

Tabor Voters Elect Mayor

W. A. (Al) Williams Wins Spirited Contest Over R. C. Harrellson

Special To The Star  
Tabor City, June 10.—W. A. (Al) Williams was elected mayor of Tabor City today in one of the hottest political races in the history of this Columbus county city. Williams defeated R. C. Harrellson, 320 votes to 199.

Horace Robert, Dewey Stevens and Robert Soles were elected to the positions of city commissioners from a field of several candidates. A record number of voters, 555, turned out to cast their ballots in the municipal election.

Williams, a former member of the county board of education, is an active businessman. He came to Tabor City several years ago as a school teacher and since that time has taken part in many community projects. This was his first entry into local politics.

Former Senator  
Harrellson, the defeated candidate, is a former state senator and served as mayor of Tabor City for eight years. He was a member of the town commissioners and the only member of the governing body to seek re-election.

The large majority for Williams came as a surprise for most of the residents here. Political observers had predicted a close race for the mayoralty.

The complete returns were as follows:  
For mayor: W. A. (Al) Williams, 320; R. C. Harrellson, 199.  
For city commissioner—Horace Robert, 353; Dewey Stevens 286; Robert Soles, 249; Jack Strickland, 183; F. M. Jernigan, 182; E. W. Fournelle, 179, and Dr. S. J. Potts, 87.

To Meet Soon  
The newly-elected officials are expected to meet within a few days to map plans for the installation, which will be held July 1.

ALABAMA MAYOR HALTS LYNCHING

Huntsboro Official Takes Negro, With Rope On Neck, From Crowd

HUNTSBORO, Ala., June 10.—A 19-year-old Negro was rescued by the town mayor and three other white men today from a mob which had the youth hogtied, a rope looped around his neck and which was threatening to lynch him.

The mayor, 48-year-old Hurt Vann, said he persuaded the crowd, growing "larger and louder" by the minute to release the Negro, Jimmy Harris, because "that is the best way—we ought to let the law take its course."

Vann said the Negro had been seized by the mob after a white woman reported he broke into her home and attempted to criminally assault her. Mayor Vann said the woman's screams brought a neighbor who "threw the Negro into the street."

Immediately, he said, a mob gathered, seized the Negro and lashed him with a rope obtained from a nearby truck.

Negro Prostrate  
Mayor Vann, former mayor H. M. Rutherford and his son, Phil, and City Councilman H. T. Ellison arrived at "about 25" white men were beating the Negro with the rope and their fists. The Negro was prostrate, the mayor said.

The crowd, said the mayor, was preparing the lynch the Negro on a tree near the center of this Southeast Alabama town of about 10,000 population.

Mayor Vann said he rushed Harris to a pickup truck and raced out of town. "I knew we wouldn't have a chance if he stayed there," he said.

Outside town, he switched to a private car and sped towards the Russell county seat, Phenix City, 18 miles from Huntsboro, where County Sheriff Ralph Matthews and State Highway Patrolmen placed the Negro in their custody.

Harris was rushed to Phenix City jail and then to the state prison in Montgomery "for his protection."

The Weather  
FORECAST: South and North Carolina—Partly cloudy Wednesday, scattered showers Thursday afternoon and night. Thursday fair and not so warm.

(Eastern Standard Time)  
By U. S. Weather Bureau  
Metropolitan data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday:  
1:30 a. m. 75; 7:30 a. m. 78; 1:30 p. m. 81; 7:30 p. m. 81; Maximum 82; Minimum 74; Mean 78; Normal 76.  
HUMIDITY  
1:30 a. m. 83; 7:30 a. m. 91; 1:30 p. m. 90; 7:30 p. m. 82.  
PRECIPITATION  
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. .00 inches.  
Total since the first of the month 1.24 inches.  
TIDES FOR TODAY  
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)  
Wilmington  
2:46 a. m. 10:21 a. m.  
3:24 p. m. 10:37 p. m.  
Maconboro Inlet  
12:16 a. m. 6:56 a. m.  
12:52 p. m. 7:05 p. m.  
SUNSET  
11:48 a. m. 7:23 p. m.  
MOONSET  
11:48 a. m. 7:23 p. m.  
Rise of Fayetteville, N. C. at 6:40 a. m. Tuesday 5.6 feet.  
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PARADING through the streets of Paris is this Swiss musician. He is carrying a large horn on his shoulder, which resembles a pipe. The parade was witnessed by the president of France, (International)

PENNY POTATOES OFFERED BY U. S.

