

WEATHER  
For Wilmington and vicinity: Clear to partly cloudy and continued cool today and tonight. Highest temperature today, 72 degrees. Slightly warmer today and tomorrow.  
For North Carolina: Fair and not quite so cold, slightly warmer tonight and tomorrow.

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## Soldier's Slaying Unsolved

### Army Officers Enter Case, But Fail To Shed Light On Crime

#### FALES AIDS INQUIRY

#### Marine Was Guadalcanal Veteran With Decorations

WILMINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—No arrests were made up to last midnight in connection with the murder Friday of Sgt. David J. Devoll, Deputy Sheriff of G. White told the Star-News.

Devoll's body was found in an automobile two miles north of the South Carolina line Friday afternoon, and Brunswick county authorities began investigations immediately.

Yesterday the crime became shrouded in mystery as Paul T. Smith and Robert L. Barnes, both United States army, moved to investigate.

Barnes last night declined to say if the army had made any arrests or if any suspects were known. Neither would he say if any clues had been turned over that might lead to a solution.

White, however, said no arrests have been made to his knowledge. He added that if authorities arrest an army man, he would probably be turned over to Myrtle Beach Army field officials. Devoll's body was still in Southampton last night, pending the investigation of Commander G. C. Kilpatrick, White said. The automobile was being held by White, he said.

Sheriff White said there were no signs that Devoll had struggled with his attackers before the shooting took place. "I am sure he was shot before he was placed in the car," he said. "There was very little blood in the car, indicating to me the wound had bled out before the body was placed in the car."

Prints reportedly lifted from the car by Harry E. Fales, chief of the New Hanover County Bureau of Investigation.

The motive of robbery has been ruled out, authorities said, because \$92 was reportedly found in Devoll's bilfold.

Devoll was a decorated Marine veteran of the Guadalcanal campaign and had enlisted in the Army soon after his discharge.

## So That Others May Benefit



Mrs. Sylvia H. Harris, whose husband died after being discharged from the Armed forces, by quick action, reaped the benefits made available to her by Social Security. Pictured from left to right are: N. A. Avera, manager of local Social Security office; Leonard Barrett, local representative for the State Veterans commission; and Mrs. Harris with her two children, Harland and Lynn. (STAFF PHOTO)

### Vets Widow, Children First To Receive Security Benefits

Quick action in filing a Social Security claim in the Wilmington office yesterday will mean total benefits of nearly \$12,000 for the next 17 years to Mrs. Sylvia H. Harris, whose husband died Aug. 28, 1946, after being discharged from the armed forces.

Harris died 15 months after his service release. He had returned to civilian life as a student at the University of Wisconsin and worked in employment covered by the Social Security Act, but when Mrs. Harris checked the Social Security administration, she found nothing was payable on the basis of wages earned before the war. Neither could she collect anything from the Veterans Administration since her husband had died after his discharge, and not as a result of a service-connected disability, she was told.

According to N. D. Avera, manager of the local field office, and Leonard Barrett, Wilmington representative for the State Veterans commission, Mrs. Harris is the only Wilmington widow who has received benefits under the 1946 amendment to the Social Security act. They said others may be eligible for the benefits. The act provided for payments to families like the Harris family. For veterans who died on or after August 10, 1946 or survivors who file their claims after February 10, 1947, payments are retroactive for three months. Because the claim for herself and two children was filed within six months after passage of the amendments, checks totaling more than \$345.00 in retroactive benefits were sent to Mrs. Harris, covering payments beginning with the month also received monthly benefits totaling \$75.51 until the children are 18 years of age.

The children are Harland J. Harris, II, less than a year old, and Lynn M. Harris, three year old daughter.

