

WEATHER

Wilmington and vicinity—Cloudy with occasional light showers today, tonight and Sunday morning, followed by clearing around noon. Low temperature yesterday 72, high tomorrow 85. Moderate south winds becoming northerly Sunday afternoon.

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SECTION A—PRICE TEN CENTS

BACK IN '11 VETS COULD BE BOYS OF '41'

American Legion Lads Who Served in Pacific Jungles Refuse to Let the Boys From the French Trenches Argue Them Down

The men who broke the Hindenberg Line and took the beach at Anzio and Mt. Surabchi took the damp weather in easy stride yesterday as they flocked to Carolina Beach for the opening of the North Carolina state American Legion convention.

Most of Saturday was occupied with registration and antics of the Society of 40 and 8, highlighted by the famous 40 and 8 engine. The convention was conducted the non-Veterans at 4:30 p.m. yesterday in the town auditorium and ended a banquet at 8 p.m. at the Ocean Plaza, where they heard the speech of welcome made by Charlie Foard, Chief of State, and the speech of welcome made by Charlie Foard, Chief of State, Voltaire 245.

Here at this pleasure studded beach resort in the eastern North Carolina, far from the scenes of World War I battlefields, ex-doughboys of '18 swapped stories with boys of '45 for the first time at a North Carolina state convention.

"You youngsters don't know what war is," joked one old-timer. "You boys in '18 we walloped around in muddy trenches, and you boys rode in style in airplanes, tanks and landing boats."

"If that so?" sneered an ex-Marine just out of uniform. "We went through jungles and deserts for five years, not one and a half on a European pleasure tour."

And so it went a constant stream of chatter was heard up and down the boardwalk yesterday as the boys of both wars, donned with blue caps and cans, ribbed the daylight out of each other with stories of their battle feats.

Beach police reported an "extremely orderly" crowd with no incidents up to 7 p.m. last night. Forty military police from Camp Lejeune, 15 special constables and several highway patrolmen were scheduled to be on hand during the convention.

Registration was somewhat (Continued on Page 2; Column 7)

GOV. CHERRY SENDS LETTER HONORING 1775 WAR HEROES

RALEIGH, June 14—(AP)—Gov. Gregg Cherry today sent North Carolina's greetings to Nashville, Tenn., where local officials planned to dedicate flag poles to the 1775 Revolutionary War heroes for whom the community is named.

Nashville took its name from Gen. Francis Nash and Davidson county, where the Tennessee capital is located, from Gen. William Davidson.

Davidson died fighting the British at Cowan's Ford and Nash was killed at Germantown.

The flag poles were given by the Tennessee Historical Commission and were to be placed on the Courthouse Square in Nashville.

BISHOP'S DAUGHTER WEDS

NEW YORK, June 14—(AP)—Miss Ruth Oxnam, daughter of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Methodist area and Mrs. Oxnam, became the bride today of Robert McCormack, also of New York city.

The Weather

FOR WILMINGTON AND VICINITY: Cloudy with occasional rains this morning, clearing around noon. (Continued on Page 2; Column 7)

Table with columns for High, Low, Precipitation, and other weather data for various locations.

Big Invasion Of Carolina Beach All Set

Weather Will Be Fair With Moderate Temperature, Is Prediction

JUST LIKE ANZIO Paratroopers, Helicopters, Air-Borne Marines A Part Of Program

One of the greatest displays of peacetime military might along the South Atlantic coast, if not the greatest along the eastern coast, will be demonstrated at Carolina Beach tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Members of the armed services will participate in a mock invasion highlighting activities of the four-day state convention of the 40 and 8, American Legion and Legion Auxiliary.

Paul Hess, Wilmington weatherman, has promised fair weather and moderate temperatures.

Legion delegates will be reminded of the real thing, it was said last night, as plans for the show revealed the action would closely resemble that faced by troops in the taking of islands in the Pacific.

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TRUMAN TO STATE TAX STAND MONDAY

Will Send Congress Message Either Way He Acts

WASHINGTON, June 14—(AP)—The White House announced today that President Truman will act "sometimes Monday" on the tax reduction bill.

He will send a message to Congress, a secretary said, regardless of whether he vetoes or signs the measure.

Mr. Truman has until Monday midnight to act. Unless he acts by then, the bill automatically will become law.

