

### FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy and slightly cooler today; Thursday partly cloudy and warmer.

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## German Food Crisis Eases

### General Clay Says Full Calory Count To Be Ready In August

STUTTGART, Germany, June 3 (AP)—Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American commander in Germany, today said the food situation was improving and that the full ration of 1,550 calories a day would be met in August when the harvest is completed. Rural and urban areas are receiving almost the full ration now but residents of large cities are receiving considerably less than their full ration because of inadequate transportation facilities, Clay said. Replying to charges that the United States is failing to meet its food commitments, Clay said that May shipments of 340,000 tons of grain actually exceeded original promises by 40,000 tons. Clay explained to the Germans, who demonstrated widely last month when food distribution hit the lowest ebb of the occupation, that the United States is shipping approximately 1,400,000 tons of wheat a month to various hungry spots in the world. Germany is just one of these, he said. During the hunger period in May, he said, military government officials attempted "urgently" to divert some ships at sea to Germany on a loan basis when it appeared that Germany was worse off than other areas. The Division was refused, he said. Clay estimated that this year's German harvest will be about the same as last year—about 75 per cent of a normal peacetime crop. Despite the heavy winter which killed off many crops, he said food officials believed there was enough seed available for spring planting to offset the destruction. The military governor told German reporters that coal production in the Ruhr fell off during May, partly because of the food situation, but that recent improved mining conditions in Bavaria certainly should have a beneficial effect on the Ruhr. Production still is averaging more than 200,000 tons daily and officials still are hoping to step it up to a goal of 300,000 tons daily, he said.

## Bigamy At 17



Geneva Chastain, 17-year-old mother, has been charged with bigamy by Columbus, Ind., police. She was arrested after allegedly marrying Noble Franklin of Columbus, her second husband, at Greensburg, Ind.

## CHURCH ASSEMBLY TEMPERS REPORT

### Demonstration Of Harmony Prevails On Federal Council Issue

MONTREAT, June 3—(AP)—The 87th general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States today reconsidered its stand on the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, tempering previous action by eliminating passages of a report which was critical of the council. Opposing forces which had split sharply over the issue Monday, when the assembly voted to submit the question of the church's withdrawal from the council to the various Presbyteries, joined in a "demonstration of harmony" as the assembly voted unanimously to send a revised report to the Presbyteries. The matter deleted from the official minutes criticized the Federal council on the ground that it favored "permanent F.E.P.C. legislation, a non-segregated church and a non-segregated society, increase of minimum wage rates, full employment guaranteed by the government, labor's right to strike and that the acknowledgment of both labor and the public, special planning and control of the credit and monetary systems, and pacifism." Another deleted portion asserted the deliverances of the spokesmen of the Federal council "are at variance with the doctrinal standards of our church." The move to delete the passages was headed by those who had led the fight on the council Monday. They explained the action was designed to permit the Presbyteries to study the issue without "prejudicial" action from the present assembly. After a vote by the Presbyteries on withdrawal during the coming year, the issue will be referred to next year's assembly for action.

## CITY RETAIL STORES WILL REMAIN OPEN ON "INVASION" DAY

Wilmington retail stores will remain open Monday afternoon, June 16, despite the military demonstrations in connection with the state American Legion convention that afternoon at Carolina Beach. This was decided yesterday at a meeting of the trade group committee of the local retail merchants. Stores will close Wednesday afternoon of that week as is the general summer custom. Merchants, representing 21 retail groups, agreed that the present practice should be followed that week. The legion had sought the change. G. F. Hunt, Jr., president of the trade committee, presided at yesterday's meeting at the Woodrow Wilson hut.

