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## Dredge Bucks Heavy Storm

### Gigantic Waves Bend Steel Blinds On Vessel While Enroute Here

**BY SUE MARSHALL**  
**Star Staff Writer**

The giant pipe-line dredge, G. A. McWilliams and her 18-man crew made port here safely yesterday afternoon after weathering a storm off the coast of Florida which threatened the lives of all on board and warped 5-8 inch steel plates.

Captain J. W. Eagleston, skipper of the McWilliams, said that the seas were so rough on Sunday night that he "wouldn't have given a dime for all our lives."

The largest dredge ever to work on the Cape Fear River, the McWilliams, owned and operated by the McWilliams Dredging Company of New Orleans, is scheduled to begin the actual work of deepening the Cape Fear River channel to 32 feet within the next week.

The dredge ran into the storm just before they reached Jacksonville, Fla., but the worst of it came on Sunday night, with the waves breaking over the top of the five-deck vessel, and the pumps and all hands aboard working all night to keep from being drowned out.

It was then that the 5-8 inch steel blinds, placed over the windows when the dredge goes to sea, were bent "six or eight inches" by the force of the lashing waves.

The crew was forced to weld the steel blinds to the side of the vessel and the cracks around the doors to keep the dredge from sinking.

Everything on the dredge had to be tied down to keep it from washing away, he said, and most of the crew members had put on life preservers. Some put on two preservers, he added.

The dredge and her crew reached Jacksonville about 11 a. m. on Monday, he said and were forced to lay over there for 24 hours, making her a day late in arriving here to begin work on the Cape Fear.

**Eleven-Day Trip**  
 During the storm he said they lost two of the motors which furnished power.

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## ABC CONVENTION OPENS AT BEACH

### White Addresses Delegates; Officers To Be Elected Today

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, June 27.—Mayor E. L. White of Wilmington last night told delegates attending the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners convention here at the Ocean Terrace Hotel that the recent election in Mecklenburg, which added that county to the other "wet" counties in the State, was a "step in the right direction."

Mayor White spoke at the banquet which followed registration yesterday, the first day of the two-day convention.

All counties should have control of alcohol sales inasmuch as it is an accepted fact that people will continue to consume quantities of whiskey, he said. The control of city and county, the Wilmington mayor said.

He introduced the two representatives of the ABC from Mecklenburg County.

At tables decorated with four flowers, Ed Harding of Washington, humorist, provided entertainment for the banquet.

The only business session during the predominantly social convention will be at 1 a. m. today. Five new board members and new officers will be elected at this time. J. T. Malone, Fayetteville, is president.

Other officers are E. C. Daniel, S. Zabolon, vice president and H. S. Gibbs, Morehead City, secretary-treasurer.

The officers plus two directors, James O. Cobb, Durham, deceased, and R. L. Corbett of Mecklenburg, form the executive committee.

Some 100 persons are attending the convention including delegates, guests and representatives of distilleries. Most of the 26 wet counties in the state are represented.

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**By The Associated Press**

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"I thought surely nothing could travel so fast," Mrs. Elma Shingler said.

## Along The Cape Fear

### LOCKWOOD'S FOLLY

Ever hear of old man Lockwood? He built a boat and got an inlet named after him, according to legends which persist today.

Recently Lockwood's Folly inlet, located near Supply, just south of Southport, figured in newspaper accounts of yachts colliding with a sunken pulpwood barge which sunk in the waterway near the inlet.

While it may continue to make history with things marine, the legends are much more colorful. Some variations in the tales told about Lockwood occur when they are heard from several pairs of lips but generally the theme is the same.

All the legends insist that Lockwood picked an inlet near Southport, then Smithville, to build a boat. Apparently he had an aversion to constructing a vessel near any habitation. Nevertheless he laid the keel and in the following weeks a craft larger than most of the vessels peculiar to that section of the country, took shape.

**ERROR IN PLANNING**—But somewhere along the way Lockwood erred. Either he was unfamiliar to the inlet, its tides and depth, or he reckoned without the draught of his boat. For when he launched it he found that the inlet was too shallow to float the vessel to the waterway and the ocean.

Another version of the legend contends the inlet floated the craft "property" but that the superstructure towered above a low-lying bridge across the course Lockwood must travel.

Anyway, both tales end with Lockwood's boat lying in the inlet rotting, destined never to make her maiden voyage.

The folk in that section of the country heard of Lockwood's misfortune and soon dubbed the incident, "Lockwood's Folly." And to this day the inlet bears the name Lockwood's Folly Inlet.

