

FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Considerable cloudiness and warm with scattered showers today and tonight; Wednesday clearing and cooler.

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## Defense Rests Case At Lynching Trial

### Judge Martin Directs Acquittal Of Three Defendants, Grants Qualified Acquittal Of Two Counts On Others

GREENVILLE, S. C., May 19. — The defense of 28 white men, accused of lynching a South Carolina Negro, rested its case today in Greenville county criminal court without testimony of a single witness nor submission of any evidence. The court immediately recessed until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow, when final arguments begin.

Defense attorney Benjamin A. Bolt closed the case dramatically after Circuit Judge J. Robert Martin, Jr., had directed acquittal for three of an original 31 defendants, and granted qualified acquittal on two out of four counts for another seven.

Moreover, the court announced, terminating statements allegedly made by 26 defendants at the time of their arrest will be admitted in evidence only against the persons making them.

**Jubilant Co-defendants**

Jubilant co-defendants pumped their fists and slapped their backs, while other friends pressed forward to congratulate them. Several defendants rushed to windows to shout their good news to friends on the street below.

Negro spectators in the court house gallery heard the decision in silence.

The state alleges that 24-year-old Negro Willie Earle was forcibly taken from jail in adjoining Pickens county in the frosty pre-dawn of last February 17, brought into Greenville county in a car, beaten, and fatally shot in reprisal.

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## New Wilmington Junior College Will Open This Fall, Board Of Education Announces; County School Teachers Named At Meet

### 12 Units Set

#### Vacancies Still Exist In Some County Institutions, Board Reports

Principals and teachers who will comprise the faculty of New Hanover county schools for the coming year were formally elected last night at a joint meeting of the county board of education and county principals.

Several vacancies exist in the classrooms of four schools, but the vast majority of the positions have been filled.

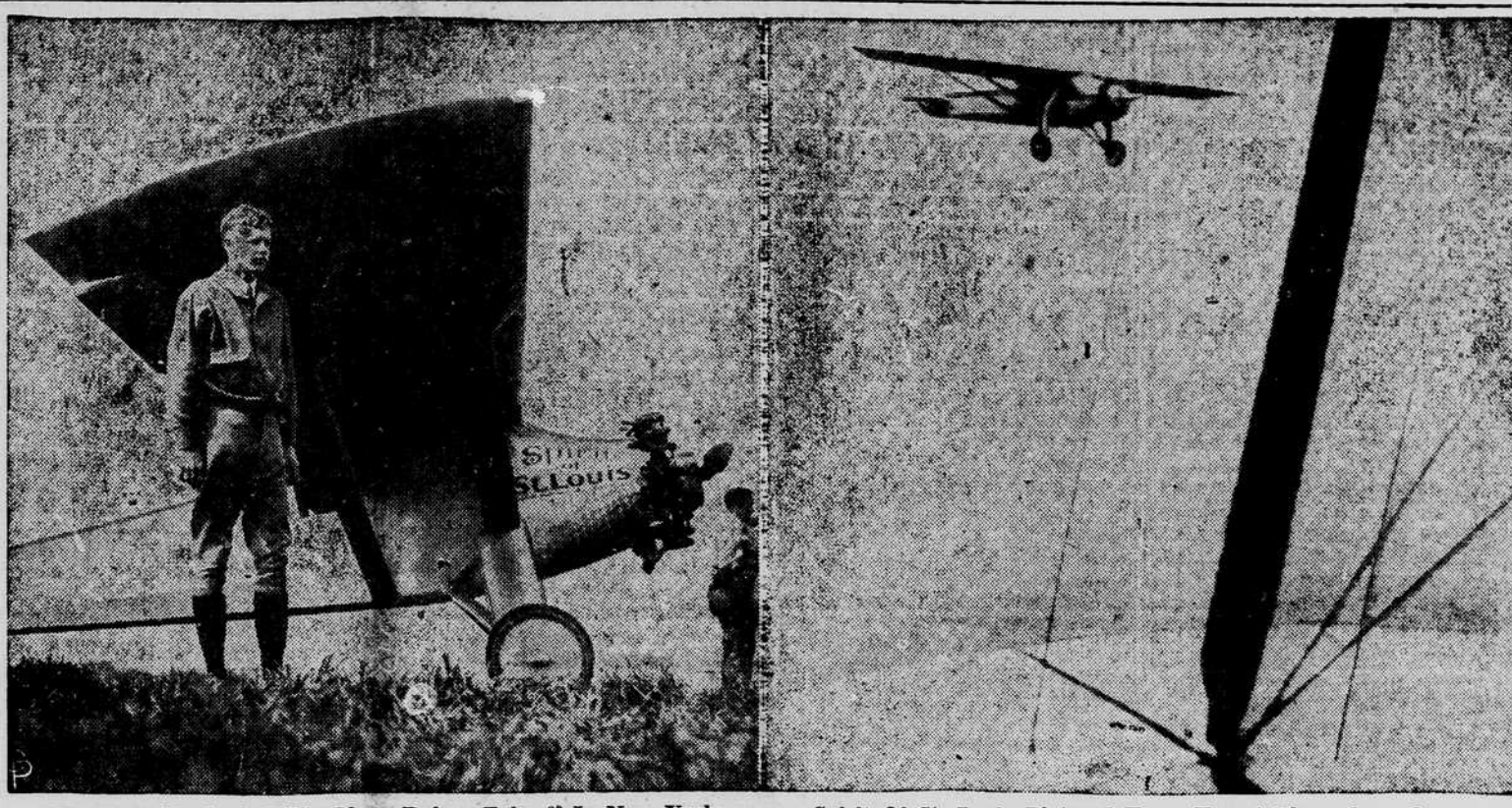
Those to serve next year in the various schools are as follows: Wrightsboro — Miss Nellie Fentress, principal; Lois Cooper, first; Lois Cashwell and Mrs. Claudia Swinson, second; Elizabeth Newcome, third; Beatrice Strickland, fourth; Mrs. Jane Cain, fifth; Donald Chadwick, sixth; Anna Clara Baker, seventh; Azalea Southernland, eighth; Johanna Duls, ninth.

