

FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy and warm today; Saturday considerable cloudiness, not much change in temperature, with scattered afternoon thunderstorms.

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Sailor Is Named In 'Love' Triangle

Sheriff Willis Britt Of Robeson Reveals 'Other Man' In Alleged Murder Attempt Works For Father Of Mrs. Miller

(Special To The Star)
LUMBERTON, May 15. Sheriff Willis C. Britt, of Robeson county, tonight revealed the name of the "other man" in the alleged murder attempt shooting of a pretty 24-year-old store operator's wife's husband near here early Sunday morning. Sheriff Britt said the other man was Garland E. Cottrell, 22-year-old Navy veteran, and an employee on the farm of Mrs. Mary Ellen Currin Miller's father, Allen Currin of near Rowland. It was also learned that Mrs. Miller, who has been confined to the Robeson county jail since Sunday afternoon, was released when Sheriff Britt was served with a writ of habeas corpus and the woman's father posted \$15,000 bond. Fred Wiggins, 26-year-old Negro, who allegedly shot Dan Miller, husband of Mrs. Miller, as he slept in his bed, was being held in jail tonight under \$15,000 bond. Admit Plot Sheriff Britt said that Mrs. Miller and the Negro have admitted they plotted the death of Dan Miller. (Continued On Page Two; Col. 2)



ANNA LEE LEWIS

Lewis Agrees To 'Bargain' To 'Bargain'

Long Deadlock Over Industry-Wide Contract Parleys Broken

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The deadlock over industry-wide bargaining in the soft coal industry was broken today when John L. Lewis agreed to bargain with a group representing 75 per cent of the soft coal tonnage mined by the United Mine Workers. This development came as no great surprise despite the union's previous insistence on national bargaining. It means that real bargaining over the terms of a new contract will begin tomorrow for the first time since Lewis signed his agreement with the government last May 29.

It was a long step forward, and Navy Captain N. H. Collison, federal coal mines administrator, said "I think it's grand." Much still remains to be done if a coal strike is to be avoided after June 20, the date when the government must restore to private ownership the soft coal mines it seized a year ago. Better Contract Lewis will sit down with a committee of mine operators from the North, the West, and the "captive" Southern mines owned by Northern steel companies. He is expected to demand a better contract than the present one, which the federal courts forced him to keep in effect as long as the mines are federally held. He is expected to demand a bigger welfare fund, a permanent safety code, and shorter hours with no pay reduction. If agreement is reached, it will still leave the strong possibility of a strike in Southern mines—West Virginia, Eastern Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee. Judging by the past, observers believe Lewis will seek to force the Southerners to accept whatever terms may be agreed upon with the large faction.

Truman Says 'Hard' Sense Will Prevent Depression; House Uses Axe On Budget

Presidential Estimate Cut

Lower Chamber However, Restores Funds For Air Control Towers

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—The House took some more lusty swings at President Truman's budget requests today, passing an appropriation bill which calls for a 32 per cent cut in his estimates for the Commerce department. Also, it carries a 22 per cent cut for the State department below Mr. Truman's requests and a 20 per cent cut for expenses of federal judiciary. The Justice department got off with a 2.7 per cent nick. In passing the \$538,976,392 measure, the House upset its appropriations committee in only one item. The single setback for the committee's economy drive was on funds for operation of air traffic control towers at 151 airports in as many cities throughout the country. Money Put Back The committee had cut out the funds and recommended that municipalities pay for the Civil Aeronautics administration personnel operating the towers. By a 141 to 84 vote the House put the money, \$4,948,484, back into the bill. As passed and sent to the Senate, the bill carried these appropriations: State department, \$219,128,058; Commerce department, \$194,305,384; Federal judiciary, \$17,146,450. The overall total in the bill, which is to run the agencies for the year beginning July 1, was cut 23 per cent below the President's budget figures. Secretary of State Marshall and Secretary of Commerce Harriman alike have protested their cuts and doubtless will ask the Senate to be more generous. Without Vote Partially offsetting the increased funds for the air traffic towers was elimination of \$1,700,000 for technical and scientific services in the State department. A technicality knocked that item out without a vote. There was no recorded vote on final passage, only a thundering of "ayes" and no audible "nays".