## "Miss James Walker" To Be Named Tomorrow

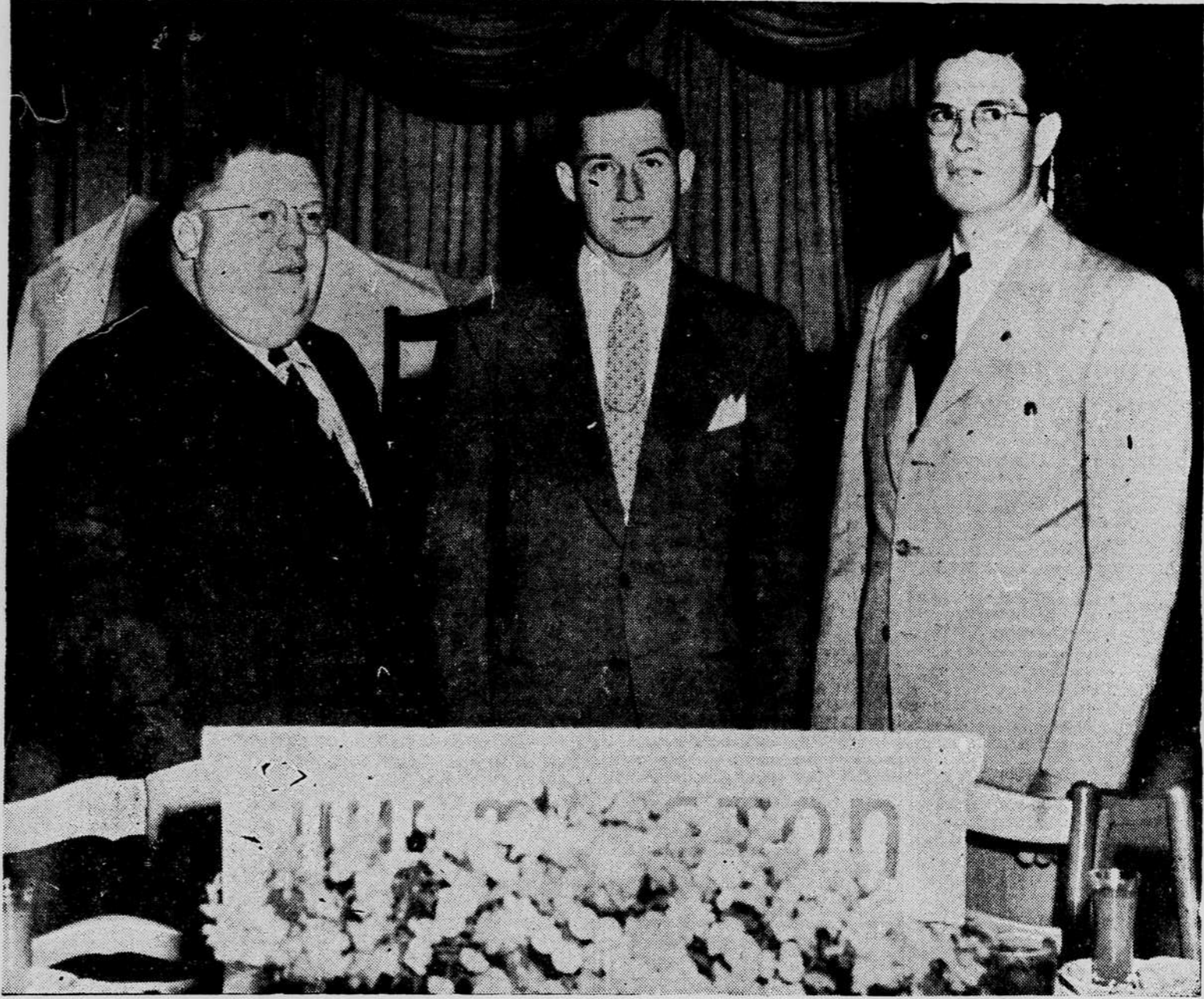
Miss Hazel A. Goff, director of the James Walker Memorial hospital School of Nursing announced yesterday that tomorrow the faculty of the school will name one of the student nurses as "Miss James Walker Memorial Hospital School of Nursing for 1947." The winner, to be chosen on the basis of personal appearance, aptitude for nursing, and spirit of service, will compete against winners of the similar honors at the 38 other schools of nursing in the state for the title of "Miss North Carolina Student Nurse of 1947." After first round winners have been determined at the 38 different schools of nursing, photographs of the State Nurses' Association Headquarters in Raleigh, where they will be grouped according to the nine district nurses' associations of the state for second round eliminations. The Board of Directors of the Nurses' Association in the respective districts will serve as judges, and will announce their district selections not later than June 21. On July 4, the nine district winners will meet in Raleigh before