The Social Security checks have enabled the family to stay together in their home in Wilmington. The mother agreed to the publicizing of her own case history in an effort to reach other families who may be eligible for similar benefits. In order for a veteran's survivors to qualify, the following conditions must be met:

1. The veteran must have served in the active military or naval service on or after September 16, 1940.
2. The veteran must have been released from the service under conditions other than dishonorable.
3. The veteran must have had at least 90 days of active service.
4. The veteran's death must have occurred within three years after the date of his discharge.
5. The survivors must not be eligible to receive pension or compensation from the Veterans Administration.

Receipt of payments under the National Service Insurance Policy would not bar benefits under this law.

### 'LOST COLONY' FORT IS FOUND

#### Park Service Finds Parts Of Old Earthen Fort On Site

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—The National Park Service has discovered parts of an old earthen fort that may have been built by members of the "Lost Colony" on Roanoke Island, N. C., during the settlement of the island by Sir Walter Raleigh.

The excavations were made on the traditional site of the fort within the Fort Raleigh National Historic site by J. C. Harrington, archeologist for the National Park Service.

Three exploratory trenches revealed that the moat of the fort was nearly 10 feet wide and 5.5 feet deep. Near the bottom of the moat a large fragment of handmade brick and a large piece of strap iron were found in one of the trenches. Other discoveries thus far include a two-foot layer of charcoal sticks and fragments of Indian pottery.

The excavation will continue until the end of June, when it is hoped that the plan of the fort can be fully made out. Work will be halted for the rest of the summer to permit renewal of the "Lost Colony" pageant drama at the Fort Raleigh site in July and August.

The park service said the Raleigh colonists, who landed on Roanoke Island in 1585, began building a fort as soon as they landed, according to history. When the governor of the colony returned to the fort in 1591 he found the colonists gone and the fort wrecked.

### Jews To Seek \$50,000 JUNE 3

#### Sam Berger Named Chairman, Ben Kingoff, Honorary Chairman

Sam Berger, Wilmington merchant, is chairman of the local United Jewish appeal drive for \$50,000 which begins June 3.

With a 12-point program aimed at reconstruction of Europe's Jews, the nationwide campaign has a goal of \$170,000,000.

Ben Kingoff has been named honorary chairman of the local drive. Other officials were selected as follows:

Herbert Blumenthal and Harry Solomon, vice chairman; Marcus Goldstein, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Sam Waxman and Mrs. Herbert Blumenthal, chairmen of Woman's Division; B. D. Schwartz and Aaron Goldberg, advance gift committee; Rabbi S. A. Freedman and Martin Friedman, publicity.

The broad 12-point program aimed at the reconstruction of Europe's 1,500,000 Jewish survivors through large scale relief, rehabilitation and resettlement assistance was presented yesterday by Berger as American Jewry's primary responsibility in 1947.

### GRIDIRON CLUB POKES ANNUAL FUN

#### Getting Cash From Uncle Sam For Fear Of Red Joe Demonstrated

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—The royal treasury of the Cannibal Kingdom was about to collapse.

Then somebody remembered that the Cannibal Kingdom, in darkest Africa, was the only democracy on earth that had not yet received anti-Communist cash from Uncle Sam.

A quick telephone call to Washington—collect, of course—fixed it up, and gloom turned to glee as the cannibals sang to familiar melody:

"Soak Uncle Sam for a billion bucks or so."  
"Because we hear the siren voice of 'Old Red Joe.'"

It all happened as the Gridiron club, an organization of Washington newspapermen, put government and political figures on its sizzling grill of satire at the club's spring dinner at the Statler hotel.

President Truman and 500 other guests, including members of Congress, the Cabinet, the Supreme Court, the diplomatic corps and the newspaper world, witnessed a series of skits enacted by club members that lampooned Republicans and Democrats alike.

When it was all over, President Truman spoke. Gov. Earl Warren of California made a speech for the Republicans, and former President Herbert Hoover, attending a Gridiron dinner for the first time since 1932, contributed a third speech.

### Pender-Bladen County Road Contract Awarded

A contract for roadway work in Pender and Bladen counties was awarded yesterday by the State Highway commission as one of five federal aid projects.

