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Phillips Wins Trial Appeal

Purported Note Signed By Dead Wife Saves Lillington Man's Life

LILLINGTON, May 21.—(P)— Charlie Phillips, 31-year-old Angier menant farmer who was saved from death in the state's gas cham ber April 11 by the timely disovery of a sucide note purportedly signed by his wife, was granted new trial in Harnett County Superior court today.

The ruling in the case was made by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, the same jurist who last September sentenced Phillips to die after a jury had convicted him of murder in the fatal shooting of his wife. The move for a new trial was made by Phillips' attorney, Neill McKay Salmon, on the basis of newly discovered evidence consisting of the alleged suicide note and an affidavit by a man who said he had heard Mrs. Phillips threatened suicide a short time before her death last August 18. The affidavit was made by Cal-

vin Williams, Wake county resident and it quoted Mrs. Phillips as threatening to kill herself besuse of trouble caused by liquor

Courtroom Packed

A packed courtroom heard Salmon and Solicitor Jack Hooks take part in heated debate over the authenticity of the note. Salmon produced testimony by

James Powell, handwriting expert ion who expressed the opinion that the nandwriting in the suicide note was the same as samples of her writing. Hooks countered with a writing. Hooks countered with a letter from FBI Chief J. Edgar WAR BRIDES MAY BE Hoover stating that the writing in the note was neither that of Mrs. ALLOWED TO ENTER Phillips nor her husband.

Phillips, returned from State prison to his home county for the Bills to let a few hundred more learing, broke out in smiles over war brides and fiancees come to the judge's ruling and expressed America were approved today by the belief that the new jury "will do the right things.'

Judge Burgwyn, saying he was faced with one of the hardest decisions of his long career on the bench, said, "I cannot afford to ignore the testimony of an expert to come to this country to marry

EAST RAILROADS 300 girls would be affected. GET FARE HIKES

ICC Approves 10 Per Cent Increase On One-Way Local Shriners Hold Passenger Tickets

WASHINGTON, May 21 - (AP) -An approximate 10 per cent in crease in basic passenger fares on Eastern railroads was authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission today to compensate for creased operating costs.

The decision applies to 60 railtoads operating East of the Mis tissippi and North of the Ohio and Potomac rivers. The lines were authorized to

make the change to the higher al ever held in coastal Carteret her husband ,a First Ceremonial evel on five days' public notice. county. Official nobles were pre- Master of Sudan Temple. This will put one-way passenger dicting that it would be one of fares up from 2.2 to 2:5 cents per mile in coaches, and from 3.3 to 3.5 cents per mile in sleeping and parlor cars. There will be an increase of about 15 per cent in tant role in the ceremonial, Judge coastal area, At 7:30 o'clock the coach round trip rates and about J. J. Burney of the Cape Fear temples famed drum corps which per cent in Pullman round trip area was presiding over a term

The railroads were also given

and price levels since pre-war years," said the commission, which ger fare increase in 1942 when the rates went up 10 per cent.

Incurred Deficit Today's order noted that the railtoads which asked for the new intrease incurred a deficit from operations last

tain operations last year of \$54, her a "chance" for recovery.

in independent proceeding.

In the general case, the comhission found the increases to be lief in his elderly patient's recov-"lust and reasonable" for all in- ery is based on a continuance of was pulling the entire train to a basin by Col. B. C. Snow, U. S. scheduled to complete serving his to his fellow clubmen by program lessate passenger traffic in the ferritory East of the Mississippi fiver and North of the Ohio and Potomac rivers and for interstate within the certain of the control of the Ohio and Potomac rivers and for interstate within the certain of the original ori

Within the state) traffic in Illin-His optomistic outlook at his first Michigan, Ohio and New York. formal talk with newsmen since Those states were specifically President Truman flew here Saturday to see his gravely ill mother was borne up during the afternoon when Presidential Press Secretary

(EST) the physician was still en-

Likes New Bed

Considerable cloudiness, showers East botton ending by Thursday noon. Not be warm East portion Thursday. Friday fir and East portion Thursday. Friday Truman said after she was placed in it that she was "more comfortable" than she had been for "a long time."