Lake Forest school — Mrs. Manley Williams, principal; Mrs. J. Fowler and Miss Eris Sturdivant, first; Nellie Gray Matthis and Lillian Callis, second; Mrs. Virginia Carr and Mrs. William Bordeaux, third; Mary E. Carpenter, fourth; Mrs. Frances Gideon, fifth; Mrs. Alice Geddies, and Clarice Swain, sixth; Mrs. Louise Vogt and Myree Dunn, seventh; Frank Arwood, eighth. Vacancies exist at present in the fourth, fifth and eighth grades.

**TELESTON SCHOOL**

Teleston school — J. W. Grise, principal; Mrs. Ruth Owen Jones, first.

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The Lone Eagle And His Plane Before Takeoff In New York. JUST TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY, Charles A. Lindbergh hopped the Atlantic alone in his plane "Spirit of St. Louis" and winged his way to Paris in 33½ hours. The lanky flier, now an aviation consultant living in Connecticut, spurred airmen and engineers to greater efforts, by his momentous flight. In the score of years that have passed since that day, innumerable scientific advances in aircraft have rapidly cut down the size of the globe. Today's pilots hop the oceans regularly in routine flights, carrying hundreds of passengers over the world's waters. Safety has been brought to these flights by navigational aids such as radio beacons, loran (long range) radio stations, radar beacons, radio landing systems, air and tower traffic control, and weather services and forecasting. The large number of persons who have flown across the oceans in the last few years compared to 1927 indicates in a statistical manner the strides made in aviation. When Lindbergh made his epochal hop, 18 persons flew the ocean that year. In 1944, a peak year, 522,399 persons crossed the ocean in all types of planes. (International).

## High School Will Be Used

### Plans Call For Opening Of Doors To Students Early In September

Members of the New Hanover Board of Education in a special meeting last night approved the establishment of a Junior College at New Hanover High School and voted to open the doors of the college in September.

The plans formulated at a recent conference with Dr. James E. Hillman, State department of public instruction and representatives of the American Association of Junior Colleges call for the holding of classes in the afternoon and evenings between the hours of 4 and 9 p. m. The existing plant and instructional facilities of the high school will be used for the college work.

Requirement for admission to the college, approved recently in a poll by the citizens of the county will be the completion of a four-year course in a secondary school or the equivalent shown by examination.

The semester plan will be used, according to the present specifications. Requirements for graduation will be the satisfactory completion of 60 semester hours. No full time instructor at the college will receive a salary of less than \$2,500 for nine months work.

Five departments will be available to the students and the limit of the number of students in each class will be 35.

Not less than 100 students are expected to register for the 1947-48 term, the board said. Students will be charged a minimum of \$200 to attend the school. From tuition fees and from a tax levy, operating income will be secured, the college plans showed.