The project consists of grading, surfacing and structures of 4.5 miles from a point 16 miles west of Burrow to a point three miles east of Kelly. The contract went to E. W. Grannis Construction company.

## PLAN TO ADD \$1,500,000 TO FARMERS, SAVE PUBLIC \$73,000 TOLD BY EDWARDS

### Milk Would Drop One Cent A Quart By Elimination Of Import Shipping Charges, County Bacteriologist Claims In Citing Program To Add Wealth To County

### Export Cut Of 33 Per Cent In Agriculture Department Urges Farmers To Keep From Five To 10 Milk Cows Each As Benefit To Consumer, Themselves

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—A cut of at least 33 1-3 per cent in the Agriculture Department budget was reported in the making today in the House Appropriations committee.

And committee members from farm states who reported the prospective slash said they will make no all-out fight in the house to restore the funds in which they are interested, relying instead upon the senate to do so.

President Truman's budget calls for approximately \$944,000,000 for the Agriculture Department for the fiscal year starting July 1. The appropriations committee is reported set to chop this by \$315,000,000 or more. Most of the reported cut would be in benefit payments.

"We are not going to do anything about it in the house because the cards are stacked against us there," one committee member of the farm group told reporters. "We will center our fire in the Senate and we have reason to believe many of the reductions will be restored there and retained in a later conference."

The same strategy is expected to be followed by advocates of larger appropriations for the State, Commerce and Justice Departments. The omnibus supply bill for these departments comes up in the house on Tuesday.

### PROPOSAL MADE HONORING MOORE

#### Council To Hear Plan To Change Name Of Community Drive

Community drive which encircles Greenfield Lake may be renamed Houston Moore drive, according to City Councilman W. E. Yopp.

Yopp said the change in name is to honor Dr. Moore, who was instrumental in the development of the park. He said the proposal would be discussed at the next meeting of the City council if all members are present. He declined to introduce the matter at the special session of council Friday, because only five of the seven members were in attendance, he said.

Greenfield Lake was also the subject for discussion by another group during the week. A member of the Wilmington Board of Realtors said a movement should be undertaken to change the name of the Lake to Wade Lake.

This suggested move would honor City Councilman James E. L. Wade who was public works commissioner at the time that the park was first developed.

### FROST DAMAGE MISSES CITY

#### Weather Chief Reports Lowest Temperature Was 49 Friday

The half-million dollar frost that seared western North Carolina's gardens and apple crops Friday and Saturday did not affect the Wilmington area, Paul Hess, Weather Bureau chief said last night.

Hess said in thermometer dropped to 49 in Wilmington Friday night, the lowest recorded this month. The temperature has been as low as 43 in May, he said. Last night's low was expected to be 54 degrees.

The cold did no apparent damage to local crops, according to George Trask, local truck farmer.

"The temperature drop may have slowed the cucumber and beans a little," he said.

It would take a frost to kill the strawberries, a Wallace resident informed the Star-News.

"While the cold may have hindered the growth of the berry crop, the worse enemy at present is the dry weather," he said.

### BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY RETURNS

#### Huge Welcome Planned For King By Dignitaries Of State

LONDON, May 10.—(AP)—King George VI and the royal family will return to England and a royal welcome tomorrow after a three month tour of South Africa.

Britain's newest battleship, H. M. S. Vanguard, will dock at Portsmouth tomorrow with the royal family on board, but the king, queen and princesses will not disembark until 10 A. M. Monday for the official homecoming ceremonies.

Portsmouth already was jammed with visitors and more than 500,000 persons were expected to pack the beaches for the disembarkation Monday.

Queen Mary, accompanied by a party including the princess royal and the Earl of Harewood, the Duchess of Gloucester, the Duchess of Kent, Lady Patricia Ramsay and Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay and his countess, Princess Alice, will greet the returning travellers at Buckingham Palace.

A S turns into the harbor tomorrow evening the vanguard will be greeted by royal salutes.

Monday morning the royal party will leave the vanguard for a ceremonial procession through Portsmouth where the king will inspect a royal guard of honor before entering for London.

