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WEATHER  
FOR WILMINGTON AND VICINITY: Partly cloudy, widely scattered afternoon and evening showers and continued warm Sunday. Not quite so warm Monday.  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA: Fair and not quite so warm.

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SECTION A—PRICE TEN CENTS

# Bigger Jams Reported At Beaches Here

## Wrightsville And Carolina Report Larger Crowds Than Usual

### EXPECT RECORD TODAY

#### Wilmington Lives Up To Name As Gateway To Summer Fun

Wilmington, even more than in the past, yesterday went to the beach as the gateway to the South-eastern playground of North Carolina. Both Wrightsville and Carolina Beach reported that larger crowds than usual had already arrived to begin the weekend.

Police at Carolina Beach said that the resort was entertaining an estimated 3,500 persons who enjoyed bathing and boardwalk amusements. The weather was summery and the "prettiest day this summer". It was hoped that the sun would shine for the large crowd expected today.

Wrightsville Beach was swamped with a multitude of cars, keeping police busy during yesterday's large crowd. Police at the local resort estimated the crowds at 4,000 persons "by far the largest Saturday crowd this year."

Fishing was the major sport at Wrightsville. Piers were jammed with out-of-town as well as local anglers.

The water was reported to be a little chilly but with the weather man's prediction of 85 degrees for today, it was expected it would be warm enough for the most timid. Reports from the beach stated that "if the weather holds Sunday like yesterday, a top crowd is expected tomorrow."

Restaurants and other beach concessions flourished with the large pre-weekend crowd, as they played host to the many fun seekers.

The weather turned from cool to warmer the downtown district of Wilmington was jammed by many Saturday afternoon shoppers and those heading for the ocean spots.

# NEW HIGHWAY WORK PLANNED

## Three Contracts To Be Let Within Ten Days, Betts Says

All money allocated to New Hanover county for highway improvement work in the fiscal year from July 1, 1947 will be spent on three new contracts for road paving in Winter Park and Carolina Beach and on the widening of the highway between the two towns within the next 10 days, T. T. Betts, division engineer for the State Highway commission in eastern North Carolina told the Star-News last night.

Betts confirmed an earlier report by A. H. Graham, Raleigh, that the effect that New Hanover county had received "the share of road improvement work."

Graham also promised to send in a report by this city to determine the best method of paving work, an earlier report said, after learning the Wilmington Board of Realtors had lent its support to furthering the road paving program locally.

Betts said the Carolina Beach project, due to start shortly, was a \$100,000 program. He did not give any figures on the Winter Park program, but said all of the money would be spent on the New Hanover county road project.

Betts pointed out that the \$50,000 bridge improvement work over the Alligator creek and the Brunswick river, charged to Brunswick county, was benefiting New Hanover county more than the area that paid the money.

# UNC PLANS AID TO NEW HANOVER IN COLLEGE WORK

CHAPEL HILL, May 17.—It was learned here today from an authoritative source that the University of North Carolina will give the New Hanover County Board of Education all possible assistance in establishing a two-year, junior college course, and that the county's school authorities will be for such a course when the school semester starts.

# HANNEGAN MAY BE INVESTIGATED

## House Committee Chairman Suspects Dual Jobs Harmful

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(AP)—Chairman Edward H. Rees of the House Post Office and Civil Service committee, said today he would like to find out whether Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan is interfering with the duties of Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan.

"The Kansas Republican disavowed any political motive in his curiosity," he said, "just a question of efficiency in the post office department."

He emphasized that the matter of dual-responsibilities was but a minor phase of an investigation which his committee plans to make of the post office department as soon as the house ends its week of legislative work.

# U. S. IMPORTS 350 SCIENTISTS

## Germans To Be Paid Salaries To Aid Development Here

FRANKFURT, Germany, May 17.—(AP)—The United States has imported 350 German scientists, including some of the top men behind Germany's war effort, for a wide variety of military and civilian research projects.

Disclosing many details of this long-secret "operation paperclip," U. S. Army headquarters here said the Germans' work has "already put the United States 10 years ahead of schedule in some fields of research and has saved millions of dollars in research costs."

All certified non-Nazi, the Germans are being employed under War Department supervision in the U. S. in such fields as guided missiles, supersonic speed aircraft, jet engines, cancer, photography, meteorology, metallurgy, textiles and cereals.

Some of the scientists soon will be released to American industry under supervision of the Department of Commerce, the army said.