'gentle oscillation.'

the President, General Graham and Miss Mary Jane Truman, the President's sister, helped Mother Truman into her favorite chair, an old rocker with a cane bottom and

While she rocked cheerfully, the mechanical bed was substituted for her old one, and she accepted the change gratefully.

swan's wings isn't in the text "Her spirits are excellent," Ross said, and she is cooperating in books, because the birds usually She ate are destroyed when stricken by taking nourishment. wheat cakes and Vermont syrup a serious ailment. sent her by another Presidential secretary, William D. Hassett, during the morning.

FDR Directed Jury Acquits Defendants In Earle Lynching Case;

WILMINGTON, N. C., THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1947

Senate Okays

Truman Fund

Foreign Affairs Committee-

men Rally To Defeat

House Amendments

WASHINGTON, May 21 -(P)-The administration's \$350,000,000

relief program won final Congres-

sional approval today after sur-

viving a determined, eleventh

hour House attempt to clamp a

The end of its long legislative

trial was reached in the Senate,

where approval was routine after

Chairman Vandenberg (R-Mich)

of the Foreign Relations commit

tee told his colleagues that Presi-

dent Truman is considering a

ience" to administer the program.

vice president, is slated to get the

The final House action came on a roll call vote of 288 to 86, in ac-

cepting the measure as redrafted

by a Houes-Senate Conference

committee. This committee modi-

fied several stringent restrictions

tn the program and recommend

ed the full amount sought by Pres-

Much more close, however, was the 205 to 170 rollcall tally by

which the House beat back an at-

Conference committee with in-

tructions to its representatives to

insist upon a \$200,000,000 ceiling.

The House, in originally passing

the bill, had voted for such a

In its final form, the bill per

mits expenditure of the relief

funds in Italy, Greece, Hungary,

Austria, Poland, China and Trieste. Of the total, a minimum

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On Committee To Select

New President

ers college here since last August

1. resigned today, effective Sep-

tember 1, to become director of

ment of education at Woman's

in a meeting here today, and Dr.

mai. of the board, named a com-

mittee to seek a new president. Appointed to the committee were

Ralph M. Garrett of Greenville

Maiden Native

where he was head of the depart-

Dr. Cooke, a native of Maiden.

ident Truman.

limit.

Austria,

Emergency fund.

Communism.)

Richard F. Allen, Red Cross

\$200,000,000 ceiling on it.

Notes From King, Cardinal Sealed For Ever

WASHINGTON, May 21 — (P)— President Roosevelt, it was disclosed tonight, directed nearly wo years before his death that 'the long hand letters between the King of England and myself, or between Cardinal Mundelein and myself, are to be retained by me or my estate and should never be made public."

A memorandum signed "Frank-lin D. Roosevelt" and dated July 16, 1943 offered these letters as example of papers in his "famous people's file" which "are in effect personal"and not to be published. There was no hint as to what may have passed between the late President and the King, or the late Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago, famous Catholic leader.

The memorandum was released Senator Brewster (R-Maine) who said it came today from Fred W. Shipman, director of the Hyde Park, N. Y., library where many Roosevelt papers are stored.

HERE'S A MIRACLE that happened—and there was a camera to ecord it, otherwise no one would believe that N. Baldini, Logansport, Beside the letters which Mr. Ind., had driven his car into open space and that, somehow, it failed to fall into the culvert. The gap was bridged by a few inches. (In-Roosevelt wanted never to be made public, his memo mentioned that there were others which should be kept under seal for 10, 15 or 20 years "for the reason that they may refer to people who are still alive in a way which would man "of wide Red Cross experbe embarrassing to them." Location Of Office

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ENLISTMENT TOP

Wilmington, Winston-Salem Naval Reservists **Exceed Quotas**

appropriation it received from the recent legislature after a five day Morning Star Washington Bureau tempt to return the bill to the inspection junket beginning here WASHINGTON, May 21 -Wilmington and Winston-Salem N. C., Page said a formal meeting of have enlisted more Naval Reservthe Authority will be held on the ists than their quotas, Senator trip to discuss where its office Clyde R. Hoey of North Carolina shall be located and its legisla- was informed today by the Navy tive program for the next few department.

