FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Fair and little change in temperature today; Sunday increasing cloudiness and warmer followed by showers.

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House Passes $400,000,000 Greek Aid Bill By Vote Of 287 To 107; Southern Bell, Workers In Accord

Big Tax Cut Suggested

Senate Finance Committee Votes Income Slash Of Four Millions Yearly

WASHINGTON, May 9. —(AP)— An income tax cut of $4,000,000,000 a year, effective July 1, was recommended today by the Senate Finance committee.

Chairman Millikin (R.-Colo.) announced the vote was 8 to 5.

The principal change from the measure passed by the House is the effective date — July 1. The House had voted to make the reduction retroactive to January 1.

The Senate committee inserted a new reduction bracket giving persons with net incomes between $79,728 and $302,396 a tax cut of 15 per cent rather than 20 per cent as provided in the House bill. This scale of reductions is set up in the measure:

30 Per Cent Cut

30 per cent for persons with net incomes (after exemptions and deductions) of $1,000 or less.

A flat $67 "notch" reduction for net incomes between $1,000 and $1,396.

20 per cent for incomes from $1,396 to $79,728.

15 per cent for incomes from $79,728 to $302,396.

10.5 per cent on all incomes above $302,396.

A man with a net income of $100,000 would get the benefit of the 20 per cent reduction on the first $79,728 of his income, and 15 per cent off on the balance. A man with income above $302,396 would get the benefit of a 20 per cent cut on his first $79,728 and a 15 per cent cut on income between that point and $302,396. The 10.5 rate cut would apply only to taxes on income above $302,396. No one would get the benefit of the 30 per cent cut on any part of his income unless he is in the bracket of those with net incomes of $1,000 or less.

Millikin told reporters he believes the bill can be reported to the Senate by next Wednesday.

Estimates Differ

The House estimated its bill would cut the individual income tax load $3,800,000,000. The Senate set its estimate of the total reductions slightly higher.

Reporters learned from committee members that Senator George (D.-Ga.) had voted with the seven Republicans on the committee consideration of the bill.

MAN HURLS COED INTO TRAIN PATH

Attractive NYU Student Saved From Death By Company Workmen

NEW YORK, May 9 —(AP)—Hurled by a man head first into the path of an oncoming subway train, an attractive New York university coed was rescued by track workers today while horror-struck onlookers on the station platform seized her assailant and beat him into submission, police reported.

The man, Jack Didia, 28-year-old salesman, described himself as a veteran recently released from a mental hospital, police said, adding that he told them he had suffered a nervous collapse during his war service.

Bertha Pataky, 21, of Brooklyn was standing on the platform chatting with another student, police reported, when Didia, without a word, grabbed her under the armpits and hurled her screaming to the tracks.

The screams of the black-haired university senior startled passengers on the crowded platform and brought trackmen, working nearby, to her aid.

Train Stopped

Two of them lifted the girl and ran with her to a space between the huge pillars separating the southbound and northbound rails while others seized red flags and waved the train to a stop, 15 feet from the spot where Miss Pataky and her rescuers huddled.

Miss Pataky's escort, Merwin Wolf, 21-year-old NYU freshman, told police he grabbed Didia and knocked him down "and others came over and started hitting him."

When police arrived, Didia — who was cut over the right eye, on the nose and had other injuries—was being held for them, detectives said.

Miss Pataky, who said she never had seen Didia before, was

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The Weather

FORECAST:

South Carolina and North Carolina—Fair with little change in temperature Saturday; Sunday increasing cloudiness and warmer followed by showers beginning in extreme west portion in late afternoon or night.

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

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

TEMPERATURES

1:30 a. m. 55; 7:30 a. m. 52; 1:30 p. m. 68; 7:30 p. m. 61; Maximum 70; Minimum 49; Mean 60; Normal 69.

HUMIDITY

1:30 a. m. 88; 7:30 a. m. 56; 1:30 p. m. 68; 7:30 p. m. 72.