# FBI Forced To Seek Agents In State Employment Office

## BY BOB KLINE Staff Writer

For the first time in its history, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has to resort to recruiting agents through public employment offices. This bit of startling information was sadly admitted yesterday by J. Edgar Hoover director, to the Wilmington Star-News. And the Wilmington office of the North Carolina State Employment Service is trying to help "The Boss," as Hoover is affectionately called by those who work for this dynamic bachelor who spends much of his leisure time at sand-lot baseball with the kids of his native Washington.

Nationally the bureau needs several thousand more employees to cope with its newly added duties, which include enforcement of President Truman's loyalty program for government workers and examining applicants for jobs related to atomic energy, the FBI told the Sunday Star-News yesterday.

W. H. Powell, manager of the state employment service here, told the Star-News that many local college graduates - ex - GI's have been interviewed and referred to the Wilmington FBI office.

# Spanish War Vets In Cane 'Duel' Over Lady



SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR VETERANS and residents of Soldiers' Home in Washington, D. C., Emilio "Count" Capeto (left), 69, and John L. Cook (right), 67, nurse their bruises and exhibit the "weapons" with which they fought an affair of honor over Mrs. Leona Huff (center), Capital matron who was a witness to the fracas. The "duel" was aired in Municipal Court when Cook made a complaint that Capeto hit him on the head with his cane when Cook hinted that three made a crowd in escorting Mrs. Huff home. (International).

# President Braves Near-To mado Weather To Fly To Suddenly Stricken Aged Mother

## TRUMAN TO SIGN AID BILL LATER

### Matter Must Await His Return; Has Ten Days

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(AP)—President Truman's absence from Washington at the bedside of his mother in Grandview, Mo., will delay his signing of the \$400,000,000 Greek-Turkish assistance bill.

Eben Ayers, Presidential aide, told reporters today that Mr. Truman had planned to sign the measure Monday or Tuesday. He said the ceremony will be postponed pending the outcome of Mrs. Martha Truman's illness. The president flew to Grandview today to be with her.

Congress gave final approval to the measure Thursday and Mr. Truman has 10 days to affix his signature and make it law. Meanwhile, he is seeking a director for the aid program, whose nomination must be confirmed by the Senate.

# GERMAN BLACK MARKET CHIEF IS ARRESTED

BERLIN, May 17.—(AP)—Agents of U. S. military government have smashed one of Berlin's biggest black market rings and arrested the leader, a 50-year-old German named Karl Jahn. Officials said Jahn began his operations in Holland during the German occupation there and then switched to the lush profits available in Berlin under the Allied occupation.

Jahn, described as "A very clever guy" by American agents, was sent to Holland in 1942 with 100,000,000 marks to make purchases for the German army. One of his fraudulent operations, American officials said, was to purchase a large consignment of cocoa for the Wehrmacht, which turned out to be brick dust when the German quartermasters received it.

Later, the weather bureau withdrew its tornado warning as a false one. Neither at the bureau nor at the Olathe tower would anyone discuss it but it was understood an observer had mistaken a column of smoke for a funnel. The weather was extremely bad. Mr. Truman found his mother in full possession of her faculties. Charlie G. Ross, his press secretary, said Mrs. Martha E. Truman was very happy to see him and that they chatted a few minutes.

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# Called From White House At Three A. M.

## BULLETIN GRANDVIEW, Mo., May 17

—(AP)—President Truman said tonight (10 p.m. EST) that his 94-year-old mother, Mrs. Martha E. Truman, is making a terrific uphill fight in her battle for life.

BY ROY CALVIN GRANDVIEW, Mo., May 17.—(AP)—President Truman braved the kind of weather that hatches tornadoes today to reach the bedside of his critically ill mother, who early this morning suffered two heart attacks.

He landed a few minutes after the Kansas weather bureau issued a formal tornado warning, based on a report from the Olathe Naval air station 25 miles to the west. The wind had become strong from the south and rain sheeted across the runways.

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# SIXTY TAKEN ILL, BELIEVED POISONED DURING RECEPTION

## NEW HANOVER LEADS NATION'S NEWS READERS

New Hanover County, North Carolina, leads the nation in newspaper readership according to a special study in "Sales Management" magazine's new 1947 Survey of Buying Power, published today.

The Survey's new section on "Media Coverage of Leading County Markets," rated as a reliable index to local living standards, shows that combined daily newspaper circulation in New Hanover County amounts to 282 per cent of the total number of families in the county. This puts New Hanover County at the head of the 1,037 counties listed which are credited with 89 per cent of the nation's retail sales in 1945.

The Survey lists 17,100 families in New Hanover County in 1946 and places combined daily newspaper circulation for the first half of 1946 at 48,200.