"Our whole state has a fine record of enlistments," the Senator at Wilmington, Morehead City, said, citing the statistics released in conjunction with the current of \$15,000,000 is earmarked for the observance of Naval Reserve United Nations Children's

North Carolina cities, with their

Asheville, 630, 630; Charlotte, Ceremonial Limelight boro, 630, 229; Raleigh, 210, 137; Wilmington, 210, 218; Winston-Salem, 420, 469.

Both Wilmington and Winstoncourt was adjourned today and court was adjourned today and now he is taking an active part Salem units already have headin the ceremonial and as this is quarters buildings. The other five More than 5,000 Nobles of Sudan written, between five and seven are to be housed in quonset huts. is attending the Buildings at Charlotte and tri cities of Beaufort, Morehead Potentates banquet for the Divan, Greensboro have the official City and this incorporated resort an event that is being held at "OK" already, the Navy said.

noon and they continue to come. bon club in suburban Morehead This is the first spring ceremoni-City. Mrs. Burney is here with **MEETS TONIGHT**

Colonel Thomas J. Weed president of East Carolina Teach- Negroes, were injured. To Be Principal Speaker For Occasion

Colonel Thomas J. Weed, prin- College, in Greensboro. cipal assistant operations division, meeting of the Wilmington Propel- ent of public instruction and chairler Club and their guests tonight at He is scheduled to speak on the

"Development of the Port of Wil- T. T. Hamilton of Wilmington, mington.'

nual Maritime Day banquet held by son. the club. Today has been proclaimed National Maritime Day by mother began passive exercise in a leg and severe burns. The engi-

Included in the guests of club-

During the morning Col. Weed ment in his handling of student and prospective enlistees.





THE NAVY HAS CONFIRMED that Lt. Comdr. Edward Little left) of Monrovia, Calif., is being secretly court-martialed in Washington on charges of currying favor with the Japs by allegedly betraying his fellow prisoners at Fukioka District prison camp. Actual camp commander at the time was Maj. Achilles Tisdelle (right), of Orange Park, Fla. Little, claiming seniority, refused to obey him. (International)

Top Flying Officers Killed In Air Crash by T. E. Christenberry, the aged clerk. As the roll-call of acquittal was

FOUR MINUTES

MIAMI, Fla-(U.P.)-A Douglas DC-6 failed by four minutes today to crack the transcontinental speed record set by a Lockheed Constellation last week. Capt. Frank J. Havelick, of Butte, Mont., flew a DC-6 here from Santa Monica Calif., in six hours, 59 minutes, four minutes

more than the Constellation.

The bodies of two top Army flying in the lynching, jumped on a chair officers and five other soldiers were found today in the wreckage of their B-25 bomber which crashed in a cornfield during a violent thundersterm.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., May 21-(AP)-

The dead included Col. Raymond E. O'Neill, 52, an AAF balloon expert and brigadier general in World War Two, and Col George A. Whatley, 45, head of a headquarters unit having supervi- CIO President Philip Mur-

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(The bill is entirely distinct quotas and enlistments, respectively, foilow: | The bill is enlisted to the \$400,000,000 program to bolster Greece and Turkey against | Mysterious Explosion Rep. Jonkman (R-Mich), lead-Wrecks Railroad Coach ray today issued an order to the CIO United

-(A)-A mysterious explosion ap- coach considerably. parently originating in a water Lem Thomas, special agent for OF ECTC RESIGNS cooler in the rear of a "Jim the line, said he believed the exsigned, two-year contracts
plosive might have been nitroglymost of the members of our retwo men today.