LOCAL TRUMPET SOLOIST—Prominent local trumpet soloist to play here is young Emerson Head. He will appear on the program sponsored by the Atlantic Coast Line male chorus Tuesday evening, May 20th. Concert for the benefit of the Grace Methodist Church will be held at the New Hanover High School auditorium. Emerson will play two trumpet solos. He is shown above at dress rehearsal with his mother, Mrs. Lila W. Head, who will be his accompanist.

Price Trends Now Too High

President Outlines Formula To Halt Boom-And-Bust Possibility

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—President Truman declared today there is no need ever to have a depression and presented this formula to prevent it: just use common sense, and don't let the greedy people get control of the country. He again expressed belief that prices are too high. The President's views were sought at his news conference in connection with a report by Chester Bowles, former price administrator, which a questioner interpreted as predicting a "bust." Mr. Truman declined to comment directly on the report on the ground he had not seen it. But when asked whether he believes a "bust" is coming, he answered no. Then he was asked for a positive expression, and to that question he returned that he does not think there is any necessity for ever having a bust provided common sense is used and greedy people do not get control. Little Cooperation Mr. Truman added that there has not been much cooperation toward that end legislatively or publicly but praised the price reductions that have been made. Bowles made his report as head of an economic stability committee of Americans For Democratic Action, a new political organization. It declared a business drop is "imminent" but can be minimized. Prices are rolled back an average of 10 per cent through a Presidentialy-appointed "price adjustment board."

2. The 15-cent hourly "package" wage increase is adopted generally by industry and by federal and local governments. 3. Congress scraps the 10-to-30 percent income tax cut bill and adopts, in its stead, a simple increase in individual exemptions from \$500 to \$700. The report was released at an (Continued on Page Two, Col. 3)

Radio time to be assigned to the talk and originating through one of the Wilmington stations will amount to 30 minutes. At the same time it was pointed out by Assistant Secretary of War Kenneth Royall, who has been invited to the convention, will be given a portion of the radio time at present. Tempting Menu Reserve officers and their guests will sit down to a banquet of turkey, Au Gratin potatoes, lima beans, strawberry shortcake and ice cream, committee members decided last night. Round table discussion on the army air corps the afternoon of May 24, the first day of the two-day convention, will be led by two experts in the field—Major Gen. E. A. Anderson and Lieut. Gen. Desmond O'Keefe—Col. John Bright Hill, state president said. Both generals are attached to the air corps headquarters at Washington. Final details for the convention, which is expected to attract approximately 400 reserve officers from throughout North Carolina, will be worked out at committee meeting next Wednesday in the New Hanover Courthouse. Opening at 10 a. m., May 24. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

50-Ship Food Fleet To Sail For Germany

British Announce Immediate Steps To Rush Aid To Hungry Millions

BERLIN, May 15.—(AP)—British officials said today a fleet of almost 50 ships will be pressed into service from now until the end of the month to speed 392,000 tons of foodstuffs from America to Germany's hungry millions. They said the ships will pour wheat, barley, flour, oats and corn into German ports to help relieve the grave food crisis in the British-American zones. Many German officials and private organizations were reported sponsoring excursions of city people to the country to search for wild herbs and roots with nutritional value, but Col. Hugh B. Hester, chief of the American Military government's food and agricultural division, said "no one is starving." "They are getting less food than we wish they had," he added "but they are going to be hungry this (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

RADIO TO CARRY UMSTEAD SPEECH

North Carolina Senator To Speak To Reserve Officers Convention

United States Senator William B. Umstead will address the south on a radio network from the turkey banquet of the North Carolina Reserve Officers Convention Saturday night, May 24 at Ocean Terrace hotel, Wrightsville Beach. Plans for the radio address were announced last night at a meeting of the committee in charge of arrangements for the first state convention the ROA has held in six years. Radio time to be assigned to the talk and originating through one of the Wilmington stations will amount to 30 minutes. At the same time it was pointed out by Assistant Secretary of War Kenneth Royall, who has been invited to the convention, will be given a portion of the radio time at present. Tempting Menu Reserve officers and their guests will sit down to a banquet of turkey, Au Gratin potatoes, lima beans, strawberry shortcake and ice cream, committee members decided last night. Round table discussion on the army air corps the afternoon of May 24, the first day of the two-day convention, will be led by two experts in the field—Major Gen. E. A. Anderson and Lieut. Gen. Desmond O'Keefe—Col. John Bright Hill, state president said. Both generals are attached to the air corps headquarters at Washington. Final details for the convention, which is expected to attract approximately 400 reserve officers from throughout North Carolina, will be worked out at committee meeting next Wednesday in the New Hanover Courthouse. Opening at 10 a. m., May 24. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