Agriculture Department Ready To Sell 1947 Surplus At This Price

WASHINGTON, June 10.—(AP)—The Agriculture department informed Congress today it is willing to sell potatoes at one cent a bushel for industrial use to prevent dumping of surplus crops.

The offer was made before the House Food Investigating committee which is checking on the destruction of surplus potatoes acquired under the government's price support program. Some in Alabama were doused with kerosene.

S. R. Smith, chief of the department's fruit and vegetable branch, told the committee disposition of the potatoes is his responsibility. The potatoes were destroyed he said, only after every attempt was made to find a use for them.

"I abhor the destruction of food," he said, "But what can we do?"  
"Wouldn't it be better to let poor people come and get these potatoes instead of putting kerosene on them?" asked Rep. Hoven (R-Iowa).

Smith replied that "this would seem to be the humane thing to do." But, he said that under the special program established by Congress the government is obligated to remove from the market potatoes that will not bring the designated price.

Support Price  
The price cannot be maintained, he contended, by giving away those potatoes to the general public.

Smith said the government might be called upon "at any minute" to take 200 carloads of potatoes in South Carolina. Unless a use can be found for them quickly, he added "There would be no place for them to go but to the dump."

He said the government bought 17,500,000 sacks of Maine potatoes last year of which about 90 per cent were U. S. No. 1 quality.

He listed their disposal as follows: 450,000 sacks to schools and charitable institutions, 600,000 to alcohol, 3,500,000 to export, 4,000 to feed.

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WILMINGTONIANS MOP BROWS AS HEAT WAVE CONTINUES UNABATED

Wilmingtonians looked at the pavement downtown yesterday and wondered if it would fry an egg. It was 92 degrees, according to Weatherman Paul Hess.

But residents of the Port City, while mopping their foreheads, were still faring better than other North Carolinians in the five-day heat wave.

In Charlotte the mercury climbed to 97.8 degrees—a new record for June 10. At Greenville another 97 degrees was recorded. Greensboro tied with Wilmington with 92 degrees and Raleigh was a cool 91.

While weatherman Paul Hess cited the possibility of thunder showers as some relief to the heat, nothing could be promised before Thursday. Then the temperature is expected to drop only slightly.

Weather records show that the 90 degree mark has been hit for the past five days.

BY HOWARD DOBSON  
Associated Press Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, June 10.—(AP)—This may start trouble between North and South Dakota. It's about Sitting Bull.

North Dakota claims his burial place. Rep. Case (R-SD) has introduced a bill saying the famous Sioux chieftain was buried in South Dakota.

BRIGGS COMPANY STRIKE AVERTED

Eleventh-Hour Settlement Averted Dispute Auto Workers' By Union

WILMINGTON, June 10.—(AP)—A strike of 1,000 workers in plants of the Briggs Manufacturing Co. was averted tonight, saving the automobile industry from serious production loss.

The company and the CIO United Auto Workers, who had called a walkout for 10 a. m. tomorrow, reached an agreement assuring continued production of car bodies to the Packard and Chrysler factories.

A Briggs strike ultimately would have forced Packard and Chrysler to quit making passenger cars, idling at least another 30,000 men.

Briggs and the auto union agreed to a two-year contract including the industry's wage increase pattern of an "equivalent" 15 cents an hour and other terms with respect to grievance procedure.

The settlement, achieved in a ten-hour negotiation session on the eve of the scheduled strike, disposed of fears of a major upset in the auto industry's production program.

Already the Ford Motor Co. was in the midst of labor handicaps which today had forced the closing of its assembly lines which turn out the Ford and Mercury cars.