PRECIPITATION

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. .60 inches.

Total since the first of the month 4.96 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY

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

	HIGH	LOW
Wilmington	1:10 a.m.	8:36 a.m.
	1:31 p.m.	8:34 p.m.
Masonboro	10:53 a.m.	5:11 a.m.
	11:22 p.m.	4:58 p.m.

Sunrise 5:14; Sunset 7:02; Moonrise — Moonset 7:08a.

River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. Friday 10.8 feet.

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DEAN of the Oklahoma State Senate, Sen. Tom Anglin (above), 64, Holdenville, Okla., was beaten to the draw by Rep. Jimmie Scott, 34, in a grudge fight over a divorce case, and was wounded on the floor of the Senate. Scott, a Marine veteran, who is serving his first term in the Lower House, was arrested minutes later and jailed without charge. (International Soundphoto).

WILLIE FRANCIS SMILES IN DEATH

Electric Chair Which Once Tickled Him, Snuffs Out Negro's Life

ST. MARTINVILLE, La., May 9 —(U.P.)—Willie Francis died smiling today while his aged-mother sobbed on the street outside the jail.

The 18-year-old Negro boy brushed aside Attorney Bertrand DeBlanc's offer of one more desperation appeal and walked like a man, as he said he would, to the electric chair that had only "tickled him" on May 3, 1946.

Braced by religion, anxious to meet his God, Willie even managed to laugh as he was strapped into the chair.

Willie's last words were "everything is all right." He walked to the chair unfalteringly from a small cell at the rear of the jail. When his cell door opened to the hallway he had only two steps to walk.

Willie waved off offers of help from the Rev. Charles Hannigan, who had touched his sleeve. He ate his last meal—a big dinner of cat-fish from the bayous of this lush Evangeline country.

Willie died like he said he would, "unafraid." He was strapped in the chair at 12:05 p.m. CST, and the switch was thrown at 12:08 p.m., four minutes later Willie was pronounced dead.

Big Smile

Willie gave a big smile as he approached the chair. He even managed a laugh as he was being strapped. He was still smiling when the hood was slipped over his face.

Outside the tiny jail scores of whites and Negroes had assembled. In the crowd was a little old lady who cried. She stood across the street, some 200 feet from the jail, sobbing. Finally she walked away. She was Willie's mother.

The stepped up speed of the gasoline-powered generator in the truck parked outside the high board fence enclosing the jail indicated that the executioner had applied the current jolting Willie to death.

The portable chair worked quick this time unlike the day in

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BODY OF HENRY PAGE FOUND FLOATING IN NEW RIVER FRIDAY

JACKSONVILLE, May 9.—(AP)—The body of Henry A. Page, prominent Aberdeen business man, was found in New River late today.

The body was found four miles upstream from where he fell from his houseboat near the junction of the river and the inland waterway late Sunday. Fishermen expressed the belief that the body had come to the surface and had floated upstream on a flood tid Thursday night.

Sheriff I. Dan Sanders and Acting Coroner Timmons Jones, who investigated, said that death had come accidentally by drowning and added that an inquest was unnecessary.

Members of the family who had remained at the houseboat at Sneads Ferry since Page fell overboard said funeral services will be conducted Monday at Aberdeen. The body will be cremated at Durham.

A widespread search for Page, president of the Cape Fear railroad, was undertaken after he fell from the boat. His wife, who was with him at the time, had expressed the hope that he had made his way to safety on the river's bank after a life preserver and a bench had been thrown to him from the boat.

11 Democrats Score Points

Murray Plan Is Labor Substitute

Carrie L. Broughton State Library Complimentary

WASHINGTON, May 9—(AP)—In a stormy session of the Senate, a group of 11 Democrats tonight introduced a complete substitute for the union-curbing bill the chamber has been debating two weeks.

Senator Murray (D-Mont) offering it on behalf of himself and ten colleagues, said it meets President Truman's suggestions on labor legislation and covers other matters as well. But he did not specify that there was any Presidential agreement to accept it, nor indicate whether administration officials had a hand in its preparation.