# MARKET SINKS TO A NEW LOW

## Hits Average Low For Better Than Two Years; Day Active

NEW YORK, May 17.—(AP)—The stock market today emerged from its heaviest losing week since last September with a further nosedive to a new average low for better than two years on the broadest and most active Saturday dealings in fifteen months.

As in the Friday relapse, and preceding downward sessions, selling was attributed mainly to growing apprehension regarding a possible substantial business recession later in 1947. Other liquidating factors included skepticism over wage-price problems, labor legislation, tax relief and international affairs. Good dividends and earnings virtually were ignored in the majority of cases.

Today's losses, running to 2 or more points, were shaded here and there at the close by a little short covering and bargain-buying and a handful of pivots managed to show modest advances. Dealings were lively throughout. Transfers of 980,000 shares compared with 240,000 a week ago and were a top for a two-hour stretch since Feb. 16, 1946. The week's total of 6,438,645 shares was the largest since the period concluded April 19. Last week's figure was 3,702,771.

The Associated Press 60 - stock composite was off .8 of a point at 58.5, a low since Jan. 25, 1945. It was the widest Saturday dip since last Jan. 11. The week's loss of 3.6 points was the most severe since the first week in September. It was the broadest brief session since Feb. 8, of 899 issues registering .699 fall and only 70 rose.

# Dragnet Spread For Negro In Second Atlanta Attack

## CITY TRAFFIC INCREASED BY BRIDGE OPENING

North and South bound traffic through Wilmington has increased already since the re-opening of the Santee river bridge and paved causeways early yesterday just south of Georgetown, S. C., it was reported last night.

This section of U. S. highway 17, is now fully restored, and clears the route of all detours and delays to tourists and to those who commute to the nearby cities.

The bridge was severely damaged several weeks ago by fire, halting all ocean highway traffic along that route, and extensive repairs were administered to the river bridge and section of roadway.

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# Hospitals In Three Towns Needed To Care For Sick

EASTHAMPTON, Mass., May 17.—(AP)—More than 60 persons, believed to have been poisoned, were taken to hospitals in Northampton, Holyoke and Springfield today after attending a wedding reception dinner.

# 'ROUND WORLD VIA TWO POLES

## Captain Odom Announces Proposal For New Globe Girdling

MINNEAPOLIS, May 17.—(AP)—Capt. William P. Odom, round-the-world flier, said today plans were nearly complete for a new globe circling flight via the North and South Poles in either a B-29 or a converted A-26 bomber.

Odom, who established a record when he recently piloted the Reynolds Bombshell, a converted A-26, around the world, said plans for the flight will be announced in New York in about a week.

He said the proposed North-South Pole flight had been discussed with government authorities as well as permission to use a B-29.

One route considered in event a B-29 is used, Odom said, starts at New York, then over the North Pole to Calcutta, to Capetown, South Africa, to New Zealand, Hawaii and back to New York. For the shorter range A-26, Odom said one route studied is from New York to Fairbanks across to Europe, to New Zealand, over Little America, to Terra Del Fuego on the southern tip of South America and then up to New York.

# BISHOP M'NAMARA SUCCEEDS CURLEY

## Pope To Name Permanent Replacement For Archbishop

BALTIMORE, May 17.—(AP)—The Most Rev. John M. McNamara of Washington was selected today as administrator of the archdiocese of Baltimore and Washington, which approximately 450,000 Roman Catholics mourned their archbishop, the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, who died Friday night.

Bishop McNamara, senior auxiliary in the diocese, was selected by nine counselors to serve until the Pope appoints a successor to Archbishop Curley, who was 67 years old. The administrator is pastor of St. Gabriels church in Washington.

The counselors also arranged for the burial of the archbishop, who at the time of his death was ranking Catholic bishop in the United States as head of the Primal See in Baltimore.

The body will lie in state in the Cathedral from 4 p.m. Sunday until funeral services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday. A guard of honor drawn from various church organizations will stand in the cathedral which is being draped inside and out in mourning.

The Most Rev. Amleto G. Cicognani, Apostolic delegate to the United States, will pontificate the solemn requiem Mass Thursday. A sermon will be delivered by Bishop McNamara.

Burial will be in the crypt beneath the Cathedral altar beside Archbishop Curley's predecessors the late James Cardinal Gibbons.

# GREEK CHURCH HEAD RETIRES

## Patriarch Maximos V Leaves Istanbul For Greece

ISTANBUL, May 17.—(AP)—Patriarch Maximos V said goodbye to his Holy Synod today and planned to sail Monday for Greece, probably never again to step upon one of the world's mightiest religious thrones.