**ANOTHER STORY**—James Sprunt, who years ago wrote a book, "Chronicles of the Cape Fear River", has a different version of the naming of the inlet.

His volume traces the history of Lockwood's Folly Inlet back to 1692 when a pirate named Lockwood erred. Either he was un-

## The Weather

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 South Carolina and North Carolina: Partly cloudy and widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms Friday and Saturday; warmer Friday and continued rather hot Saturday. (Eastern Standard Time)

**TEMPERATURES**  
 Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday:  
 1:30 a. m. 72; 7:30 a. m. 76; 1:30 p. m. 72; 7:30 p. m. 74; Maximum 78; Minimum 71; Mean 74; Normal 78.

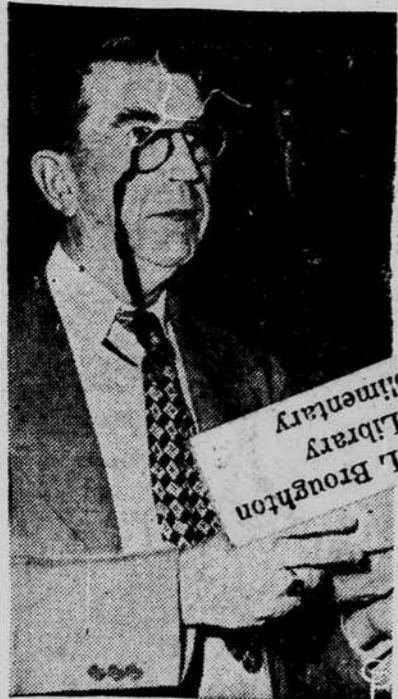
**HUMIDITY**  
 1:30 a. m. 95; 7:30 a. m. 89; 1:30 p. m. 87; 7:30 p. m. 86.

**PRECIPITATION**  
 Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 1.02 inches.  
 Total since the first of the month 6.28 inches.

**TIDES FOR TODAY**  
 (From The Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

**HIGH LOW**

Wilmington 4:55 a. m. 12:02 a. m.  
 Masonboro Inlet 2:53 a. m. 9:08 a. m.  
 1:30 a. m. 9:38 p. m.  
 Sunrise 5:52; Sunset 7:27; Moonrise 1:23; Moonset 1:15.  
 River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 9 a. m. Thursday 9.4 feet.



## Baruch Urges Drastic Laws

### Elder Statesman Says Congress Should Pass 'Work or Fight' Measure

WASHINGTON, June 26.—(AP)—Rep. A. A. Baruch today urged a "work or fight" law in case of another war—and urged that it be passed now.

Such a law enabling the government to draft men and women for farms and factories as well as military service—was one of three Baruch suggested should be put on the law books now, because "with the new instrumentalities of destruction, we will not have time to improvise the others."

1. An industrial plan ready to go into effect with full control of production, distribution and prices, with the power of allocation, priority and even exclusion.

2. A wartime tax bill, to take effect upon hostilities, which would regulate prices and savings and take "unfair profits out of war."

3. Restrictions on civilian use of manpower and materials tougher than those of World War II, when too much went for wants rather than needs.

**No War Threat**

"I see no war with Russia as an immediate threat," Baruch said, adding that he found "irritations" but did not fear "explosions." He continued:

"But in the cold war that is being waged against us, we must always remember that our objective is our unrest. We can guard against that by a firm belief in ourselves under the magnificent flowering of our century and a half of national life."

Baruch also called for universal military training and other steps as he outlined this advance mobilization plan in an address to the first graduating class of the Armed Forces Industrial college. The college originally was set up to train army officers in industrial mobilization but was broadened last year to include those of other services.

**Congress Refused**

Other nations, including Britain, drafted workers for industry as well as the armed forces in World War II. But Congress refused to pass such a law for this country, although President Roosevelt recommended it.

Baruch, elder statesman and advisor to Presidents, called the law "unrealistic" but "not alarming." But he said that this country must be prepared, "militarily, economically and spiritually."

## BAPTISTS LAUNCH DRIVE FOR FUNDS

### Churches Of State Will Seek To Raise \$1,500,000 For Wake Forest

Winston-Salem, June 26.—(AP)—North Carolina Baptists launched their drive to raise \$1,500,000 as their part of the \$6,000,000 needed to transfer Wake Forest college to Winston-Salem here today.

More than 100 leaders from the 70 Baptist associations in the state laid plans for the three-year campaign in a luncheon session.

Horace Eason of Charlotte, director of the drive, told the Baptist leaders that there had never been a greater opportunity for a Christian education program than the one they have under terms of the contract with the Smith Reynolds foundation. Income from the \$10,500,000 foundation will go to Wake Forest college if it is moved here within the next five years.