His action followed an unusual session which Mr. Truman held earlier today with seven cabinet members and other aides on labor legislation. The word after that conference, however, was that it was concerned principally with the anti-portal-pay bill. The President's official family was reported split on whether he should sign or veto that bill.

Joining with Murray in sponsoring the new labor disputes bill as a substitute for the pending measure were Senators Pepper (D-Fla), Elbert Thomas (Utah), Chavez (NM), Green (RI)), Kilgore (WVa) Olin D. Johnston (S C) Magnuson (Wash), Myers (Pa), Taylor (Idaho) and McGrath (RI).

Meets Truman's Wishes

Murray said one section meets Mr. Truman's recommendation that machinery be provided "whereby unsettled disputes concerning the interpretation of an existing agreement may be referred by either party to a final and binding arbitration."

He said another provision would carry out a recommendation of the conference that the U. S. conciliation be strengthened within President's labor - management the Labor department. The pending bill would create a new mediation agency apart from the Labor department.

The action of Murray and his colleagues in offering the substitute precipitated a bitter wrangle with the Republican leaders.

With good progress being made in disposing of amendments, Senator Wherry (R-Neb), acting as majority leader, sought to win unanimous agreement for a vote on final passage Monday, or at the latest Tuesday.

It was then that Senators Murray (D-Mont), and Pepper (D-Fla), blocking any such agreement, announced that they and other Democrats they did not name had their substitute on tap.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) jumped up with a protest about "completely dilatory" tactics in view of the two weeks the debate already has been run.

AIR FORCES MAN VICTIM OF SHOT

Body Of Former Lake Forest Resident Found Near Thomasboro

Special To The Star

SHALLOTTE, May 9. — Staff Sergeant David S. Devoll, USAAF, who was stationed at Myrtle Beach, S. C., was found mysteriously shot in his automobile, about 15 miles south of here, near Thomasboro, shortly before noon today.

The soldier, who formerly resided at 36 West Drive, Lake Forest, Wilmington, had been dead approximately 12 hours, Acting Coronor G. S. Kilpatrick, of Brunswick county, said late tonight.

Officers investigating the fatal shooting said Devoll, whose wife resides at Ashe, had been shot with a shotgun, the charge taking effect in the left front side of his neck and came out the back of his neck.

According to the officers he had apparantly been shot while on the outside of the vehicle as only a small amount of blood was found in the car. Sheriff John White of Brunswick county and his staff of deputies were busy late tonight tracking down all possible clues as to how the Airforce sergeant met his death.

Photographs and finger prints were taken at the scene today. The dead man was identified by driver's license found in his pockets.

Acting Coronor Kilpatrick said the body was discovered shortly before noon this morning on U. S. highway 17, a few miles from the South Carolina line.

The body was taken to the Kilpatrick funeral home at Southport. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Bandit Resents Woman's Claim On Stickup Yield

PHILADELPHIA, May 9 —(U.P.)— Sixteen year-old Fred J. Spiekerman was hopping mad today because a woman he allegedly held up told police she lost $50 in the robbery.

Spiekerman insisted it was only $5, so he went to the home of his victim and tapped on her window, police said.

"Come out here," he told Mrs. Vera Lawer, waving a penknife in his hand. "I'm going to kill you. What was the idea saying I took $50 from you. It was only $5."

Mrs. Lawer screamed. Her neighbor, Mrs. Mary Sanders, joined in. Police were summoned and, after a four-block chase, captured a youth who identified himself as Spiekerman.

Mrs. Lawer said he was the same boy who pointed a gun at her on a mid-city street corner yesterday and stole $50 and her husband's $125 terminal-leave check.

Police said Spiekerman admitted the holdup, but insisted he used a penknife and not a pistol, and that he got only $5.