# Congress Completes Legislative Action On \$4,000,000,000 Slash In Income Tax; Southern Operators Offer Miners \$12.70

## Portal Wage Not Included

### Proposed Scale Would Give Inside Day Worker 85 Cent Pay Increase

WASHINGTON, June 3—(AP)—Southern coal operators offered today to boost the bituminous miner's pay to \$12.70 for an eight-hour day of productive work if John L. Lewis would agree to wipe out the portal-to-portal travel allowance he won during the war. The wage offer would give the inside day miner 85 cents more than he now gets for nine hours underground. The present pay for this nine-hour day includes compensation at time and a half for one hour of such activities as traveling to the place of work and eating lunch. Under the new offer Lewis would have to sacrifice the principle of getting such payments. United Mine Workers officials immediately branded the offer unrealistic. While it was not rejected immediately, little doubt was left that it would be turned down eventually. The operators told a news conference that the wage-hour law amendments signed by President Truman two weeks ago, after an avalanche of nearly six billion dollars in portal-to-portal pay suits in the courts, had eliminated the requirement that they pay for any but productive time. Their offer therefore was based on eight hours of productive time at the work face inside the mines. Lewis first obtained the portal-to-portal pay in his 1943 contract, after wartime strikes and a near showdown fight with the late President Roosevelt. His claim was substantiated by the Supreme court in decisions involving miners of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company and the Jewell Ridge Coal company. The coal operators admitted that even if the new statute relieved them of responsibility for continuing the portal-to-portal payments, there was nothing to stop them from agreeing to it in a contract with Lewis. The UMW chief is hardly likely to give it up without



HAL J. LOVE, left, was last night installed as president of the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce by Ed. T. Ellis, of Charlotte, center, president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce. Jesse Sellers, retiring president, is at the right. Officers of the Jaycees, woman's auxiliary, were installed by John G. Redmond, Eastern vice-president of the state Jaycees. (STAFF PHOTO BY BEN MAYNARD.)

## PLIGHT OF JEWS IN EUROPE TOLD

### Dr. Leo Srole, Former UNRRA Director In Germany Urges Help

Unfolding a touching story of the suffering and want of the thousands of displaced persons resident in Europe today, Dr. Leo Srole, author and educator of Chicago, spoke to a large audience at the Famous Grill last night under auspices of the local chapter, United Jewish Appeal. At the conclusion of the meeting which was presided over by Sam Berger, a considerable sum of money was pledged toward the appeal goal. Dr. Srole, who served for many months as UNRRA director at Landsburg, Germany, stressed the plight of Jews in Germany and other European countries and told his audience that their greatest need is food and clothing. He said that one of the most important steps facing the world today is the rehabilitation of the millions of displaced persons. Turning to the children of Europe the speaker pointed out that of the 1,400,000 children resident in one section of Germany at the outset of World War II, only 170,000 now remain. Dr. Srole, who has had a distinguished career in the field of higher learning, rounded out his address with a few personal experiences during his tour of duty with UNRRA in Germany.

## Mother Truman Rests

GRANDVIEW, Mo., June 3—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Wallace Graham, President Truman's personal physician, reported today that the president's ill mother had a "very restful night" and sat up more than an hour today. General Graham said she was alert, took normal nourishment and described herself as feeling "very good." She planned to sit up again this afternoon.

## LEGISLATION APPROVED

WASHINGTON, June 3—(AP)—Legislation freezing the social security tax at the present one per cent on employees' pay and employers' pay-rolls was approved today by a House Ways and Means subcommittee.

