who wrote the following message from his hospital bed today: "Please tell Gene not to worry. Tell him to come home. Everybody knows it was just an accident." The police chief gave this story of the accident. Gene and George were playing alone in the Poe home Saturday night with a pistol that had been in the elder Poe's drawer for 10 years. Gene accidentally shot George. Immediately called a doctor who advised him to phone for an ambulance. By the time the ambulance arrived, Gene had left home. He said the gist of the letter Poe received today was that Gene, his only child, was not coming home.

# JUSTICE EXCUSES HIGH OFFICIALS

## Secretary Marshall Will Testify Later For Defense In May Trial

WASHINGTON, May 5. — (P) — Justice Henry A. Schweinhaut today temporarily excused Secretary of State George C. Marshall from appearing as a witness in the war fraud trial of former Rep. Andrew J. May.

The defense had subpoenaed Marshall, but the judge pointed out that it may be several weeks before the defense actually starts its case. In "these times, the judge said, high officials cannot be expected to come to court and sit around waiting time. They can be called when it is time to testify, he indicated.

The judge disclosed that Marshall's office had telephoned him about the summons this morning.

The same no-time-wasting rule will apply to high officials called as witnesses for the prosecution, Schweinhaut made plain, Secretary of War Patterson and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower are expected to be called by the government.

**Three Others**

Besides May, 72-year-old former chairman of the House Military committee, three others are on trial charged with conspiring to pay him more than \$50,000 for favors he allegedly obtained from the War department for the \$78,000,000 Garsson munitions combine.

The other defendants are Henry and Murray Garsson, and Joseph F. Freeman, Washington agent for the Garsson brothers.

Edward Glazier, secretary-treasurer of the Batavia Metal Products company, a Garsson firm, testified today that Henry Garsson personally ordered Batavia's books altered to indicate it was receiving lumber from the Cumberland Lumber company of Kentucky, in which May was interested.

The government contends the Garssons paid \$50,000 to this company but never got any lumber.

Glazier said Henry Garsson's secretary, Beulah Tietelbaum, showed him some blank Cumberland company invoices. The prosecution contends the Garssons wrote up the invoices to represent genuine bills for lumber deliveries.

Two witnesses said May interceded on several occasions with

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# LAD FLEES HOME

SOUTHERN PINES, May 5. — (P) — Police Chief Ed Newton said that Bryan Poe went to Charleston, S. C. after receiving a letter today postmarked from there written by his 14-year-old son Gene, who ran away from home after accidentally shooting through the abdomen his friend, George Straka, 14.

George, not seriously wounded, wrote the following message from his hospital bed today: "Please tell Gene not to worry. Tell him to come home. Everybody knows it was just an accident."

The police chief gave this story of the accident. Gene and George were playing alone in the Poe home Saturday night with a pistol that had been in the elder Poe's drawer for 10 years. Gene accidentally shot George. Immediately called a doctor who advised him to phone for an ambulance. By the time the ambulance arrived, Gene had left home.

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# HAL LOVE NAMED TO HEAD JAYCEES

## Local Bus Line Executive Succeeds Jesse Sellers As President

Hal Love was yesterday afternoon named president of the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce by the newly elected members of the board of directors of that organization.

Incumbent recording secretary and extension chairman of the local club, Love succeeds Jesse Sellers in the presidency.

Other officers named from the board of directors are: Ed Gilmore, first vice-president; Ed Godwin, second vice-president; Ed Ward, secretary; Woodrow Fountain, corresponding secretary; and George Chadwick, Jr., treasurer.

Members of the board of directors, who were elected by club members, other than the above, are: Dan Cameron, Hugh Morton, Wallace West, L. N. LeGwin, W. M. Echols, Claude O'Shields, and Jesse Sellers.

Installation ceremonies for the new officers will be held during the June 1 meeting of the club.