According to the plans not less than \$3,000 will be spent during the first term of operation for library books, all on a college level.

Curricula for the Junior College includes classes in English, social science, French, Spanish, science, mathematics, business administration and accounting, psychology.

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## Committee Recommends Raise In Air Mail Rates

### MRS. TRUMAN NOW GROWING WEAKER

#### President's 94-Year-Old Mother Talks Briefly With Minister, Rests

GRANDVIEW, Mo., May 19. — President Truman spent another long and anxious day at the bedside of his gravely ill mother as his daughter flew here to join him in his vigil.

While thin, courageous 94-year-old Mrs. Martha E. Truman fought against the odds of a "very tired and weak heart" she maintained a cheerful manner even as she failed to rally from last night's setback.

Presidential Press Secretary Charles C. Ross gave newsmen at Kansas City, 17 miles away, his second sober report of the day at 3 p. m. (EST).

"Mrs. Truman, he said, had shown no improvement during the day. Earlier he said that there had been no material change" in her condition since yesterday afternoon's turn for the worse after a rally Sunday morning. Later Mrs. Truman was reported to be momentarily stronger, but her physician acknowledged that there has been a general weakness in her condition.

"I am feeling better but I am tired," the elderly Mrs. Truman told her physician this morning. In view of this, he said there would be no effort to have her sit up today.

**Talks To Minister**

Mrs. Truman chatted briefly this morning with the Rev. Welburn Bowman, pastor of the Grandview Baptist church, of which she is a member.

The President's daughter, Margaret, cancelled professional singing concert for Pittsburgh tomorrow night and Cleveland Thursday night and said her remaining engagements hinged on her grandmother's progress.

The distressed Margaret planned to spend tonight with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wallace, her uncle and aunt, at Independence after driving straight to her grandmother's bedside after flying here from Pittsburgh.

Press Secretary Ross's afternoon talk with the newsmen was based on a telephone conversation with the President. He planned to talk again three hours later with Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham, the President's personal physician.

He made it clear that the President's plans for returning to Washington were extremely "indefinite."

With his mother's condition so critical, the President carried on the affairs of the nation's highest office from his suite in Kansas City's Hotel Muehlebach, 17 miles from here, and from his mother's frame bungalow here where she has been bed-ridden since she fractured her hip in a fall in late-February.

**Signs Message**

It was here that he signed a message to Congress reiterating his support of a national health program embracing compulsory insurance for pre-payment of medical costs.

### House Post Office Group Also Approves Advance On Newspaper Rates

WASHINGTON, May 19. — (AP) — A hike from 5 to 6 cents an ounce for air mail and increased charges for parcel post were recommended today by the House Post Office committee.

It approved legislation which would also:

1. Increase the second class mail rate on newspapers and magazines if they are sent to points outside the county of publication.
2. Continue the local letter rate at the present 3 cents after July 1 when, under existing law, it is due to drop to the pre-war 2 cents.
3. Raise the special delivery charge from 13 to 15 cents.

The committee has been studying ways to cut down on a Post-office department operating deficit which it figures will amount to \$492,000,000 in the 12 months beginning July 1 unless Congress boosts rates.

**Cut Red Ink**

It said that if its recommendations are made effective, the department will go into the red only \$194,000,000.

The Postoffice department suggested some changes which the committee declined to approve. One thing it turned thumbs down on was a department-proposed increase from one to two cents for post cards.

The committee recommended

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## LABOR MEETING SCHEDULED HERE

### American Federation Group Sets August 11-13 As Convention Date

The American Federation of Labor will hold its annual state convention August 11 to 13 in Wilmington hoping to attract more than 500 delegates with additional members of delegates families and visitors.

A program of speakers, including nationally known statesmen, will be presented as well as entertainment features and business sessions.

So declared C. B. Kornegay, president of the Wilmington Central Labor Union, who headed a delegation yesterday to the weekly meeting of the New Hanover county commissioners.

Members of the delegation sought funds to assist in promoting the convention which they declared will bring state-wide publicity to this community. No specific amount was sought.

Commissioner Harry Gardner declared himself "deeply in sympathy with organized labor" and said he has carried a union card for many years, but asked where the board should draw the line on contributions to such conventions.

It was suggested by some board members that merchants should make contributions toward promoting the convention.

Upon a suggestion by Commissioner George W. Trask, it was decided to hold any action in the matter over until the next meeting.