Beset by a nervous disorder since shortly after his accession in February, 1946, the ruler of the Greek Orthodox church turned over with restricted authority the powers of his office to Archbishop I. Theophanes of Princes Islands.

His Holiness told newsmen he hoped to return "completely recovered" from his illness, but associates said they had misgivings. His departure will be the first leave-taking from the patriarchate of a church ruler since Patriarch Joseph went to Moscow in 1580 to establish the Russian church.

# PHONE STRIKE SPREADS AGAIN FOR INSTALLERS

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(AP)—The National Telephone strike, which had appeared heading swiftly for a patchwork settlement, flared anew on a country-wide scale tonight with an order for reinforced picket lines of equipment installation men.

The National Association of Communications Equipment Workers accused the Western Electric company of making an "open declaration of war and of 'union busting' tactics. It directed its members to man again the picket lines that had been abandoned over a great part of the country and called for 'the aid of all legitimate labor unions in our struggle.'

# The Weather

Forecast Until 7:30 P.M., Sunday  
FOR WILMINGTON AND VICINITY: Partly cloudy, warm tonight and Sunday; fair today and tonight, warmer today; high tonight 66 degrees, highest Sunday 68 degrees, gentle to moderate southerly winds.

FOR NORTH CAROLINA: Partly cloudy, warmer today, continued warm showers and Sunday; scattered afternoon showers, mostly in west portion.  
FOR SOUTH CAROLINA: Partly cloudy and slightly warmer today, continued warm showers and Sunday, with scattered afternoon thundershowers, heavy in northwest portion.  
FOR THE OCEAN ZONE, HATTERAS, N. C. TO JACKSONVILLE, FLA.: Gentle to moderate southerly winds tonight and Sunday; partly cloudy.

(Eastern Standard Time)  
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)  
Metropolitan data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., yesterday:  
Temperature:  
1:30 a.m. 64; 7:30 a.m. 65; 1:30 p.m. 84; 7:30 p.m. 81.  
Humidity:  
1:30 a.m. 97; 7:30 a.m. 98; 1:30 p.m. 56; 7:30 p.m. 62.  
Precipitation:  
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. — .00 inches.  
Total since the first of the month — .00 inches.

Times For Today  
From the Tide Tables published by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey:  
Wilmington — 7:50 a.m. 2:49 a.m.  
Atlantic Inlet — 8:22 p.m. 2:54 a.m.  
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# PORT AND WATERWAY FACILITIES

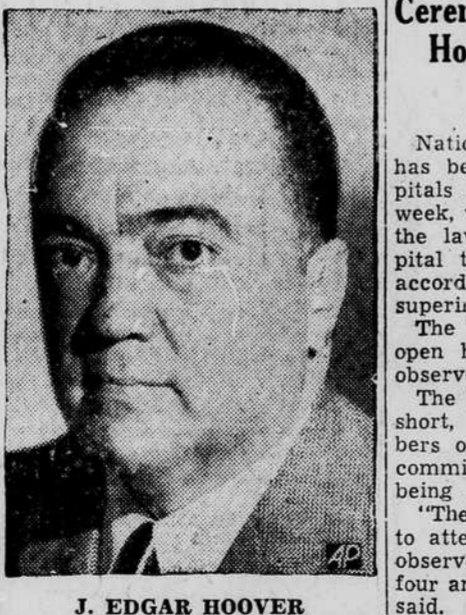
## North Carolina State Ports Authority Plans To Make Five-Day Inspection Tour Beginning Thursday, May 22

A five-day inspection tour of North Carolina's port and waterway facilities and potential resources will be made by the North Carolina State Ports Authority, beginning at Fayetteville Thursday afternoon and ending at Manteo Tuesday morning, R. B. Page, chairman of the authority, announced yesterday.

The several hundred miles trip will be made aboard two survey boats of the Corps of Engineers, War department, made available by Col. George W. Gillette, of Atlanta, head of the South Atlantic division of the Engineers.

In announcing the extensive first-hand study of the harbors and waterways, Page said its purpose will be, three-fold.

First, it will serve to better acquaint authority members with



J. EDGAR HOOVER

# Honored



LOUIS B. ORRELL yesterday was offered and accepted Governor Cherry's commission as official representative for North Carolina at the national convention of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association to convene in Asbury Park, N. J. May 27.

# SENCBA TO MEET O. K. APPOINTMENT

## Appointment Recognizes Importance Of Beach Group

Louis B. Orrell, chairman of the South Eastern North Carolina Beach Association has been invited by Governor Cherry to act as representative of the state at a meeting of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, convening in Asbury Park, N. J. May 27-28.

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