Eben Ayers, assistant press secretary, told reporters about the President's plans to send a message that was muffled as to what it will say.

Ayers said communications received by the White House on the labor bill, on which the President must act by June 20, have now exceeded the half million mark. There are 140,000 letters, 460,000 cards, and 20,000 telegrams.

PALESTINE INQUIRY GROUP LAND THERE

Within Five Hours An Explosion Is Reported

JERUSALEM, June 14—(AP)—The first members of the United Nations special commission on Palestine arrived today amid rising speculation that its ultimate recommendations may bring partition but not peace to the Holy Land.

Justice E. M. I. Sandstrom of Sweden, commission chairman, said upon his arrival at Lydda air-drome that the group will tour Palestine prior to opening the inquiry "in order to acquaint ourselves with the country."

The commission will hold a plenary session on Monday, then adjourn for the tour.

Sandstrom emphasized that despite the Arab boycott of the commission its members will tour both Arab and Jewish sections "because we want a full picture of the situation despite the Arab intention to withhold their cooperation."

JERUSALEM, June 14—(AP)—General alarm sirens sounded throughout Jerusalem tonight, just five hours after the arrival of four members of the United Nations Palestine investigation commission.

First reports said there had been an explosion in the Mea Shearim area, an all-Jewish quarter of the city.

Large Staff Of Starters Register In Soap Box Derby

With a total of 17 entries already on file at Soap Box Derby headquarters, interest in the greatest amateur racing event in the world for boys 11 to 15 years of age inclusive, which will be run over Derby Downs here on Wednesday, July 30, interest in the event is growing hourly.

While the entry blanks received to date include the names of several boys who competed in the initial race in Wilmington last year, about 50 per cent of the total are newcomers to Derby competition.

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Gubernatorial Salute

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNORS OFFICE RALEIGH

June 11, 1947

Mr. R. B. Page, Publisher The Star-News Wilmington, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Page: It is with pleasure that I congratulate your newspaper on this edition honoring the heroes of America's two most dreadful wars.

It is a matter of pride to me to realize that we have in North Carolina a resort community capable of playing host to 20,000 persons — which I am told is the largest gathering ever held in this state.

It must also be a matter of pride to those in your area to have the excellent services given by the Wilmington press, one instance of such service being this special and informative edition.

Cordially yours R. Gregg Cherry

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GOVERNOR R. GREGG CHERRY, himself a Legion member and the first member of the organization to become governor, took time out from his busy routine at Raleigh to write this official salute to the Legion, the Wilmington report area and the press.

Mecklenburg County Votes Wet First Time Since 1908

CHARLOTTE, June 14—(AP)—Mecklenburg county today voted to establish ABC stores.

With only two of the total 64 boxes unreported, the unofficial vote was: For—15,938. Against—12,332.

The remaining two boxes could not change the vote, but might alter the majority.

Mecklenburg becomes the first county in western North Carolina ever to vote to establish the state controlled beverage stores.

The county has been legally dry since 1908.

ABC referendums are scheduled in Hickory and Asheville later this year. Rowan county recently voted against the stores.

LUMBERTON JURY TO ACT ON SLAYING

Mrs. Mary Miller Bill Awaits Action

LUMBERTON, June 14—(AP)—A Robeson county grand jury Monday will consider a bill charging that Mrs. Mary Ellen Curran Miller, 24, hired Fred Wiggins, 24, a Negro hand on her father's farm, to shoot her husband as he lay sleeping and make it look like suicide.

David Miller, 27, was shot at his home in nearby Rowland Sunday morning, May 11. He has been discharged from a hospital here.

His wife has been released in \$15,000 bond furnished by her father, and is now reported in an Asheville sanatorium. Wiggins, unable to raise the same amount, has been in Robeson county jail here.

If a true bill is found, the trial is scheduled to start Wednesday before Judge Walter J. Bone of Nashville and a Superior Court grand jury.

Dads To Strike Sunday—Unless Breakfast In Bed

BROKEN ARROW, Okla., June 14—(AP)—Male parents of Broken Arrow threatened today to "strike" tomorrow, Father's Day, unless they are served breakfast in bed as a sign their families have accepted a set of demands.

STATE BIRTHS SET ALL TIME RECORD

28,892 Infants Arrive During First Three Months

RALEIGH, June 14—(AP)—Babies were born at a rate unprecedented in North Carolina history during the first three months of 1947, the State Health Department reported today.