# LABOR MAJORITY PASSES MEASURE

## Attlee Government Seeks To Take Over British Transportation

LONDON, May 5. — (P) — The Labor majority in the House of Commons adopted tonight a bill to bring under government ownership all forms of British inland transportation, including railroads and bus and truck lines, despite a threat that the Conservatives would repeal the measure if they ever regained power.

The House passed the bill without a record vote after defeating, 308 to 194, a motion by Conservative and Liberal members to reject the \$4,280,000,000 program — the most bitterly fought of all the Labor government's nationalization measures.

The bill then was sent to the House of Lords where, the government has announced, it plans to push it for final approval by mid-summer. If approved by the House of Lords, the government

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# RAIL PRESIDENT LOST FROM BOAT

## Intensive Search Now Underway For Henry A. Page Of Aberdeen

JACKSONVILLE, N. C. May 5. — (P) — An intensive search was underway tonight for Henry A. Page of Aberdeen, president of the Cape Fear Railroad company and prominent business man who fell overboard from his houseboat near Sneads Ferry last night.

Page and his wife and another couple were spending the week-end on the boat when Page accidentally fell overboard. Lee Page, the missing man's brother who came to the scene today, told newsmen.

A bench and a life preserve were thrown to Page, the brother said, but the boat went ashore on a sandbar before he could be rescued.

Capt. Mart Folger, the boat pilot, put in to shore and organized a search party in small boats, and today the Coast Guard was called in to assist in the search.

The bench, to which Page was

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# 76 Per Cent Of All Applications Okayed

## Business Firms Of City Receive Favorable Action On 54 Construction Jobs; List Does Not Include Riegel Plant

BY RANDOLPH S. HANCOCK

The fact that Wilmington has received favorable action on 76 per cent of the applications submitted to the office of the housing expediter in Greensboro, reveals that this city has been in the favorable position of carrying out more of its projects than any other city in the state, or nation.

These facts were revealed here last night by Chester O. Ensign, district manager, of Greensboro.

Ensign revealed that Wilmington business firms had had 54 applications approved during the past year for a total cost of construction of \$1,096,000. This does not include a permit granted to the Riegel Paper Corporation of Acme for a \$6,300,000 project.

The state as a whole, he said, has a 55 per cent approval for a total cost of \$38,493,000. He said that \$25,688,000 worth of construction had been denied in the state as a whole while Wilmington had been denied only \$220,000.

**Guided By Criteria**

"In making our decisions," he said, "both the district construction committee and the district manager are guided by a set of criteria" which spell out the kinds of structures which should be approved and those which should be denied.

"In general, these criteria call for denial of a case unless it falls into the proper groups."

He said that his office did not stop applications. Stops were made by the compliance manager in Atlanta.

"In the case of eviction or condemnation," he declared, "the

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# DRY CHARLOTTE

CHARLOTTE, May 5. — (P) — It was mighty dry for several hours tonight in Charlotte.

A bulldozer ripped a hole in a 20-inch water main about 5:15 p. m., and Water Superintendent W. M. Franklin reported several million gallons of water escaped before the break could be isolated.

Pipes in most of the city ran completely dry, he said, and three hours after the break pressure was still so low that no water was running to upper floors of multi-storied buildings.

# HOSIERY WORKERS PLAN "FAD" END

DURHAM, May 5. — (P) — If the American Federation of Hosiery workers (C. I. O.), which opened its 35th annual convention in Durham today has its way, there will be no more bare legged women.

At their opening day's session delegates approved a resolution which authorized the union to cooperate with manufacturers in completely eliminating the tendency, that developed during the war of women going without hose. They admitted the bare leg had had out into consumption of ladies full-fashioned hose and a number of delegates pointed out that the "glamour given by hosiery was lost and that women, if reminded, would never think of going without stockings."

Approximately 200 delegates from all sections of the country were present for the opening session at which Mayor W. F. Carr delivered the address of welcome.