## Along The Cape Fear

HOUSING—Housing in New Hanover county, and particularly Wilmington, is going ahead by leaps and bounds. But admittedly it still is behind some sections of the country. Modernization is the crying need at present, realtors will tell you. BUILDING ASSOCIATIONS—As means of bettering housing, there are six building and loan associations in Wilmington at present. That is an increase of one since the beginning of the war. And that one has been of great assistance. It is devoted exclusively to the aid of the former service man returning to find himself without a proper abode for himself and his family. The lack of advance-

## Love Succeeds Sellers In Jaycee Installation

### Retiring President Named "Key Man;" Jayceettes Also Take Over

Hal J. Love, local district manager of the Queen City Coach company, was installed as president of the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce for the 1947-48 term at impressive ceremonies held last night at the Plantation club. Love succeeds Jesse Sellers. The new officers were inducted by Edward T. Ellis, of Charlotte, president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce. Ellis told the new officers that the Wilmington club was "a pattern club for others in the state," as he congratulated the retiring officers for their splendid work during the past year. The officers installed include: Hal J. Love, president; John E. Gilmore, Jr., vice-president; Ed. T. Godwin, Jr., second vice-president; Ed. Ward, secretary; George Chadwick, treasurer, and Woodrow Fountain, corresponding secretary. The retiring officers are Jesse B. Sellers, president; Claude O'Shields, vice-president; Ed. Ward, secretary; Woodrow R. Fountain, treasurer and Hal J. Love, corresponding secretary. John G. Redmond, eastern vice-president of the state Jaycees installed the officers of the Jayceettes; he congratulated the ladies auxiliary for their work during the year and urged them to continue to aid the Junior Chamber in its program for the coming year. Jayceettes installed included; Mrs. Edwin Godwin, president; Mrs. Edward Gilmore, vice-president; Mrs. Wallace I. West, recording secretary; Mrs. James Craig, corresponding secretary and Mrs. LeRoy LeGwin, treasurer. The retiring auxiliary officers are: Mrs. Wallace I. West, president; Mrs. Robert Howard, vice-president; Mrs. Edward Gilmore, recording secretary; Mrs. LeRoy LeGwin, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Jesse Sellers, treasurer. The banquet meeting opened with the entire group singing "America." Archie Fountain acted as toastmaster and the invocation was by Wallace I. West, Music was furnished by Mrs. Key Seales, who played several piano selections. Guests included Miss Louise Verzell, Jack Joyner, Mr. and Mrs. James Barwick, of Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Al G. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. David Bullard of Whiteville; Mr. and Mrs. John H. Farrell, Charles

## GURLEY TO FACE TRIAL THIS TERM

### Former Police Officer Charged With Store-Breaking, Larceny

H. L. Gurley, former police officer charged with larceny, store breaking and receiving, will go to trial during the June term of Superior court opening Monday before Judge Chester Morris. His case was continued from the May term when a second police officer, Roy Grissett, was found guilty and sentenced from seven to ten years in prison. The calendar for the term, listing 43 cases, was released yesterday by August Meyland, clerk of the court. Of the 43 cases, consolidations in at least six in which the same person is charged more than once, likely will cut down the total hearings. Four persons facing murder charges are Leo Gause, J. D. Bondswell, Everlina Williams and J. B. Brown. Other charges on the calendar include assault with a deadly weapon, highway robbery, burglary, driving under the influence of intoxicants, passing worthless checks and non-support.

## BREAK IN POWER DAM FLOODS CITY

### Rutland - Burlington, Vermont Highway Covered By 15-Foot Water Wall

RUTLAND, Vt., June 3—(AP)—Rain-swollen waters broke through the East Pittsford dam early tonight and police and National Guardsmen were called out to evacuate families in the low lying districts at the north end of the city. The waters from the broken power dam stood 11 feet deep on the Rutland-Burlington highway.

## HEAVIEST SINCE '38

MONTPELIER, Vt., June 3—(AP)—The heaviest rains since 1938 lashed northern New England today, flooding important highways in Vermont and interrupting rail transportation here and in neighboring New Hampshire. Vermont rivers, already swollen by the heaviest May rains in 50 years, spilled over flood gates and washed out U. S. Route No. 7 near Rutland and U. S. Route No. 2 in Jonesville and Middlesex.