A total of 28,892 births were recorded during the first three months of the year as compared with 21,299 in the same period of last year.

During the first three months of 1947, deaths from all causes totaled 7,715, a decline of 233 from the same period in 1946. Heart disease continued to be the greatest killer with 1,843 deaths reported, but this was a decline of 118 from the same period of last year. Cancer deaths increased from 623 to 635, tuberculosis dropped from 279 to 221, influenza decreased from 201 to 96, pneumonia from 533 to 430, and nephritis from 860 to 666.

There were no deaths from malaria, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, one from polio, 10 from diphtheria and 10 from meningitis.

TRUMAN TAKES HAND IN FATAL PLANE ACCIDENTS

LABOR BILL WILL BAR A FREE PRESS

Sen. O'Mahoney Cites Reasons For Charge By Him

WASHINGTON, June 14—(AP)—Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) declared tonight a "sleeper" clause in the Taft-Hartley labor bill would bar most newspapers from commenting on the 1948 presidential campaign.

He said in an interview that "I think the thing is unconstitutional, but it illustrates the careless manner in which this bill has been drafted."

The drafters of the measure, now on President Truman's desk for approval or veto next week, apparently went much further than they intended to go by using loose and indefinite language, O'Mahoney said.

"The sponsors of this legislation, in shooting at labor organizations, have found many victims they had no intention of including," he said.

He cited a section which Chairman Taft (R-Ohio) of the Senate Labor committee said is designed to prohibit unions from making political contributions or spending union funds to publish comments on political campaigns.

O'Mahoney declared that the language of this section covers all corporations, including those which publish regular newspapers or magazines.

He said it also would prevent news services from sending men to cover political conventions.

What is prohibited to labor organizations is also prohibited to any corporation whatever, he said.

"Therefore if a labor organization is prohibited from making an expenditure to publish political views in any newspaper or bulletin, any corporation whatever is likewise prohibited from making such an expenditure," he continued.

The section O'Mahoney cited reads in part: "It is unlawful for any corporation whatever, or any labor organization, to make any expenditure to publish political views in any newspaper or bulletin, any corporation whatever is likewise prohibited from making such an expenditure."

DISGUISED COPS CAPTURE SUSPECT

Had Picked Up Bag Supposed To Contain Ransom Money

DETROIT, June 14—(AP)—Detroit police and detectives, dressed as street cleaners, truck drivers and toy balloon salesmen, today captured a suspect in an attempted \$3,000 extortion or ransom plot against Mrs. Marie Schweitzer, Saratoga General hospital kitchen employee.

The trap was set at a northeast Detroit intersection after Mrs. Schweitzer had received three letters demanding she place \$3,000 in small bills against a fence near Mt. Olivet cemetery.

The money was for the return of her 19-year-old son, Richard, a Hudson Motor Car company employee who disappeared from his rooming house May 23.

Inspector Joseph Krug of the police special investigation squad, who refused to reveal the name of the suspect, disclosed that a similar trap was set last Saturday. But a man seen loitering near the cemetery fence disappeared and no arrest was made.

The plot was repeated this afternoon. Detectives Lawrence Bleach and Jesse Stewart, wearing soiled working clothes, drove a truck to the corner where Mrs. Schweitzer had been told to leave the ransom money and pretended the vehicle had broken down.

Two other teams of officers watched from a nearby house and a hidden automobile.

When each of the disguised policemen had taken his post, Mrs. Schweitzer was driven to the intersection by a Policewoman in a car with out-of-state license.

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President Conducts Two Conference With Landis

Graphic Eye-Witness Account of Latest Crash On Virginia, West Virginia Border Told, Ross Urges Grounding of DC-4's

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14—(UP)—President Truman tonight took a hand in the mounting fatal DC-4 reconvered airplane crashes.

He directed that an assistant, John Steelman, presidential aid, confer with James Landis, head of CAA. The two met twice and after the meeting Landis said:

"I do not think we will have to ground all of the DC-4's."

Meanwhile, it was reported from the scene of the fatal crash of an airliner on the Virginia, West Virginia border in which 50 were killed, that the rescue party was finding the going tough.

Ground parties had to toll through mud and underbrush for weary hours to reach the scene of the crash, just across the border in West Virginia, after the wreckage had been located from the air.