T. T. Hamilton, Jr., Named route from Chicago to Galveston. sion, for investigation. Oscar Lett, 59, Fort Worth, and The coach did not leave the bargaining history." W. C. Brown, 35, Ardmore, riding tracks and the train continued af-GREENVILLE, May 21-(P)-Dr. in the rear of the coach parti-

FORT WORTH, Texas, May 21 type explosive" had damaged the

The side of the washroom was Dennis H. Cooke, who has been tioned off to segregate whites and blasted out, and flying bits of "1. We must meticulously re-O. D. Crill, division superintend- One large piece buried itself in bargaining contract. ant for the railroad, called in Fed- steel 20 feet away. All 10 doubleeral Bureau of Investigation ex glass windows in the compartment must there be work stoppages durteacher training in the depart- plosives experts. He said a "high- were shattered,

The resignation was accepted KIWANIANS HEAR TALK 15-DAY DROUGHT by the board of trustees of ECTC BY NAVY OFFICER STILL UNBROKEN

Kiwanians enjoyed thirty minutes of speech and song at their Friendly cafeteria yesterday and heard a final report on the Ladies' The dinner meeting is the an- and Thomas J. Hackney of Wil- night party next Wednesday night at the Famous club when the wives, sweethearts and a few incame to ECTC last year from vited guests will enjoy ('s an-

Bernard Solomon, executive officer of organized surface division, morning. Dr. Cooke came to ECTC after 6-29, United States naval reserve a period of turmoil at the college spoke briefly on the subject of the members will be city and county which saw its former president, naval reserve and answered the officials. T. D. Love will serve as Dr. Leon R. Meadows, convicted three most important questions of false pretense and embezzle- asked by the general public and

He was introduced by Ed.

Spuds Sell At High

Prices All Over South

Predictions Awry

Badly In Need Of Rain;

day long drought in this area had not been broken, despite Weather- country's internal economic af man Paul Hess' predictions that fairs." rain would fall last night and this The last time Wilmington felt

rain was on May 5, and Hess' records show that only .96 of one inch rain has fallen here during nation," Murray said. this month. This, he says, is way behind the normal precipitation for ence to his three-point order was May as we should have had 2.2 inches up to date.

But despite it all, Wilmington has seen months of May that have and grievance committeemen been drier than this one - in 1943 only .87 inch fell during the whole month, records reveal.

Meanwhile, assistant county agent One-Wing Swan Waddles Bit Off Balance are really suffering for rain.' Some of the plants continue to bers and the public." grow, despite the dryness, he said, but all would be helped by rain. At Same Time, Canadian but all would be helped by rain. Cook says it is impossible to tell how much damage has been caused to plants over the county

because of the lack of rain. New Hanover's usual million dollar lettuce crop will not amount to mal biennial parley to discuss that much this year, Cook said. The Sure the Agriculture department agreed with a Congressional critic good, he said, but there just isn't today, Canadian potatoes are be- nearly as much of it this year as

Beans grown over the county will start being shipped in about

The explanation offered at the two weeks, he said, while the mar-RAINS ARE GENERAL

OVER NORTH CAROLINA By The Associated Press

Cooling showers coming from the Gulf of Mexico fell in many por-"While Department of agricultions of North Carolina yester-

28 Men Freed By Verdicts

ESTABLISHED 1867

Not Guilty Findings Returned In Trial After Long Deliberation

GREENVILLE, S. C., May 21. -(U.P.)— The nation's biggest lynch trial in history ended tonight in full acquittal for all 28 defendents charged with the lynching of Willie Earle, Negro, last February 16. It took a jury of nine textile hands, two salesmen and a farmer only five hours and 15 minutes to reach the verdict clearing the de fendants on al four counts charging murder, conspiracy and access ory before and after the fact. The clerk had to read out 98 sec tions of the complicated indictment

but all 98 were "not guilty," and the reading was completed in min As defendants and their relatives leaped to their feet in a wild celebration, Judge Robert Martin, Jr.

said "Mr. Sheriff, you can release the defendants.' Spectators Warned The judge warned the stirring spectators against any demonstra tion as the "not guilty's" were

sounded off in rapid fire order completed, Carlos Roosevelt Hurd, squat cab dispatcher named by fellow-defendants as trigger-man