Strike Comes To End Today

Employes Gain Wage Increases Of $2 To $4 Per Week By Settlement

O. G. Bain, local manager of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company, early last night released the following statement, made by H. S. Dumas, president, of the Southern Bell company.

The 33-day old strike in the nine states served by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company has been settled, officials of the company announced tonight.

The strike has been called off effective at 6 a. m. Saturday, May 10 and normal telephone service will be resumed as early as possible thereafter.

Agreement between the company and the Southern Federation of Telephone workers was reached at 8 p. m. o'clock May 9 on wage rate increases for the company's approximately 42,000 non-supervisory employes generally amounting to $2, $3 and $4 per week, according to length of service and job classifications.

The wage increase granted the other items included in the agreement will add approximately $10,000,000 to the annual cost of providing telephone service in the south, officials of the company declared. The original union demands would have added $72,000,000 to the annual cost of providing Southern Bell service.

"We believe the agreement which has just been signed is fair to the employes, fair to our customers, and fair to the company", H. S. Dumas, president of Southern Bell declared.

Customers To Pay

"The money which we pay to our employes in wages, as well

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STASSEN AGAINST BAPTIST MOTIONS

Former Governor Says Churches Can Contribute To Heal Peace

ST. LOUIS, May 9. — (AP) —Former Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota told the Southern Baptist convention today that "Baptists and other churches through the practice of humanitarian principles can contribute to a just and lasting world peace."

Stassen, who is a former vice-president of the Northern Baptist convention and a member of the Baptist World Mission crusade, prefaced his address with the statement that he did not agree with the resolutions passed by the convention yesterday.

The resolutions urged withdrawal of Myron S. Taylor as a diplomatic representative of the United States at the Vatican, and opposed a recent Supreme court decision authorizing use of public funds for bus transportation for parochial school pupils.

Stassen told the convention he adhered to "the basic American principle of the separation of the church and state" but declined further comment on the subject to reporters later. He said he planned a fuller statement in the near future.

Sober Optimism

Stassen said he returned from his recent European trip with "sober optimism."

"I do not underestimate the difficulties of the United States'

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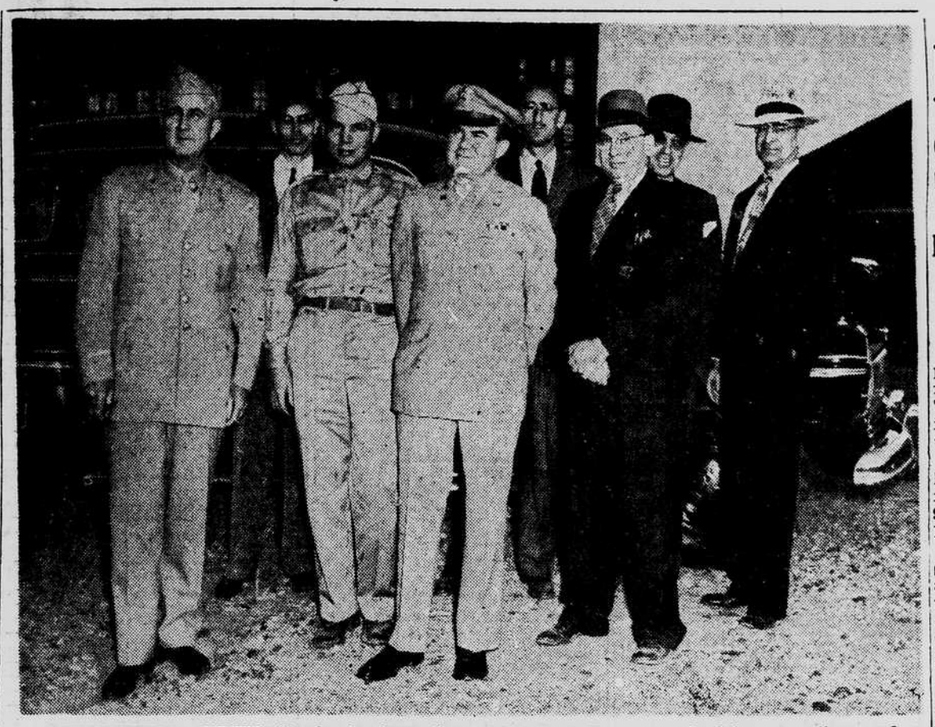