YADKIN RIVER OVERFLOW EASES

Lowlands Flooded Saturday Afternoon For 40 Miles

NORTH WILKESBORO, June 14—(AP)—The Yadkin river was slowly subsiding tonight after an 8.51 inch overnight cloudburst had sent the stream to the 20 foot stage, eight feet over bankful, flooding corn and hay bottomlands, closing some highways and for a time threatening homes.

The rain stopped shortly after noon and the river went down six inches in the next two hours and was still dropping tonight. Lowlands were flooded for some 40 miles, from the Lenoir vicinity to beyond Elkin.

Reports tonight were that there was no evacuation of homes, and the North Wilkesboro equipment garage of the state highway department said that all roads in the vicinity were open again with exception of the Wilkesboro-Oakwood road, where an abutment was washed out over Cub creek.

Estimate of financial damage waited full withdrawal of the floodwaters.

The flood came a few days after a House Appropriations sub-committee had concluded hearings in Washington on a \$7,000,000 project involving flood control on the river. Two dams would be built on the Yadkin and two on the Reddies river tributary. Nine lives were lost when the river reached 37 feet in 1940.

OTTUMWA, Ia., June 14—(AP)—The flood-swollen Des Moines river increased its rate of rise here today as relief officials in this city of 32,000 countered with a stepped-up tempo of advance preparations designed to hold the damage below the extent of last week-end's disaster.

The river, after inundating thousands of acres of farm land and some communities upstream, started to rise here at the rate of a half foot an hour. At 1 p.m. (CST) the reading was 13.59 feet; flood stage is 9 feet.

DEMAND EXPOSE RED, NAZI PACT

Sen. Ferguson Calls For Publishing Of Hush-Hush Notes

WASHINGTON, June 14—(AP)—Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) called upon the State Department today for speedy publication of the hush-hush Molotov-Ribbentrop papers so the public may "have the facts."

Nazi documents detailing the conversations Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov of Russia had with Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German foreign minister, leading up to the non-aggression pact between their countries in 1939 have been captured.

The United States and Britain agreed last December to publish jointly these and other captured documents outlining the Nazi foreign policy from 1937 to 1941, and last month it was agreed that France would participate. But no

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U.S., Britain Approve Cotton Imports As Aid To Germany

BERLIN, June 14—(AP)—The United States and British military governments today approved in principle an agreement for importation of American cotton—believed to be the initiation of private financing to provide raw materials imports for postwar Germany.

A joint British-American announcement said the agreement—result of several weeks' negotiations between military officials and U. S. financial and textile experts—still was subject to an AMG legal opinion and signatures of agencies involved.

The announcement said the agreement set up necessary machinery for financing the revival of the cotton textile industry in the economically merged U. S.-British zones "by methods as close to normalcy as existing conditions allow."

It is regarded as a pattern for agreements which may be negotiated in the future to import other commodities needful to place the two zones on a self-sufficient basis.

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CHILD GIVEN BLOOD BY PASSING OFFICER LEAVES HOSPITAL

Faye Wells, 18 months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wells, Burgaw was released from the James Walker Memorial hospital yesterday.

Ill for weeks with typhoid fever and suffering her second attack a week ago, attendants at the hospital sent a call over the radio for a special type blood. An Army officer, Maj. Donald E. Sowie, traveling to Washington from a Florida vacation heard the call, had the right type blood and donated a pint, enough for two transfusions.

Yesterday Faye's father and grandmother came for her and carried her home, cured out of danger, according to her doctor, Dr. A. McR. Crouch, Sr.

UNCONSCIOUS SAILOR FIGHTS FOR HIS LIFE

Mystery at a late hour last night surrounded the unconscious form of a sailor fighting for his life at James Walker Memorial hospital.

While the man, identified as H. Eggen, boatswain's mate, received treatment for a six-inch gash in his head, authorities were endeavoring to piece together events leading to his injury.

According to reports he was attacked at Carolina Beach.

FIRST COTTON BLOOM REPORTED

The first cotton bloom of the year reported to the Star-News was brought in last night by Haynes High, of 704 South Fourth street. The bloom, which ordinarily opens about July 1, was picked from High's farm at Freeman.

GEN. ROOSEVELT DECORATED

WASHINGTON, June 14—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt today received the Legion of Honor in the rank of Chevalier and the Croix De Guerre with Palm from the French government for "outstanding services in North Africa in 1943."