A Briggs strike would have stopped the output of Packards and Chryslers, Dodges, Plymouths and De Sotos. Chrysler manufactures the latter three as well as the Chrysler car.

ROTARIANS HEAR PRICES DEBATED

Three Speakers Tell Clubmen Reductions Now Seen Far Off

Four Rotarians all local business men expressed divergent views on the price outlook in their special fields during the Tuesday luncheon meeting of the Rotary club yesterday.

John Colucci, local lumber man, spoke briefly on the general economic situation, and said he "couldn't see how anyone can expect anything resembling pre-war prices when farm prices are three and one-half times what they were in August of 1939, and other prices are over twice what they were at that same period."

"Pointing out that 'manufacturing costs have gone up in step with prices,' Colucci did not foresee any general price drops in the near future.

"There will be, in the opinion of the experts, not much of a decline in meat prices before the end of the year," said Allen Bradley, who is connected with that business in Wilmington.

"But," said Bradley, "the experts have been wrong many times before, and they could be again. Frankly, there just isn't any way of telling."

William Beery, drygoods merchant, reminded those present at the meeting that "There's a lot more quality in this year's eight dollar hat than there was in one of the same price which you bought last season."

"Although prices in clothes have come down with regard to some items and perhaps have risen slightly in others, you can say, that all in all you are now getting more for your money than you got directly after V-J day," he added.

Gene Edwards, who presided for the length of the program, observed, along with Beery, that recent 10 per cent cuts in prices were not the answer to higher prices.

"The only way," said Edwards, "is to get a lower manufacturing price. The only way to get a lower manufacturing price is to cut costs." Colucci, Bradley and Beery agreed with this unanimously.

"The buyer must get a fair mark up from the manufacturer," said Beery.

He went on to say that consumers need not worry about greed on the part of firms keeping the prices up, "because we have plenty of competition, and that's the best guard you could have."

Guests at the meeting included Raymond Smith, Danville, Va.; W. M. Burton, Muncie, Ind.; Bob Arrowood, Statesville; Ewell Hope, Marietta, Ga.; S. L. Braxton, Whiteville; and Rev. Charles H. Mercer, Rev. Ralph Epps, and David H. Scott, Wilmington.

BODY FOUND ON TRACKS

HICKORY, June 10.—(AP)—The badly-mangled body of William Jeffe Wike, 48, of Hickory, was found on the Southern railway tracks in West Hickory today.

Catawba County Coroner Rex Reynolds, after conducting an investigation, said he believed Wike placed himself in the path of a train and did not call an inquest by jurors.

The weight of authority seems to be on North Dakota's side. The controversy started today when the North Dakota State Historical society noticed Case's bill. It would authorize a national monument near McLaughlin, S. D., to encompass "the grave where the Sioux leader lies buried."

What does he mean, the North Dakota state?

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B. H. Marshall New Director

Housing Authority Names Comptroller To Succeed H. R. Emory June 15

B. H. Marshall, Jr. will assume the duties of the executive director of the Wilmington Housing authority on June 15 to succeed H. R. Emory whose resignation was accepted yesterday afternoon by the board of commissioners of the authority, effective on that date.

Harry Solomon, chairman of the board, said last night that the authority felt that Emory "had done an outstanding job" and that they "regretted to see him leave."

He also said that, in appointing Marshall to fill the vacancy, the authority felt that he is "extremely well qualified to take over the position, due to his experience with Federal housing and the work of the authority."

Marshall has been comptroller of the authority for the past several years and is very familiar with the work of the group it was pointed out.

No successor to Marshall as comptroller was named. Solomon said, as the board felt that "with the gradual elimination of the work of the executive director and the comptroller may be consolidated."

Therefore, Marshall, as director, will continue to perform some of his old duties as comptroller.

C. E. Sonderman, general manager of Maffitt Village, also presented his resignation to the board yesterday afternoon. He and Emory are going into private business, having bought Brookme Wood Products, Inc., Castle Hayne.