ENGINEERS ARRIVE—Ready for inspection of the Cape Fear river dredging operations and a look at nearby inlets, the above group of engineers, headed by Col. George W. Gillette, division engineer, with headquarters in Atlanta, arrived by Army plane at Bluethenthal field around six o'clock yesterday afternoon. Reading left to right, front row, are Col. Gillette, Col. R. W. Wimer, Col. B. C. Snow, Wilmington district engineer, and C. R. Lindner, civilian engineer; back row, R. W. Pierce, O. B. Stewart, H. E. Hicks and B. Blackman. (CAROLINA CAMERA PHOTO).

WILKINS HORTON NOW ELIMINATED

Pittsboro Man Recommended By Cherry As Democratic Chairman

RALEIGH, May 9. — (AP) — Gov. R. Gregg Cherry recommended today that National Committeeman Wilkins P. Horton of Pittsboro be named chairman of the state Democratic executive committee, and Horton's name immediately was removed from the list of probable contenders for the party's gubernatorial nomination.

The governor's recommendation was made to the State Executive committee, which meets here this month on an unannounced date, and was tantamount to election.

At the same time, Gov. Cherry recommended that State Senator Joe. L. Blythe of Charlotte, president pro tem of the Senate, be named national committeeman to succeed Horton.

The governor said that both Horton and Blythe would accept the new posts.

Horton's acceptance of the chairmanship, when formal election is made, would mean that he could not run for governor as long as he held that post. Those are the party's rules. Blythe, however, could remain as president pro tem.

The announcement was made as political speculation mounted as to the 1948 gubernatorial race.

State Treasurer Charles M Johnson already has announced and gained the formal support of Speaker Tom Pearsall, who previously had been mentioned as a likely candidate. The only other person who has formally announced is Rep. Oscar Barker of Durham. Lieut. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine is among the other major possibilities, although he has had nothing to say of late.

With the recommendation of Horton, the governor repaid, at least in part, another of his political debts. Horton went down the line for Cherry in 1944, and was his campaign lieutenant.

Umstead Resigned

On the death of U. S. Senator Josiah W. Bailey, his name was mentioned prominently as a possible successor. The governor, however, chose to appoint his campaign manager, William B. Umstead.

Army Engineers Arrive For River, Inlet Trip

PATRIOTISM

PORT HURON, Mich., May 9.—(AP)—Union plasterers here today passed up a 25 cent-hourly raise, with a spokesman declaring their action was "our contribution to stabilizing building costs."

Officers of Local 10, Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers (AFL), said the raise had been agreed upon recently in negotiations and would have become effective soon. The curent pay rate is $2 an hour.

The raise previously had been obtained by the union in negotiations with contractors of the metropolitan Detroit area, with others in neighboring cities such as Port Huron following suit.

Col. George W. Gillette Heads Group Which Will Make Inspection

Following a stop-over at Augusta, Ga., for an inspection of the Clark's Hill project now underway on the Savannah river, a group of Army engineers, headed by Col. George W. Gillette, division chief of engineers, with headquarters in Atlanta, arrived at Bluethenthal field late yesterday afternoon for a two-day inspection trip down the Cape Fear river and a survey of nearby inlets.

Arriving in an Army plane, the group, which included besides, Col. Gillette, Col. R. B. Wimer, executive officer; C. T. Lindner, chief civilian engineer; O. B. Stewart, of the operations division; B. Blackman, reports division and R. W. Pierce, department of hydraulics, posed for pictures together with H. E. Hicks of the Wilmington airport and then drove into Wilmington where they boarded the survey launch "Kitty Hawk," which will be their headquarters during the two-day inspection trip.