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MURRAY FORBIDS STEEL STRIKES

ray Tells Union Wage Contract Absolute

-(AP)-CIO President Philip Mur-Steelworkers forbidding strikes for

the next two years. Murray, also president of the steelworkers, said in a letter to cooler in the rear of a "Jim the line, said he believed the ex- local union leaders that recently-

cerin left in the compartment by most of the members of our union It occurred north of Ardmore, safe crackers. The coach had been in basic steel and fabricating Okla., on a Santa Fe train en route from Chicago to Galveston Murray said in the letter it is

'imperative thoroughly that:

metal bored into seats and walls. spect provisions of the collective "2. That under no circumstances

ing the life of the agreement. '3. We must resort to the order-

ly methods of adjudicating our differences by taking recourse to the grievance procedure of the wage agreement up to and includ

ing arbitration.' Letter Approved The letter was approved by the

weekly luncheon meeting at the Crops In Wilmington Area steelworkers' 41-man board of directors at their biennial meeting. He said the wage agreements, which called for a 15-cent-an hour package pay increase, guaranteed continued production in the steel At press time last hight, the 15 industry and thereby provided an "opportunity for stabilizing ou

> "To retain the confidence of the public, the union and management must display that spirit of labor management cooperation so es sential to the welfare of this great

The union leader said adher-"so vital to preserve the integrity" of the wage agreements and the union that all officers of locals "should give notice to this effect to the members."

Murray said the steelworkers union, by negotiating the two-year Coy R. Cook says that "the crops contracts, "won for itself the respect and admiration of its mem

Board In Meeting Murray added the board would continue to meet until Friday, but that he expected no further developments of general public interest. The board meeting previously was announced as a nor-

And So To Bed

It was a sincere but not tearful parting at yesterday's city council session. The meeting was the final

one for two retiring members -R. S. LeGwin and Garland Currin. When business was completed at noon, it was Councilman J. E. L. Wade who called attention to the situation and expressed good wishes to the retiring mem-

That was followed by a brief remarks by other members. Then everyone shook hands, in-

The Weather Carolina and South Carolina

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

TEMPERATURES 1:30 a. m. 75; 7:30 a. m. 76; 1:30 p. m. 75; 7:30 p. m. 75; Maximum 80; Mini-

PRECIPITATION since the first of the month

TIDES FOR TODAY s. Coast and Geodetic Survey).

HIGH LOW 11:08 a.m. 6:13 a.m. 11:43 p.m. 6:04 p.m. nlet 9:00 a.m. 3:05 a.m.

Sunrise 5:05; Sunset 7:12; Moonrise River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at & m. Wednesday 9.8 feet. More Weather On Page Ton

of Superior court in Beaufort, but (See LOCAL Page Two) minimum ticket rate of 15 cents in PHYSICIAN GIVES RESCUERS PRY RAIL

SPA May Determine

WASHINGTON, May 21 -(AP)-

a House Judiciary subcommittee.

House and Senate still have to

pass on the measures.

expires next June 30.

mostly to Japanese

The full committee and the

One would extend for six

months the law allowing fiancees

service men or veterans. The law

The State department informed

Another bill would let in brides

who are ineligible racially to en-

ter the United States. It applies

BY AYCOCK BROWN

Special To The Star

the largest in history of Sudan

Wilmington is playing an impor-

Temple, Shrine had arrived in the o'clock,

of Atlantic Beach by late after- Ray Garretts' beautiful Blue Ric

noon and they continue to come. bon club in suburban Morehead

ATLANTIC BEACH, May 21

the subcommittee that some 200 to

Grant Also To Be Dis-

cussed On Trip

FAYETTEVILLE, May 20-(A)-

R. B. Page of Wilmington, chair-

man of the State Ports Authority,

said the group will have a good

idea how to apportion the \$50,000

The inspection party will touch

Aboard the government inspec-

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Hatteras, Ocracoke and Manteo.

tomorrow.

President's Mother Now Has Fair Chance

GRANDVIEW, Mo., May 21.-(.P) -President Truman's 94-year-old furred a deficit from passenger the White House physician gave

The ICC previously granted the moved into the new oscillating bed tempt to rescue his partner.