The Duke of Wellington, Prime Minister Attlee and other government officials will greet the king, queen and princesses upon their arrival in London where they will travel in a carriage procession to Buckingham Palace.

### MAN WHO SHOT SENATOR INSANE

#### Young Representative, A Veteran, Adjudged A Paranoid By VA

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 10.—(AP)—Admitting "I've just had a little trouble finding the spot I belong in," gunned Jimmie Scott, who returned from 30 months service with the army in the Pacific to become a state representative from Holdenville, Okla., today was judged mentally ill after shooting of state Senator Tom Anglin on the floor of the Oklahoma senate.

Three physicians found Scott was a victim of paranoia, described as a dangerous type of insanity, and county Judge C. J. Blinn signed the commitment order which places the veteran in the care of the Veterans Administration which will send him to a hospital.

Scott shot Anglin, also from Holdenville, on the floor of the senate last Wednesday, and Thursday pleaded innocent to a charge of assault with intent to kill. Anglin received a flesh wound in the hip and is recovering in a hospital.

Dr. James H. Parker, Veterans Administration psychiatrist, Dr. John S. Pine and Dr. George L. Dorecky examined Scott intensively for 40 minutes before all three agreed, Scott was mentally sick.

Scott, though hesitant, told of the ever leading up to the shooting of Anglin.

"The trouble was with the senator from my district (Anglin), a life-long friend. A page came in and said the senator wanted to see me. I went to him and he said he hadn't sent a page. Then it happened again."

"I went out to eat and came back in the afternoon and we had a discussion. We talked about how long the legislature would run, and we had some difference. . . you all know about them."

Then Scott told about his long friendship with Anglin and admitted he had borrowed money from

### EVALYN M'LEAN ESTATE \$919,000

#### Hope Diamond's Value Not Stipulated In Probate Petition

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—The estate of Mrs. Evalyn Walsh McLean, prominent Washington hostess and owner of the Hope diamond, was estimated at \$919,550 in a petition filed today for probate of her will.

Value of jewels left by Mrs. McLean at her death here April 26 was lumped at "not less than \$350,000," with no separate figure for the Hope gem which legend called unucky.

The petition, filed in Federal district court by Thurman Arnold an executor of the estate, expressed the view that Mrs. McLean's debts ran about \$174,000.

Mrs. McLean's grandchildren eventually will share the estate about 20 years from now. Meanwhile, the will contained provisions for her two sons, John R. and Edward McLean, and gave her son-in-law, former U. S. Senator Robert R. Reynolds, use of her mansion, Friendship, for life.

### SOUTH TO LOSE ITS DRAWL SAYS WESTERN PROF.

EVANSTON, Ill., May 10.—(AP)—The Southern drawl is "down east" accent may be headed off by the dodo.

John Webster Spargo, professor of English at Northwestern University, believes all U. S. residents eventually will sound just like midwesterners.

The reason, he said, today is that the rest of the country is outnumbered by midwesterners, who move around in large numbers.

### MISS TRUMAN'S AID KANSAS CITY, MAY 10.—(AP)—Mrs. Fredrick Shaw of Kansas City will be Miss Margaret Truman's accompanist on Miss Truman first concert for beginning May 20 at Pittsburgh.

## North Carolina Hospital Week Is Expected To Disclose Improvement Plans Of James Walker Memorial Hospital

Observance of North Carolina Hospital week here from Monday through Saturday is expected to be marked by announcement of a long-range program of improvement for James Walker Memorial hospital. It was learned yesterday as officials of the community's four hospitals disclosed their plans for the special period.

The week, planned to coincide with National Hospital Day tomorrow, is sponsored by the North Carolina Hospital Association's Public Education Council.

During the period, Wilmingtonians are invited to visit their hospitals—James Walker Memorial, Bulluck Hospital and Community, in the city, and Babie's at Wrightsville Sound—to become better acquainted with the facilities and staffs.