Four Men Enter Pleas of Guilty

North Wilkesboro Resident Faces Sentence On Sugar Conspiracy Count

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., May 15.—(AP)—Four more men charged with complicity in a sugar black market ring that operated in five states entered pleas of guilty today in U. S. district court. Judge Harry E. Watkins deferred sentencing until June 2 in the cases of Clarence A. Lane, 41, and Jack P. Conley, 22, both of Culloden; David William Law, 33, of Spencer; and Jack E. Eller of North Wilkesboro, N. C. Lane, Conley and Law admitted they conspired to violate sugar rationing regulations. Eller pleaded guilty to an information charging him with violating the laws in handling 50,000 pounds of sugar. A fifth defendant among 18 named in federal indictments—Francis S. Rauch, 67, of Athens, O.—pleaded guilty yesterday to a conspiracy charge. Agents of the U. S. Agriculture department said about 2,000,000 pounds of sugar had changed hands in the ring's operations, which they described as the largest uncovered in the nation when first arrests were made last month. Drew testified that he attended more than a score of Communist party meetings at which Marzani was present, and at sometimes, he said, Marzani presided. He said he first met Marzani on July 22, 1940, at a Communist (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6)

Along The Cape Fear

History—Some history was unearthed yesterday—along with several skeletons—by city water department workers excavating preparatory to laying water and sewer lines in Princess Place. W. J. Porter and E. D. Dillard—water department foremen—said that while the workmen were engaged in digging ditches in the 2100 block of Brandon road, they first discovered the bones and later uncovered silver and iron casket handles. OTHER BURIALS—Noble said that several prominent white persons had been buried on the Noble plantation. He added, however, that none had been buried since "way before 1890" on the plantation. In 1914 he said that the plantation had been sold to Hugh McRae. OBJECTIONS—"After the white people stopped using the place as a cemetery," he said, "the Negroes started to bury their dead there." However, he said that J. L. Mills, who owned some of the property, objected "and I suppose it was about 1890 when the last person was buried there." Noble said that so far as he could remember only about two markers had been placed on the white persons' graves and none on the Negroes'. He estimated that between 50 and 75 bodies had been buried on the Noble property. However, he said that none of the Noble family was interred there.

Bawling Steers Provide Free Rodeo For Tacomans

TACOMA, Wash., May 15.—(AP)—A city-wide rodeo was in progress today after dozens of bawling steers broke from a packing house unloading platform and rapidly spread through business and residential districts. Sweating policemen were issued their larriat-twirling orders a few moments after first reports were received at 2:15 a. m. That "wild cows" had been seen running through the industrial-flat area, near the Carstens Packing company. By 4 a. m. residents of South Tacoma, some eight miles distant, were complaining that "some wild beasts are in our petunia beds" and Sheriff Lee Croft was appealed to for aid. He sent in his famed horse posse and the roundup started in real Western style. A Carstens official estimated the loose steers at "about 50." When this was written, the desk sergeant at headquarters reported: "We're still chasing them all over the North end and they're chasing North Enders."

And So To Bed

Col. H. E. Boyd, president of the Wilmington chapter of the Officers Association which will host to the state convention May 24-25 at Wrightsville Beach, also is chairman of the general committee in charge of arrangements for the two-day session. One of his duties will be to tell convention guests how to reach points of interest in the community. He was instructed last night at a meeting mapping details for the state gathering. "Well, how do you get to all those places?" he protested. "I don't know where they are."