## WINSTON PAPER SAYS UNION LOCAL TAKEN OVER BY "COMMIES"

WINSTON-SALEM, May 19. — (AP) — The Winston-Salem Journal today published statements, which it said came from former Communist officials, saying that a union of United Tobacco Workers, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. here and that the leadership was "irresponsible."

A new release today by union headquarters decried charges of irresponsibility but made no comment concerning the statements in the newspaper on alleged Communist activities.

The union now is engaged in a strike against the tobacco company. The strike is in its third week.

The union's new release termed the newspaper articles a "smear campaign" and a "last-minute effort" by the company to defeat their strike.

## OGDEN CIVIC CLUB ASKS FIRE CONTROL

### Commissioner Trask Voices Long Objections To Club's Proposal

Control of forest fires and improvement of the Middle Sound road were two items that were suggested by representatives of the Ogden Civic club before the New Hanover county commissioners at their weekly meeting yesterday.

Richard Shew was the spokesman for the control of forest fire; whose talk brought long objections from Commissioner George W. Trask before the county officers agreed to submit the matter to the state forestry department for a survey of conditions.

To the Middle Sound highway suggestion presented by Paul Stanley, the commissioners said they will ask the state highway commission for a survey of conditions on the road.

Stanley, in opposing the burning of grass every year by the county in clearing away refuse, drew sharp retort from Commissioner Trask who defended the system. Shew pleaded for "an adequate forest fire protection program" and declared that the opinion of the commissioners is not always the opinion of the majority of citizens in the county.

He asked that an adequate sum be appropriated by the commissioners to keep fires under control throughout the year, rather than placing efforts on a short period at one time of the season.

Representatives speaking in favor of improving the Middle Sound road asserted that the highway is "unsafe" and that the state highway commission only

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## MAYBE!

Weatherman Paul Hess still refuses to promise rain. He won't even promise showers. Occasional light showers are slightly mentioned in his forecast for Tuesday afternoon, but hope is dashed when he did not add the word, "probably" as he usually does when speaking of rain. This time he says "possibly."

The temperature will drop slightly today, the forecast says, as a high of 82 degrees is predicted. High for yesterday was 87 degrees. Gentle to moderate southwesterly winds are predicted.

## BERRY CROP HOPE HIT BY DROUGHT

### Prices At Tabor City Market Fall \$3 Per Crate Below 1946 Return

**Special to the Star**

TABOR CITY, May 19. — Hopes for a bumper strawberry crop in the Tabor City area this year were shattered as the drought continues to destroy the local crop.

Monday's market sales revealed that 1109 crates were sold at an average of \$5.92 per crate. This is \$2.00 lower than last year's prices.

The sales to date this season are 650 crates higher than the same period last year, but the fruit is stunted from lack of rain.

Many local farmers already have returned unused crates to the Tabor City factory, signifying little hope for any immediate change in the production of berries.

**Prices Decline**

Prices have declined steadily since the berry market opened two weeks ago, only twice has the price risen to \$10.

Farmers also have reported that the drought has already burned leaves on tobacco plants. Without an immediate rainfall, the growers said the tobacco outlook is bad.

Beans entered the Tabor City market for the first time this year when the sale of 61 hampers Monday brought an average price of \$2.50 per hamper. This price is reportedly \$5.00 below the prices paid farmers last season.

## Navy Confirms Star Beat On Lt. Little

### O'HENRY AWARD IS ANNOUNCED

#### Miss Winifred Harriss Wins In Annual Literary Contest

Miss Winifred Harriss, 17-year-old daughter of Mrs. Meares Harriss and a new Hanover High school senior, was named yesterday as winner of the annual high school O'Henry Literary Society short story contest. Miss Harriss entered as her short story, "The Wearing of the White," which was 1500 words long.

She was awarded a book of Hawthorne's short stories by Kathryn Hunter, O'Henry club president, at the annual honor day program held in the high school auditorium yesterday morning.

The contest was one of many high school student and the contest had 38 entries with participants entering from each of the school classes.

The story has been sent to the magazine "Seventeen" along with a poem but word has not yet been received as to whether or not it will be published in their magazine.

The first prize in the contest was only one of the journalistic abilities Miss Harriss has shown as she was first place winner of the annual Scribner's club essay contest held last year.

She is a columnist and was former reporter on the Wilmington teen-age-merry-go-round program under the direction of radio commentator Ben McDonald. She is a reporter on the high school paper, "The Wildcat," business manager for the first semester term, and recently has been inducted into the National Quill and Scroll club.