Scheduled to speak at the weekly meeting of the Rotary club Tuesday, John W. Rankin, superintendent of James Walker Memorial, is expected to deal with its future plans in his discussion of the topic "The Hospital in the Community—James Walker Memorial Expansion Program."

Rankin is expected to enlarge on a long-range program for the 46-year-old institution disclosed last June by W. D. McCaig, member of the board of managers.

At that time McCaig said the construction of a skyscraper institution between the present northern unit and the Marion Sprunt annex was included in the plans.

Rankin, although evasive last night on the content of his speech, did indicate his talk would bring forth plans for extensive repairs to the institution on which more than one million dollars has been spent since 1938.

McCaig's statement of a year ago came following the dedication of a new service building at James Walker which had been opened early in June, 1946.

The skyscraper would be constructed with an "eye" to the needs of the community 20 years hence, McCaig said at that time.

Sources close to the board of managers has indicated the building will be of seven or eight stories.

Rankin has declared it would cost in excess of \$3,000,000 to replace the present structure, and wire rope fittings.

## PHONE WORKERS ORDERED TO JOBS

### Union Head Gives Official Recognition To Back-To-Work Move

ATLANTA, Ga., May 10.—(AP)—Employees of Southern Bell were ordered to return to work in the company's nine southern state territory today, officials of the Southern Federation of Telephone workers.

H. F. Tweedy, union vice-president, said that the only exception to the order was at telephone company properties still picketed by Western Electric co. employees.

The order authorized workers in Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, the Carolinas, Mississippi and Louisiana to ignore "sit-in" picket lines pending settlement of negotiations between Western Electric and the Association of Communications Equipment workers.

Southern Bell employees were told not to return to work only at installations actually being picketed by ACEW or NATEW workers, Tweedy said.

In Atlanta, meanwhile, SFTW union local denounced Southern Bell for "instigating, prolonging and aggravating" the strike which ended at 8:46 p. m. (EST) last night.

## WRECK KILLS TWELVE

MADRID, May 10.—(AP)—Twelve persons were killed and 15 injured today when two trains collided at Emparedor station near Ciudad Real, about 90 miles south of Madrid, provincial officials announced. The dead included five children, two of them infants. The crash occurred when a train was switched to an occupied track.

## The Weather

(Eastern Standard Time)  
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)  
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday:

High	77
Low	67
Mean	72
Maximum	75; Minimum 56; Mean 66; Normal 67.
Humidity	75
Wind	S 59, 7:30 a. m. 54; 1:30 p. m. 43; 7:30 p. m. 21.
Precipitation	None for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.—0.01 inches.
Other notes	First of the month—0.01 inches.
Aides For Today	From the Tide Tables published by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey:
Wilmington	9:20 a. m. 4:01 p. m.
Wilmington	9:25 a. m. 4:12 p. m.
Wilmington	7:03 a. m. 1:03 a. m.
Wilmington	7:32 p. m. 1:08 p. m.
Moonset	10:51.
Moonrise	10:51.
At Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 p. m. Saturday, (missing) feet.	

### DEMOCRATIC GROUP CONFERENCE DATES CHANGED AT CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—The democratic national committee announced today changes in dates of three group conferences of party leaders in Washington to "facilitate attendance."

Meeting of North and South Carolina leaders scheduled for June 12 consolidated with Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi conference June 19.

### SURPLUS SALE SET AT LOCAL SHIPYARD

A surplus sale, conducted in "sealed bid" form, will be held at the Wilmington Shipyards, May 16, 1947, at 3 p. m., on materials offered by the United States Maritime Commission, Surplus Property division, according to C. Leonard Harton, disposal agent.

All materials may be inspected daily, beginning May 12-16, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. For sale are portable electric drills, high speed drills, reamers, ships' bells, gongs, pneumatic tools, closet drums, lavatories, 55 gallon steel drums, pig zinc, bar silver metals, electrical equipment, hardware, and wire rope fittings.

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