JURORS CONVICT KENNETH ROMNEY

Former House Sergeant-At-Arms Found Guilty On Shortages

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—Kenneth Romney, former sergeant-at-arms for the House of Representatives, was convicted in federal court today of concealing for two decades a \$143,863 shortage in his office account. Romney's only display of emotion was a trembling of the fingers as jury foreman Walter Starke intoned "guilty" on all three counts of the indictment. Justice Alexander Holtzoff postponed until May 23 a ruling on a motion for a new trial for the 65-year-old defendant. He indicated sentence will be imposed then if the motion is denied. Romney was freed meanwhile, on \$2,500 bail. The maximum sentence would be 30 years in prison and \$30,000 in fines. Specifically, Romney was found guilty of falsifying reports on his office funds, operated as a "bank" for House members, to conceal shortages from government auditors. The government also accused Romney during the three-day trial of participating in embezzlements but Assistant U. S. District Attorney John W. Fihely said the time limit for filing embezzlement charges had expired. False Records In charging the jury, Justice Holtzoff said the evidence showed Romney allowed bad checks to accumulate, "representing them as cash on hand. He said about \$65,000 of these checks were signed by former Rep. John H. Smithwick (D-Fla.), defeated for re-election in 1928 and now at the age of 72 critically ill at Moultrie, Ga. Smithwick (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

SOME BERRIES

CHURUBUSCO, Ind., May 13.—(AP)—Thirty-five hundred pounds of Arkansas strawberries fell out of the skies and came out undamaged. They were in a freight plane, a converted B-13 which made a crash landing on a farm near here when its gas ran out. Pilot Joseph Newland was uninjured, and co-pilot William Congdon, received a cut forehead. After receiving first aid, he took a bus for Bay City, the home of both. Newland estimated the damage to his plane was \$4,000. The berries were being flown from Newport, Ark., to Bay City.

ATLANTA SOCIETY WOMAN STRANGLER

Police Find Body Of Peggy Refoule In Historic Peachtree Creek

ATLANTA, May 15.—(AP)—A laboratory examination disclosed tonight that Peggy Refoule, Atlanta society beauty, was criminally attacked before her body was abandoned in the clear waters of historic Peachtree Creek, about 150 yards from her home. The 31-year-old wife of a French artist disappeared from the house, in fashionable northwest Atlanta, yesterday afternoon and was discovered late last night after Fulton (Atlanta) county police brought bloodhounds to the scene. Assistant Police Chief E. G. Fitzgerald said that measure clues—the prints of rubber soled shoes—would be re-examined in the light of the autopsy report, which came only a few hours after a coroner's jury recessed for lack of evidence. Motive Found An earlier examination of the body, Fitzgerald said, showed no apparent signs of an assault but more thorough laboratory tests definitely established that an attack may have been a motive. In addition, he said, two valuable diamond rings were missing from her hand and her undergarments had been removed. There was a small bruise on her right thigh and another over her chest and detectives uncovered signs of a struggle in the soft sand near the creek. Apparently she was strangled with a rope. The body was found in about 10 inches of water, some four feet from the bank, and Mrs. Refoule's shoes had been tied together by the laces. Her left arm was doubled under her body and the swift current had swirled her dress up to her shoulders, police said. Dogs Lose Scent Although bloodhounds trailed from the house to the creek, across the creek and a half mile to another road, police were faced with little tangible evidence. Fitzgerald said, in announcing the autopsy report, "we're beginning from a blank wall."

DREDGE STARTS WORK ON SITE FOR RIVER DRYDOCK PROJECT

Work by the dredge Pennsylvania began yesterday on the site of the new Brunswick River drydock, officials of the Wilmington District Corps of Engineers have announced. The Pennsylvania, which earlier this week completed sub-contract work in the Cape Fear River channel for the McWilliams company near New Orleans, is expected to complete the operation in three to four weeks. Col. Beverly Snow and Hamilton Hicks, both from the district engineers' completed inspection of drydock facilities in New Orleans and Savannah yesterday. The 18,000-ton drydock to be brought to Wilmington is similar to those inspected in New Orleans, Hicks said.

Water Safety Classes Underway At Carolina

Special To The Star
CAROLINA BEACH, May 15.—Water safety classes conducted by Bill MacDonald, acting life guard at Carolina Beach got underway today. Included in the water program is the teaching of school children between the ages of 10 and 14 years. The classes now are made of two sessions—juniors and seniors, and MacDonald with the help of other safety minded young men is teaching the boys the art of life preservation.