No successor to Sonderman was appointed, Solomon said, as his work probably will be designated to several project managers. The details of the new set up will be worked out within the next few weeks, he said.

1947 WHEAT CROP TO TOP RECORDS

North Carolina Estimate Placed At 7,953,000 Bushels For Year

WASHINGTON, June 10.—(AP)—The Agriculture department reported today that the indicated production of all wheat this year is 1,409,800,000 bushels, the largest of record.

This forecast compares with 1,275,000,000 indicated a month ago, with last year's record crop of 1,153,715,000 and with a 10-year average of 843,692,000.

Crops for which forecasts were given included:  
Peaches 89,183,000 bushels compared with 86,643,000 last year and 63,930,000 for the 10-year average.

The indicated acreage of winter wheat to be harvested, the yield per acre, and the indicated production, respectively, by major producing states included:  
North Carolina 482,000 acres; 16.5 bushels per acre and 7,953,000 bushels production; South Carolina 225,000; 15.5 and 3,488,000.

The indicated production of other crops by states included:  
Oats  
North Carolina 12,029,000 bushels; South Carolina 18,472,000.  
Wheat  
North Carolina 3,383,000 bushels; South Carolina 6,942,000.

During the afternoon a picnic and fishing are listed on the program. Thursday, the final day, a short business session will be held. The convention will wind up its affairs about noon.

Hooch Huckster Hides 'Wares' In His Boots

DUNN, June 10.—(AP)—Edger Ivey, arrested by Deputy Sheriff B. E. Sturgill in what he described as "one of the most unusual raids I ever made," was under \$1,000 bond today awaiting trial for the second time within two weeks on whiskey charges.

Sturgill said he found the following at Ivey's home on the Henderson road:  
Fifty-two half-gallon jars of whiskey, part of a still not in operation, a jar of whiskey under Ivey's pillow, another in his boots, three jars in the woodpile, 11 jars hidden in the weeds, and 36 others buried behind the hogpen.

Two weeks ago Sturgill arrested Ivey with 28 half-gallons of hooch. He was given two years suspended sentence on the roads and fined \$100 and costs after he swore he was through with whiskey.

Ivey met his bond today and is to appear in Dunn Recorder's court Thursday.

Along The Cape Fear

U. S. GOES TO WAR—As war for this country approached, the North Carolina Shipbuilding company in its five years of vessel construction, pushed its program.

Dramatically, on December 6, 1941, only a few hours before the Japs pulled their sneak attack on Pearl Harbor which was to plunge this nation into war, the first of the Liberty ships was launched at the Wilmington yard. It was the S. S. "Zebulon B. Vance," named in honor of North Carolina's regent construction period governor.

The vessel was christened by Mrs. J. Meville Broughton of Raleigh, then the state's first lady. After extensive service as a freighter, this ship was converted into an army hospital ship. It was renamed the S. S. John J. Meany, and its home port was Charleston, S. C.

At the present, this ship has been transferred to the army transportation corps. It is engaged in bringing British and other war brides to this country.

COMPANY GETS MORE CONTRACTS—With this nation in the war Uncle Sam once more called upon the shipbuilding industry. To that call the North Carolina company responded in January 1942 by accepting a contract for the erection of 53 additional ships. That latest assignment of Liberty vessels, said the government, must be completed by January 29, 1944.

Again it was necessary to expand the yard and its equipment. Eighty more acres of land were purchased. Large fabrication shops were built. A full-scale mold loft was erected.



HERE IS AN AIRVIEW OF FLOODED QUINCY, ILL., with its stockyards and railroad yards, after the mighty Mississippi River reached an all-time crest of 23.6 feet and threatened a major flood along the entire valley. Only the roofs of some of the buildings are above the water, which has started to cover the railroad tracks. The flood waters swept away homes, broke levees, and ruined farm crops. (International Soundphoto.)

MILLIONS LOANED TO N. C. FARMERS

Production Credit Directors Hear Address, Reports At Convention

Representatives of 31 production credit associations in North Carolina opened their annual three-day conference yesterday afternoon at Wrightsville Beach and heard Dr. G. W. Forster, head of the Agricultural Economics department of State College, emphasize the importance of the economic situation in relation to agriculture and how agriculture was affected by the war.