## By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hundreds of persons fled from lowland homes and transportation arteries were smashed at many points yesterday as heavy rains sent flash floods swirling into communities in Ohio and Northeastern states. The downpours, which ranged up to 4 inches, struck first in Ohio, then surged across northwest Pennsylvania, upstate New York, Vermont and New Hampshire. The steady rains since disastrous floods of 20 years ago battered away bridges, grounded communications lines and washed out roads in the vicinity of Rutland, Vt. The Passumpsic river at St. Johnsbury, Vt., rose 30 inches above normal and threatened to burst out of its banks. Chittenden,

## Truman Veto Held Likely

### House Majority Ample To Override; Senate Might Make It Stick

WASHINGTON, June 3—(AP)—In the voting whereby the Senate approved the \$4,000,000,000 income tax bill and sent it to the House, Senator Hoyer of North Carolina voted for passage. Senator Unstead was announced as paired in favor of passage.

## WASHINGTON, June 3—(AP)—

Congress dispatched the \$4,000,000,000 a year income tax cut to President Truman today—and word circulated that the president is strongly inclined to bounce it back with a veto. One Democratic official on Capitol Hill went so far as to tell reporters that Mr. Truman intends to veto the measure, and will do so unless he has a last-minute change of mind. Others, however, were not so sure. The senate, by a 48 to 28 vote, completed legislative action on the bill which would reduce taxes 10.5 to 30 per cent effective July 1. The House accepted the final draft of the measure yesterday, 220 to 99. Forty-two Republicans and six Democrats voted for the bill in the senate. Twenty-six Democrats and two Republicans, Cooper of Kentucky and Morse of Oregon, opposed it. While the House vote was well over the two-thirds required to override a presidential veto, the senate count fell short of that mark. It was generally concluded at the capitol that Mr. Truman's supporters in the senate could make a veto stick. The White House remained silent on the chance of presidential disapproval. However, all the president's comments on the nation's fiscal situation in recent months have stressed his view that taxes should not be reduced this year, but that any surplus government funds should be applied on the \$258,000,000 public debt. Senator Taft (R-Ohio), however, See TAX BILL on Page Two

## O'BEIRNE CASE TO JURY TODAY

### Instructions From Judge Clawson L. Williams Remain To Be Given

The \$25,000 personal injury suit of Leulla O'Beirne, 28, attractive traveling saleslady will go to the jury today following instructions by Judge Clawson L. Williams. Final arguments by attorneys for the plaintiff and Mrs. Mary E. Parker and C. J. Haggood, defendants, the aftermath of an automobile-truck crash on January 12, 1946, near Warsaw, which resulted in the death of Capt. Lowell N. Douglas, driver of one car, occupied most of yesterday afternoon. Two witnesses in rebuttal for the plaintiff were placed on the stand. They were John O'Beirne, father of the plaintiff, and Miss O'Beirne. The father related a conversation he said he had with J. C. Norrish, operator of the truck. The witness declared that Norrish, employed by Mrs. Parker, defendant, told him after the accident that "the road was slippery and my truck got out of control." Miss O'Beirne testified that she could not remember any incidents following the crash including conversations testified to by the defendant's witnesses. Plaintiff attorneys presented a subpoena to the court calling for the presence of Dr. J. F. Robertson, who, testimony showed had treated Miss O'Beirne following the accident. Dr. Robertson could not be located for service of the subpoena, according to a statement to the court by attorney K. O. Burgwin. During the morning, Norrish, driver of the truck, was on the stand to tell that his car was operated in proper fashion prior to and at the time of the smashup.