Wilmington Newspapers, WMFD Get Certificates

Certificates of Achievement were presented to Wilmington newspapers and radio station WMFD yesterday afternoon by the chief of naval personnel on behalf of the Navy department "in grateful recognition of outstanding service to the Naval service during World War II." The presentation was made by Lieut. Paul G. Sumrell, of Raleigh, officer in charge of North Carolina naval recruiting district. At a brief ceremony in the naval recruiting office in the postoffice, acceptance for the

LEWIS SELECTS ANNA LEE LEWIS

Carolina Beach Post Names Kure's Beach Girl As 1947 Queen

Miss Anna Lee Lewis, lovely 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Lewis, Kure's Beach, Carolina Beach American Legion post 272, and will compete with 46 other beauties for the title of "Miss North Carolina American Legion of 1947." Vital statistics of the brunette who won on the first beauty contest she ever entered, are as follows: height, five feet, four and one-half inches; weight, 110 lbs; bust, 34 and three-fourths inches; waist, 24 inches; hips, 34 and one-half inches. Her eyes are brown, her hair is light brown, and her complexion is light. She wears a size 11 dress and a size six and one-half shoe. N.H.S. Graduate A graduate of New Hanover high school and a former student at Ringling Art school, Sarasota, Fla., the queen said her ambition was to be a fashion designer or golf, art, dancing, and horseback riding. She prefers simple tailored clothes rather than frills, and, if she is selected queen of the N. C. Legion in the contest during the state convention at Carolina Beach June 15, she may select the type clothes she wants, for the grand prize is \$500 worth of summer apparel. A seven-day vacation at Carolina Beach will also be given the winner. Gets Gift The Carolina Beach post has presented Miss Lewis a bathing suit and an evening gown which she will wear in the state contest.

WITNESS RELATES ACTS AT LYNCHING

Prosecution Quotes One Defendant On Shooting Of Negro

BY ROMNEY WHEELER
GREENVILLE, S. C., May 15.—(AP)—A defendant in the mass-murder trial of 31 accused lynchers was quoted by the prosecution today as saying he heard a knife cutting through clothing and flesh just before a drunken executioner blew in the head of Negro Willie Earle with blasts from a single-barrel shotgun. The grisly story was read into the record by prosecutor Sam Watt, in the form of a statement by Jessie Le Sammons, 29, which he made to officers just after his arrest. Earle, accused of fatally stabbing a white taxi driver, was taken from Pickens county jail last Feb. 17 and slain after being beaten and knifed. As Watt read the document to the jury, the 31 defendants leaned forward and listened closely. Some sat in the front-row of Greenville county court room, accompanied by wives and sweethearts. A few had small children with them. Negro Questioned Sammons, in the statement read, related that the Negro was pulled from his cell in Pickens jail, and taken to a lonely spot where he was questioned. He said he rode in the back seat of the lead car, sitting next to the doorman man. As they rode, he said, a man with a shotgun leaned back from the front seat and said "I guess you know what we got you for," and the Negro answered "I guess I know. I stabbed the old man." Sammons said the man with the shotgun—not otherwise identified—"was drinking heavy." Reaching the spot where the Negro was killed, Sammons continued, the lynchers dragged Earle from the car. He said he saw Hendrix Ector, 32, with a knife in his hand, and related that (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: cloudy and warmer Friday; scattered thunderstorms in mountain sections Friday afternoon and evening; Saturday considerable cloudiness, not much change in temperature, with scattered afternoon thunderstorms. Sunday—Partly cloudy and not so hot as Friday; scattered thunderstorms in mountain sections Friday afternoon and evening; Saturday considerable cloudiness, not much change in temperature, with scattered afternoon thunderstorms. (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday: 1:30 a. m. 70; 7:30 a. m. 69; 1:30 p. m. 70; 7:30 p. m. 69. Maximum 75; Minimum 66. Mean 70. Normal 71. PRECIPITATION: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday: .00 inches. Since the first of the month: 6.96 inches. TIDES FOR TODAY (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.) Wilmington: 6:09 a. m. 1:06 p. m. 6:43 p. m. 1:26 p. m. Masonboro: 5:51 a. m. 10:19 a. m. 5:59 p. m. 11:47 p. m. Sunrise 5:10; Sunset 7:07; Moonrise 10:74; Moonset 3:02. River: Moorehead, N. C. at 10 a. m. Thursday 10.2 feet. More Weather On Page Two