Dr. Forster's speech followed opening remarks by Julian H. Scarborough, president of the Corporation, in which he said that 21 million dollars were loaned to State farmers since Jan. 1.

Scarborough noted that 23,000 people in the State were members of the PCA. He said that the PCA program whereby farmers can borrow \$50 to \$80,000 for their short-term crops such as tobacco and cotton, has been approved by all members.

Loans Increase  
Money loaned this year has increased 20 per cent and membership has increased 10 per cent, the Corporation president said.

A panel discussion followed Forster's talk. This was led by S. C. Lattimore, vice president of the non-profit corporation.

Last night the 129 directors and secretaries held no special sessions. The evening was spent in recreation.

At 9 a. m. today Dr. L. D. Baver, dean and director of the State College of Agriculture will speak on "What's New in North Carolina Agriculture."

After this session the representatives will hear George Burnette, treasurer of the Corporation, discuss association ownership.

During the afternoon a picnic and fishing are listed on the program. Thursday, the final day, a short business session will be held. The convention will wind up its affairs about noon.

Retail Meat Prices Hit Record Levels

Steak Sells As High As \$1.20 Pound At Scranton; Packers Puzzled

NEW YORK, June 10.—(AP)—Rapid advances in retail meat prices, in some cases to record high levels, were reported today from many sections of the country.

Explanations for the rise ranged from heavy foreign purchases to higher feed costs. Some packers said frankly they were puzzled by the sharp increase in retail prices.

In the Scranton, Pa., area a large independent market sold steak between \$1 and \$1.25 a pound compared with 80 cents six months ago. A chain store sold steak at 87 to 92 cents, compared with 70 to 75 cents six months ago.

In New York the housewife paid between 72 to 90 cents for top grades of steak and some dealers predicted the price would soar to \$1 by the weekend.

Kansas City reported most beef cuts up 5 cents a pound over last week with sirloin at 49 to 70 cents. T-bone at 73 and ground beef at 39.

Up Five Per Cent  
A leading chain store operating on a national basis said its meat prices on the average had advanced 5 to 6 percent in the last two months. The chain declined to be identified.

Philadelphia meat interests said shortages, which caught meat dealers completely off guard, drove prices to the highest on record. Increases of 8 to 11 cents a pound over a week ago were noted at the retail level.

In Chicago, the Department of Agriculture reported wholesale prices of meat had risen 5 to 10 percent since the start of the year.

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WAREHOUSE GROUP RENAMES ROYSTER

Bright Belt Association Honors Henderson Man For Third Time

MYRTLE BEACH, S. C., June 10.—(AP)—J. E. Thigpen, assistant director of the Agriculture department's tobacco branch, today recommended that the Bright Belt Warehouse association throw its support behind a suggested plan of market openings designed to assure "orderly marketing."

Thigpen was one of the speakers at the annual meeting of the group which represents five blue-cured tobacco belts. He spoke after the group had re-elected Fred S. Royster of Henderson, N. C., president for a third successive term.

Thigpen recommended that the Georgia and Florida markets be opened early, preferably before July 22, to speed the movement of this tobacco through redrying plants before the heavy volume of sales begins in later belts.

Market Openings  
Border markets in South and North Carolina should be opened as early as practical, he said, adding that limitations should be placed upon the volume of sales beginning with the opening of the Eastern North Carolina belt to prevent overloading of redrying plants.

Old belt markets in North Carolina and Virginia, Thigpen declared, should not be opened before heavy sales are completed in the border belt.

Officers named with Royster included W. Wesley Singletary, Lake City, vice president; Guy E. Barnes, Jr., Rocky Mount, N. C., secretary treasurer; J. C. Eagles, Wilson, N. C., chairman, board of governors.

The department store belt that is getting their money.  
Badly wanted items are butter, eggs, ham, and bacon—which go into the Elizabeth's ice boxes for the trip home—dresses, coats, stockings and lingerie for the wives, and candy for the kids.