## Native Leaders Back Plan To Divide India

NEW DELHI, June 3—(AP)—Britain announced today to India's nearly 400,000,000 people a new plan for independence which probably will mean splitting the vast sub-continent into two huge nations, each of them among the biggest in the world. Indian leaders of the embittered rival factions appealed to the people in broadcasts to support the plan. They assured the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, that under the plan they would proceed with the division of the country into Hinduistan, a Hindu state, and Pakistan, a Moslem nation, and would take over the power from the British as peacefully as they know how. The new plan left the Indians the option of choosing for themselves whether they would be unified or divided. The Indians were told the power would be transferred this year on the basis of dominion status and that the Indians could elect later whether they would remain within the British commonwealth of nations. India's leaders appealed to the people to put an end to the country's violence and bloodshed and to maintain order during the critical period of the transition. They indicated dissatisfaction with the plan but said it was the best available solution to the country's fierce political and religious differences. As they spoke, vast preparations were under way against the possibility of outbreaks by dissenting factions and troublemakers. But relative quiet prevailed. There was no jubilation in evidence over the announcement of the plan. While partitions means the creation of two vast states, in reality and from the point of view of resources, it means creation of one relatively powerful nation—Hinduistan—and one far less powerful, Pakistan. Hinduistan, as well as having the major cities of Calcutta, Madras, Bombay and New Delhi would contain the greatest of India's agricultural and industrial wealth.

## And So To Bed

Judge Winfield Smith and Attorney W. L. Farmer just couldn't agree yesterday in Recorder's court on the cost of supporting a babe-in-arms. They were able to reach an agreement within one dollar of each other. It all came about when Mr. Farmer, represented a father brought into court on a charge of non-support. "Five dollars a week is plenty for the support of the youngster," declared the attorney. "And particularly when you consider this man, my client, is only earning \$18 a week." "That's the old price," said the court. "It's six dollars a week now." Of course, the court had the last say.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS SET ON CRASHES

### Landis Announces Opening June 11 of Probe Into Airline Fatalities

WASHINGTON, June 3—(AP)—Chairman James M. Landis of the Civil Aeronautics board announced today that public hearings will be held in New York June 11 into the first of two tragic airline crashes last week that cost 95 lives. He said the hearing, to convene at 9:30 a. m. EST, will determine the cause of the crash of a United Airlines DC-4 that cracked up with a death toll thus far of 42 while attempting to take off during a rainstorm Thursday night from La Guardia field. Date for hearings of the second crash—on that of Eastern Airlines DC-4 which plummeted 53 persons to death in a swampland near Bainbridge, Md., the following night—is expected to be set tomorrow. Landis said he would take a personal part in the New York hearings and that all interested parties will be heard. These include W. A. Patterson, president of United, officials of the Pratt & Whitney Engine Co., the Hamilton Propeller Co., and David L. Behmke, president of the Air Line Pilots Association (AFL). Investigators and officials of the CAB and Civil Aeronautics authority also will testify. Also present will be six Congressional "watchdogs" who were assigned to the hearing to keep Congress informed. Their reports will determine whether a separate congressional investigation should be held. Five of them are members of the House Interstate Commerce committee who were instructed to sit at the board's hearings and to conduct their own investigation of the crashes if they are dissatisfied with results. The sixth is Carl Dolan of New York who was retained as a special counsel by a Senate Commerce subcommittee after it was given a preliminary review of CAB findings by Landis.

## The Weather

FORECAST: South Carolina—Partly cloudy Wednesday and Thursday, scattered showers. No mountains Thursday afternoon. No change in temperatures. North Carolina—Partly cloudy Wednesday and Thursday, scattered thunder showers in mountains Thursday afternoon. Warmer, cooler Wednesday and Thursday. (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday. TEMPERATURES: Wilmington, 74; 7:30 a. m. 76; 1:30 p. m. 81; 7:30 p. m. 74; Maximum 83; Minimum 68. Near Normal 75. HUMIDITY: Wilmington, 84; 7:30 a. m. 88; 1:30 p. m. 89; 7:30 p. m. 82. PRECIPITATION: Wilmington, 0.00 inch. Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.00 inch. Total since the first of the month 1.28 inches. TIDES FOR TODAY: Wilmington—10:14 a. m. 5:10 a. m. 10:40 p. m. 5:10 p. m. 11:00 a. m. 5:50 a. m. 11:30 p. m. 6:00 a. m. 6:22 p. m. Moonrise 8:01; Sunset 7:20; Moonrise 8:27; Moonset 7:27. Tides missing feet. More WEATHER on Page Two