Miss Harriss plans to enter the Woman's college of the University

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## Drew Pearson's "Exclusive" First Was Printed By Star

The navy officially confirmed yesterday a story which The Morning Star "broke" more than two months ago that Lt. Cmdr. Edward W. Little would be tried at a court martial in Washington on charges involving the maltreatment of fellow prisoners when he was senior officer in Japanese prison camps.

In the March 3 edition of The Star, it was reported that Sgt. Creston Rowland of the Wilmington army recruiting station would give testimony in the trial. The full charges, as officially confirmed by the navy, against Little were listed by The Star.

The paper also said that for the first time "Military authorities in Washington had identified the defendant."

Little, a native of Monrovia, Cal., won the silver star for gallantry in action before the fall of the Philippines. He is being tried

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## PHILLIPS CALLED FROM DEATH ROW

### Lillingston Man To Know New Trial Chance On Wednesday

LILLINGTON, May 19. — (AP) — Charles Phillips will know Wednesday afternoon whether a purported suicide note on red ink on a calendar page will mean a new trial that may save him from the gas chamber.

Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn said today he will rule Wednesday on a motion by defense counsel Neill McKay Salmon for a new trial for the tenant farmer convicted of the murder of his wife.

The judge ordered Phillips to be brought here from Central Prison death row for the hearing and

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## Disease Picture Painted Of School

### Principals Tell Board Of Needs In Other Schools

BY SUE MARSHALL

Star Staff Writer

A picture of disease and damage brought on by carnivals and shows held close to the Washington Catlett school was painted last night for the county board of education by E. R. Blakeslee, Jr., the school's principal.

The county's 12 principals meeting with the board also reported on the progress of the schools during the year and made known their wishes.

Topping the lists of requests were the need for secretarial assistants to the principals of the schools, the need for a gymnasium in many schools, and the need for more equipment in school cafeterias.

E. R. Blakeslee, Jr., principal of Washington Catlett school, told the group that a new teacher should be added to take over the teaching done by the principal.

"This request may not be in line with the allotment of teachers, but there is a problem area that would be improved if the principal were free to devote time to public relations, child guidance, and teacher supervision," he said.

Many other principals expressed the same viewpoint. Clerical assistance was listed in connections with this. Clerical staffs of the majority of the schools have been cut since the war, due to leg funds.

**Disease And Damage**

Blakeslee also spoke of the "intolerable disease, damage, and the

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## AIRPORT AGAIN BEFORE BOARD

### Commissioners Inspect Field's Runway Lights; Reports Next Week

That old bugaboo—the Bluetheuthal airport — again reared its head yesterday before the New Hanover county commissioners.

Before the day was over members of the commission had journeyed to the airport to ascertain the conditions of the runway lights and generally look the field over.

No immediate report on the commissioners' findings were available last night. But it is expected the matter will be brought up at next week's meeting.

Runway lights were reported in poor condition at the morning meeting of the board. This report prompted the inspection of the field.

At the same time, in an effort to improve conditions for the upkeep of the field, the commissioners placed A. G. Grady, assistant electrician at the field on a monthly \$150 salary instead of an hourly pay basis previously in effect.

The commissioners were informed at yesterday's meeting by the state highway department that it will not erect a \$75,000 seawall at Port Fisher to halt erosion on W.S. highway 421.

Instead, the state body reported that a relocation of U.S. highway 421, which has been washed away for approximately 200 feet, can be

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## Turpentine Men To Disregard Quotations On Savannah Mart

### Along The Cape Fear

IN THE NEWS—What once was a thriving industry along the Cape Fear is in the news again today. It's the turpentine industry. News dispatches say that for the first time in 160 years the Turpentine association will ignore Savannah markets.

Along the water front of the city in the 1840 could be found turpentine distilleries and large yards for storage of resin and tar, as well as saw mills. Much shipped much lumber to northern ports and to the West Indies.

**NAMES**—It was a fellow by the name of Shakespeare who had something to say about names. Just what the conglomeration of names found in books on Wilmington had to do with the city, growth and decline, is not clear.

But in the "s" of history on this Port City may be found such names as New Liverpool, a resort called "Paradise" which was on a high hill, "Texas" and "California" on the western side of the city.

It may be surmised that the names suggested an interest in the newly acquired lands in the west. "Sunset Hill," we are told, overlooked the river between Ann and Nun streets.