But lard is the item most in demand. Says Steward Owen J. Murphy: "You can't cook the other stuff without it."

NEW YORK, June 10.—(AP)—The 1284 sailors from the Queen Elizabeth are spending about \$25,000 a month in New York, but not in Broadway's bright lights.

They hit the pier armed not with the tar's traditional thirst, but with the shopping lists of the housewives of Southampton, ship's officers said today. And it's the food stores of Ninth avenue and

SUC Gets ACL Train Brief

Company Files Application For Right To Discontinue Passenger Run

RALEIGH, June 10.—(AP)—The Atlantic Coast Line application for permission to remove one of its two daily passenger runs between Wilmington and Norfolk, the subject of protests for nearly two weeks, arrived today at the State Utilities Commission.

ACL General Superintendent F. B. Langley of the ACL's Savannah, Ga., division offices asked the commission to set the application for hearing at the earliest possible date, explaining that the railroad was losing heavily on the two trains, numbers 47 and 48.

Objections to the proposed passenger train curtailment have been pouring into the Utilities commission from communities along the route since the ACL posted public notice of its plan in wayside stations last month.

SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR URGES RATE SPEED UP  
WASHINGTON, June 10.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce commission was asked today to complete the equalization of freight rates between the South and the rest of the country.

Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina told a reporter he urged ICC officials at a conference today to finish the job begun with the ICC order to raise class railroad rates ten per cent North and East and lower them ten per cent South and West of the Rockies.

The supreme court last month upheld the ICC order by a 7 to 2 decision.

Thurmond said the ICC order was "but a step in the direction of equalization of freight rates."

"I asked ICC to make immediate investigation so that we can see if hearings should be held now or after further study of the unjust situation," he said.

"We must keep going to give southern industry a fair chance."

ROUSING WELCOME ACCORDED TRUMAN

Thousands Of Canadians Widely Cheer President, Family At Ottawa

OTTAWA, June 10.—(AP)—President Truman arrived at 3:30 p. m. Eastern Daylight Time today to begin a three-day good will visit to this capital, the first such state visit by a United States President in the history of the two neighbors.

Accompanied by Mrs. Truman and their daughter, Margaret, the President arrived aboard a special train from Washington which pulled to a slow stop at a temporary station erected at the spot where the Canadian National railway tracks intersect picturesque Island Park Drive, on the city's outskirts.

The sun broke through an overcast sky and a roar of spontaneous greeting went up from a closely packed throng as Mr. Truman and his wife and daughter alighted and received warm handshakes from Governor General Viscount Alexander and Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King.

From then on until the United States' first family was taken to the government house to rest for tonight's state dinner and reception, their tour through the city was a happy, cheering, holiday affair.

Half Holiday  
Civil service workers and school children had been given the afternoon off to enable them to participate in the reception.

The highlight of the visit will be Mr. Truman's address to the Canadian parliament at 10:45 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time) tomorrow when he will call the world's attention to the example in friendly relations set by the United States and its neighbor to the North.

The welcome started several hours before the 11-car Presidential train moved into the Ottawa siding at 2:30 p. m., when the American party arrived at the border at Rouses Point, N. Y.

There, standing on the observation platform of his private car, 600 yards south of the line, the President smilingly agreed to

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And So To Bed

All of you folk who have followed the morning quips of the "And So To Bed Editor" will be pleased to know the tales are being turned today.

Fifteen years ago tonight at eight o'clock he was playing baseball on a team known as Myer's Scouts, a fast semi-pro outfit, coached and managed by the Rev. C. C. Myers.

At that hour he was supposed to have been standing before a preacher with his best girl. He was on third base, the other was at bat. He suddenly remembered what he had pledged himself not to forget.

With the game at that crucial stage, he went tearing across the field like something gone stark mad, jumped into a Ford roadster, which already had gained fame for like trips to South Carolina—and kept his date.

If you haven't guessed it, he was almost on the threshold of a worse predicament last night when he suddenly remembered what June 11th was.

And so to bed.