According to Col. Gillette, the Engineers will drop down the river

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CARGO OF SUGAR DUE HERE MONDAY

First Cargo Of Imported "Sweets" Since War On Ship

The first cargo of imported sugar to come into Wilmington for local and state distribution since the beginning of World War II is scheduled to arrive on Monday morning aboard the S. S. Corinto from Havana, Cuba, officials of the Wilmington Shipping company announced yesterday.

The 34,000, 100-pound bag consignment of refined sugar in the cargo will be stored here in the Champion Compress unit of the Wilmington Terminal warehouse at the foot of Walnut st.

Before the war, sugar-laden ships came into port here regularly, and this shipment will mark the resumption of that business for the local company. It is not known exactly how much of the sugar will be brought into port here later, but additional cargoes are scheduled.

Hershey Owned

The 1,700 short tons of sugar which is coming in here is owned by the Hershey Sugar Sales cor-

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NCSSE MAY HONOR SAFETY RECORDS

Plans Underway To Recognize Employes With 50 Year Achievements

WINSTON-SALEM, May 9 —(AP) —North Carolina Society of Safety Enginers today made plans to honor every industrial worker in the state who has spent 50 years or more on the job without lost time accident, it was announced here at the annual meeting.

The announcement said that North Carolina industries would be canvassed for employees who qualify.

Also discussed was recent legislation passed by the 1947 General Assembly, which had a direct bearing on safety in the state and which was supported by the North Carolina Society of Safety Engineers. Praised as being steps taken in the right direction were a

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POLICE SERGEANT'S STEADY HAND SAVES LIFE OF NEW YORKER

NEW YORK, May 9. —(AP)— A man whose skull was pierced by a falling four-foot steel rod was alive tonight at Bellevue hospital, probably because of a police sergeant's steady hands.

Police said George Duelfeld, 22-year-old shipping clerk, was chatting with a friend on East 32nd street when he collapsed on the sidewalk.

The friend, seeing a long, thin rod protruding from Duelfeld's head, called police who summoned an ambulance. But the rod, five-sixtenths of an inch thick, was so long they couldn't get him in the ambulance, and they were afraid removing it would kill him.

Then police sergeant, Frank Manion, discarding the idea of a hacksaw because of vibrations, took a heavy pair of shears. Careful not to jiggle the rod, he cut it off near Duefeld's head.

As doctors began operating to remove the piece of steel from Duelfeld's head, detectives were trying to find out where the rod came from.

Proponents Save Measure

Bi-Partisan Group Beats Back All Attempts To Stymie Legislation

WASHINGTON, May 9 —(AP)— A precedent - shattering $400,000,000 measure to bolster Greece and Turkey against Communist domination was passed by the House tonight, 287 to 107.

On the final roll call, 127 Republicans and 160 Democrats voted for it. Against the measure were 93 Republicans, 13 Democrats and Rep. Marcantonio (AL-NY).

Congressmen of both parties guarded it successfully from all attempts to deny the administration the right to use troops and military material in the effort. Other attempts to limit the program also were defeated.

Final approval followed four days of turbulent house debate dominated by angry legislative reaction to Russia's postwar activities, opposition cries that President Truman's program might mean war, counter claims that it would stabilize peace.

Strength Apparent

The strength of those supporting the measure was apparent from the ease with which they beat back the amendments. And at the end, a motion by Rep. Holifield (D-Calif.) to send it back to the Foreign Affairs committee for changes were shouted down. Holifield could not even obtain a roll call vote on his motion—he needed one fifth of those present to support his request for a roll call, and could muster only 47 votes of more than 300 present.

A move by Rep. Lawrence Smith (R-Wis.) to refer the matter to the United Nations and permit American action only if the U. N. failed to move within 60 days collapsed on a standing vote of 137 to 65. Opponents of the measure had concentrated their strength on that.

And another proposal by Smith to trim the $400,000,000 authorization by half was snowed under, 121 to 49.