And there was "Dry Pond" on South Sixth street, which history says was a sandy depression until it rained. It then was full of water.

The pond gave its name, history says, to a large section surrounding it and the name still is alive.

**PROGRESS**—The city took on strides of progress about 1850, it was reported. The Wilmington and Manchester railroad had been projected, and the city's citizens had purchased more than \$200,000 of its stock. The road was to form a connection between Wilmington and Raleigh.

Work on its construction was begun about that time. The depot was on the western side of the city, near the Cape Fear river.

## 150-Year-Old Naval Stores Exchange Prices Questioned For First Time

SAVANNAH, Ga., May 19. — (AP) — Turpentine prices leaped upward on the Savannah naval stores market today after the American Turpentine Farmers association announced it would disregard the Savannah quotations in a move to establish a price of 75 cents a gallon.

Sixty-seven barrels of turpentine were sold on the Savannah exchange today at 75 cents, compared with 54 1/4 cents on May 8, the last day offerings were on the board.

The association had announced Saturday it would demand a minimum of 75 cents for the turpentine content of crude gum after charging the Savannah market with "wild fluctuation which is playing havoc with distribution."

**OPA Ceiling**

The price ceiling under OPA was 83.5 cents a gallon. With removal of control, the figure soared to 75 cents.

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## MEN, WOMEN HELD IN CARLYLE CASE

### Sampson County Sheriff To Present Evidence Against Quartet

CLINTON, May 19. — (AP) — Four persons — two men and two women — have been detained for investigation in connection with the death last Saturday of Jack Carlyle, 28, Sheriff Perry Lockerman said tonight.

The sheriff declined to reveal the names of the four until it is decided whether or not formal charges will be brought in the case.

Carlyle, a veteran of World War II, died in a Fayetteville hospital Saturday shortly after he was found lying by the Fayetteville highway 10 miles west of here. He was suffering from several fractures and bleeding profusely.

State Highway Patrolman N. H. Parrish, who investigated the case along with Patrolman H. M. Petty, said it was thought at first that Carlyle had been a victim of a hit and run driver.

However, he added, it has been determined that Carlyle and four other persons visited a nearby combination store and filling station just 20 minutes before the body was discovered.

The sheriff said that he planned to present the evidence he has gathered to a coroner's jury. He said that it had not been decided when the inquest would be held.

## Scattered Clouds May Hide Eclipse Of Sun And So To Bed

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, May 19. — (AP) — Meteorologists today predicted scattered clouds across the path of a total eclipse of the sun at 9 a. m. tomorrow, which will threaten months of preparation by scientists of 11 nations waiting to make observations during the four minutes of total darkness.

Whether or not the clouds would blot out the phenomenon at the critical point of total eclipse was the question haunting the scientists as they waited at their observation points tonight.

Pan-American Airways weather forecasters said clouds were indicated for the Bocayuva area on the 2,172-foot high Mato Grosso Plateau 400 airline miles Northwest of here, where 70 United States scientists are waiting with 75 tons of equipment.

The U. S. expedition, largest of the 11 nations represented by the U. S. Army Air Force, the National Geographic Society and the Bureau of Standards. It is headed by Dr. Lyman J. Briggs, chairman of the Geographic society's research committee.

This chap must believe in trading without seeing. Or he is very forgetful.

Anyway, Sunday night some one entered the room of Lee Pope, 118 North Third street, while the occupant was away. The man made away with a suit of clothes belonging to Pope.

But in return, Mrs. Sadie Wells, the landlady, reported to police yesterday, the prowler left a marine uniform. Police turned the uniform over to the military police. But Pope still is short his suit of clothes.

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## The Weather

**FORECAST**

South and North Carolina—Considerable cloudiness and warm with scattered showers Tuesday and Tuesday night Wednesday clearing and cooler.

(Eastern Standard Time)

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

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

Maximum 86; Minimum 72; Mean 76; Wind 72.

**PRECIPITATION**

For 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. — 0.00 inches.

Total since the first of the month — 0.00 inches.

**TIDES FOR TODAY**

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

Wilmington — High 4:30 a. m.; 4:30 p. m.; Low 10:30 a. m.; 10:30 p. m.

Swanboro Inlet — High 4:30 a. m.; 4:30 p. m.; Low 10:30 a. m.; 10:30 p. m.

Surf — High 5:07 a. m.; 5:07 p. m.; Low 11:07 a. m.; 11:07 p. m.

Stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. Monday, 9.6 feet; and Sunday, 9.3 feet.