The New Haven railroad, which lace H. Graham told reporters of locomotive overturned while p Mrs. Martha E. Truman was ioneered the proposal boost in her gradual improvement.

General Graham said his be-

Charles Ross reported at 5 p. m.

The new bed, which has an end

Rahway River park today. The bed has a silent motor and offers what Ross described as At 2:45 p. m. (Kansas City Time)

a cushion. 1st presided.

FIREMAN LOSE FROM office of the chief of transportation, stationed in Washington, D. C., "This increase is moderate in telation to the increases in wages will be the featured speaker at a Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of the Wilmington Propel ent of public instruction and chair-

Drum Corps Past

Immediately following the ban-

quet the scene of activity shifts

to another of the tri towns of this

tive fireman today who was pin-

ned for 20 minutes against the hot firebox of his cab when the engine overturned. richs, 31, suffered a broken left President Truman.

"Rudy" Pecks Frettishly

At Sutures Of Last

Port Stabilizer

Rudy lost his left wing in what

Two surgeons and an anesthet-

Dr. Lester Reddin of Westfield,

veterinarian, said amputating

Rudy's wing had been broken-

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sheeted picnic table.

The fireman, Sherman E. Hor-

CHICAGO, May 21.—(P)—Res- 8 o'clock. last authorized a general passen General Graham Reports cuers, working feverishly with acetylene torches, freed a locomo-

asked for the new increase innew mechanical bed tonight after neer, Edward Baseda, 55, was urer of the club, said that approxithrown clear, but received minor mately 100 persons are expected ment of school administration. burns when he climbed back into to attend the banquet. the locomotive cab in a futile at-

The Chicago Outer Belt Rallway locomotive overturned while pull- master of ceremonies. ing a 76-car freight train in suburban Cicero. The train's diesel en-

will be taken on an inspection trip special funds. He was sentenced gine had stalled and the locomotive of the Brunswick River Lay-up to three years in prison and is Snead, who in turn was presented

term on July 28. Department Admits Burning U.S. Potatoes;

Along The Cape Fear

RAHWAY, N. J., May 21-(P)- Fear River is the largest stream mington. 'Rudy," a one-winged swan, of water in the State, and with waddled a bit off balance around it's 320 mile length, it has shown what the United States Corps of in what is left of his port stabili- doing.

IMPROVEMENT-The improvement of the Cape Fear below Wilveterinarians described as a unique mington has been under the conoperation several weeks ago. The sideration of either the state of wing was amputated on a white- North Carolina or of the United war. States since 1821. But now more action has taken place and with the 32 foot deepening now taking place and the proposed 35 foot deepening, it should furnish a waterway for most any size ship. LOW WATER-Prior to '76', if

was reported that a depth of 14

feet at low water was available

over the bar; 10 feet to a point 14

miles below Wilmington, and seven

BREACH - In 1761 a severe equinoctial storm made a breach

He pecked frettishly at sutures Engineers have done and are still through the outer banks at a point about eight miles above the former and present entrance. This 11,500 bushels of home-grown breach formed a new mouth to the supds. river and received the name of blockade runners during the Civil U. S. ASSUMES CHARGE-In

> the controlling depths to Wilming- struction" and said: ton was seven and one-half feet.

WASHINGTON, May 21 - (AP)ing sold in the South-where the was last because of the cold department has destroyed some weather.

New Inlet, made famous by the department: Nobody would buy ket times for most of the other the small, low grade potatoes, and truck crops come later. they were destroyed for lack of a market. Rep. August H. Andersen (R-1829 when the U. S. assumed Minn) in a House speech accused active charge of the improvements the department of "wanton de-

ture agents pour kerosene on huge day bringing an end to drought LATTER YEARS—In later years piles of new potatoes in Alabama, like conditions which have serious from 1829 to 1870, projects were North Carolina, Virginia and other ly threatened farm crops during authorized to deepen the main bar Southern states, potatoes come in the past month. channel by construction of jetties from Canada to supply those mar- Heavy thunderstorms were prev

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cluding incoming member E.