The measure returns now to the senate, where it originally passed April 22 by a vote of 67 to 22, for action on minor changes made by the House. If the senate refuses to agree to the House changes, the bill will go to a conference committee for adjustment.

In either case, there appeared no reason for any further material delay. But already the bill is a month and a half past the deadline the administration was reported originally to have set for its passage.

FORD INVITES FAA TO CALL STRIKE

Company Tells Union Of Foremen They Will Be Responsible For Action

DETROIT, May 8 — (AP) —The Ford Motor co. told its unionized foremen in effect today to go ahead with a strike May 17, asserting the union would be responsible for "immeasurable harm."

Ford's tacit invitation to a strike was contained in a crisply worded letter to the Foreman's Association of America, which claims to represent the company's more than 3,700 foremen.

John S. Bugas, a Ford vice president and director of industrial relations, wrote the letter to Rober H. Keys, FAA presiden.

The letter, made public by the company, referred to differences between the FAI and Ford and said in part:

Time Ripe

"We do not propose to be pressured into arrangements which we know from experience will not work. Nor do we propose to give up the idea, now or ever, that foremen are an integral part of our management team, and that they therefore share management responsibilities.

"However, if you disagree on either of these two points—that is, if you think that by a strike you can coerce the Ford Motor co. into some agreement which we know is not workable, or if you think that foremen have no management responsibility, perhaps this is as good a time as any to settle those issues."

Keys said he had not yet received Bugas' letter and therefore declined comment.

Losing Standard Time Fight, Senator Overton "Secedes"

While Washington Works On EDT, His Office Follows EST Schedule

WASHINGTON, May 9. — (AP) — When the Senate comes to order at its usual noon hour Monday, the boys needn't look around for Senator Overton (D-La).

In the first place, he will be on his way to Arizona.

In the second place, he probably wouldn't show up until 1 p. m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time, even if he were in town.

Senator Overton, it seems, is running on standard time.

The entire District of Columbia — President Truman, Senators, Representatives and just plain people — goes on daylight saving time Sunday.

But not Senator Overton nor the loyal Louisianians who work in his capitol hill office.

On his door, for the benefit of any early-rising callers, will be these proud words: "This Office Runs on Standard Time Only."

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Along The Cape Fear

TOBACCONIST'S SHOP — A few steps from the "Wilmington's" wharf is an unpretensious tobacconist's shop—a small brick building—which is said to have been the residence of the celebrated Colonial Governor, William Tryon, who was closely identified with the Cape Fear section of the Revolutionary times, as will be seen further on.

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CORNWALLIS HEADQUARTERS — Higher up, on the corner of Third street, may be seen the fine residence, which served as the headquarters of General Lord Cornwallis, commander of the British forces.

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OWNED NOW BY McRARY — The old home is now owned by Mrs. McCary. Directly opposite stands an ancient residence of the DeRosset family, which was used throughout the civil war nearly a hundred years later as headquarters of the Confederate generals commanding this district.

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CONFEDERATE COTTON PRESS—As we leave the wharf, on our passage down the river, we see a conspicuous relic of an extraordinary era in the foreign trade of Wilmington.

It is the leaning, but unbroken, brick chimney of the Confederate States Cotton Press established here in the year 1864..

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FIRST PRESS IN WILMINGTON —This press was the first press in Wilmington ,and had a capacity of 500 bales a day. The wharves and marsh adjoining the warehouses were piled with enormous quantities of cotton bales belonging to the Confederate government, and hither came all the swift blockade-runners for cargoes which were laden with great rapidity; work went on day and night with as many as 20 steamers loading together.

And So To Bed

Mother isn't going to like this. Two youngsters, who were left sitting in a parked car on Front street yesterday, were playing drivers.

The boy, sitting in the front seat, kept twisting the steering wheel and watching his girl companion in the rear seat, all the time giggling and laughing.

"Why do you keep looking back here?" the girl asked. "That's no way to drive."

"It is," the boy said. "I'm pretending I'm maneuvering."