**Professor Speaks**

Outstanding speaker of the session was Professor Herman Gray,

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# REYNOLDS STRIKE PEACE FAR AWAY

## Conciliators Give No Indication Of Expecting Immediate Settlement

WINSTON-SALEM, May 5. — (P) — Conciliators returned to the scene of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company strike today, but gave no indication of expecting an immediate settlement.

D. Yates Heafner of the U. S. Department of Labor Conciliation service and Frank Crane of the State Department of labor said they would be in touch with the company and local 22, United Tobacco workers, F.T.A.-C.I.O., separately tomorrow.

The company and the union will not be called into a joint conference by the conciliators until it is believed a basis for an agreement has been found.

Pickets resumed their posts today after a weekend holiday, and employees who are remaining at work returned to their jobs. Of approximately 10,000 workers affected by the strike, the company has estimated about 5,000 are on strike, and the union has estimated about 8,000 out.

**No Prediction**

Edwin K. McCrea, representative of the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural workers assigned to Local 22, said, "I won't predict how soon they (the plants) will close down, but they'll have to stop some time soon if we hold out at this rate." He said production had declined additionally today.

The company had no statement to make.

According to the union, the principal issue is the union's demand for a 15-cent wage increase. The union has contended that the company has offered a five-and-a-half cent wage increase in actual money, while the company has asserted its offer amounts to 10.7 cents.

# And So To Bed

In Clinton yesterday afternoon a young farmer and his wife were shopping.

"Darling, I must stop in here and buy something for the baby," the wife said.

"All right, you go right ahead and I will step down the street and get something for the baby," the husband answered.

The wife might think there is nothing unusual about all this, but the story continues.

The wife went into a hardware store and the husband journeyed across the street to a feed dealer's establishment.

The pair met a few moments later. She was carrying a leather bag and he was rolling a bale of hay on a hand dolly.

Oh, yes, we forgot to mention that "Baby" was their new mule.

# Along The Cape Fear

WILMINGTON'S BIG FIRE—On February 25, 1877, the city was visited by one of its greatest catastrophes — a fire which did an estimated \$1,000,000 damage.

The fire was started when the steamer "Bladen" caught fire on the Cape Fear river. The records say that the captain made a desperate effort to reach the docks at Wilmington.

He succeeded in doing so, and those aboard the ship were saved. But the flames spread from the boat to the docks and warehouses and soon a large part of the waterfront was ablaze. The warehouses and a large number of business houses and residences were destroyed.

**SLANG** — Old records reveal the oft-quoted expression that "There's Nothing New Under The Sun" is right.

Many of the slang expressions that seem to have originality are of the 80's vintage. The files of The Morning Star reveal that the expression "Dizzy Blondes" had an origin as early as 1877.

**TODAY'S ELECTION** — In connection with today's election, the city observed the convention way of primaries back in the 80's. The Star said at that time that the convention system was out-of-date and inefficient and called attention to Virginia's modern primary election law.

**ANOTHER FIRE** — A second disastrous fire occurred in February of 1884. It was reported that

# British Coffee Brewing Not So Good, They Admit

LONDON, May 5. — (P) — The government confessed today that the British do not know how to make coffee for foreign palates.

Dr. Edith Summerskill, parliamentary spokesman for the food minister, said under a barrage of questions in the House of Commons:

"I appreciate that coffee, as prepared in this country, is not to the liking of overseas visitors."

Members of parliament had expressed concern because of the expected influx of American tourists. Laborite Tom Driberg had asked her if she wouldn't instruct

the nation's cooks in the fine art of brewing coffee.

The smartly-groomed Dr. Summerskill referred one and all to the ministry's widely-circulated "The ABC of Cooking," which gives four ways of making coffee.

One is called the "warm Jug" method:

"Warm the jug. Add coffee and salt. Pour in boiling water and stand in a warm place for about 15 minutes. It is a good plan to stand the jug in a saucepan of boiling water. Stir the coffee and let it settle again. Strain if necessary, but do not boil."