"We must not fail in this great undertaking," Eason said. "Two ways of life are clashing now—Christian and the godless, as represented by the Communists—and we must increase our efforts through this chance for greater Christian education."

**Aid 1,000 Students**

"This country was founded in a Christian atmosphere but we have steadily drifted away from this in our schools. The \$550,000 year income from the foundation will pay for 1,000 students a year. Think what this means in the training of missionaries, preachers and Christian laymen and mothers."

Although the drive has just begun, Eason reported that \$144,000 already has been pledged by seven Baptist churches. He said these were the First Baptist church at Shelby, \$25,000; First Church at Asheville, \$30,000; First Church at Charlotte, \$25,000; First Church at Hendersonville, \$9,000; Angier, \$5,000; First Church at Fayetteville, \$25,000.

He pointed out that actually the churches would have to raise a fourth of the needed six million dollars.

## JONAS LAMBASTS JUDICIAL SYSTEM

### President Of Bar Association Says Operation On Horses, Buggy Basis

BLOWING ROCK, June 26.—(AP)—Charles R. Jonas, of Lincolnton, president of the North Carolina Bar association, declared tonight that the state is operating its "judicial system on a horse and buggy basis."

Jonas' address, which opened the bar association's 49th annual convention, struck out at "confusion and delay" in court procedure of the state.

He called for the abolition of the Superior court system that rotates presiding judges, terming the procedure of "1868 vintage."

Jonas said the rotation procedure should be replaced by a pre-trial conference between judges and lawyers, a system which he stated is used in a number of federal and state courts elsewhere. This, he asserted, would eliminate much confusion in present courts which devote too much time on procedural matters that can be cleared away before the selection of a trial jury.

An attendance of 250 members of the association is expected at the Green Park hotel.

The executive committee, headed by W. J. Adams, Jr., Greensboro, met this afternoon.

Highlights of tomorrow's program, which includes several morning addresses, will be an afternoon golf tournament and a night banquet address by Chief Justice Bolitha J. Laws, of the U. S. District court for the District of Columbia.

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Milk is good for building up calcium in the teeth, contends a doctor. A few weeks later another M. D. announces that he has discovered that milk is no better for the teeth than anything else. Candy does and does not decay teeth.

One doctor says you've got to get a mitral murmur. Another says no. Liver is good for raising low blood pressure. Liver is not good for raising low blood pressure.

People with sinus should stay near the beaches and salt air. People with sinus should get away from the coast. Carrots are good for eyesight. Eye exercise is good for eyesight.

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# AFL Top Command Turns Thumbs Down On General Strike In U. S.; Nation To Aid Displaced Persons

## House Votes To Join IRO

### Legislation Seals Membership, Authorizes Funds To Carry On Work

WASHINGTON, June 26.—(AP)—Legislation sealing United States membership in the International Refugee organization—and authorizing a \$73,500,000 contribution toward care of Europe's 960,000 displaced persons—got over its last major barrier in Congress today.

By standing vote of 124 to 43, the House approved the bill after being told it will save this country money and does not commit the United States to admit any of the refugees.

The bill has passed the Senate, but goes back there for action on two House changes. One would reduce the United States contribution to the international organizations work for the next 12 months from \$15,000,000 to 73,500,000.

The other allows payments from the U. S. contribution on a month-to-month basis to the International Refugee Organization's preparatory commission. The commission expects to take over administration of the displaced persons camps until the IRO itself is organized.

An offshoot of the United nations, the IRO originally was scheduled to begin operations on July 1. Five nations signed its charter unconditionally. Ten more, including this country, must ratify the agreement before it can begin functioning.

## AGED MAN INJURED WHEN HIT BY BUS

### Pender County Man Suffers Broken Ribs, Possible Skull Fracture

T. B. Long, aged Pender county white man was seriously injured about five o'clock yesterday afternoon when he was struck by a Safeway Transit bus at the corner of Second and Princess streets.

According to investigating police officers Long is said to have started across the street and the Carolina Place bus, operated by L. E. Rawles, of 817 Chestnut street, struck the man hurling him to the pavement.

## CHANNEL HEARING SET FOR JULY 7

### Banks Fill Dredging Project Will Be "Aired" On Order Of Engineers

A public hearing on the application of Lloyd W. Moore for approval of plans to dredge for a fill in Banks channel is slated to be held in the Federal courtroom, customhouse, on July 7 at 2 p. m.

Notices of the hearing at which all interested parties are slated to express their views on the project, have been sent out from the office of Col. B. C. Snow, Wilmington district engineer.

## SAD-EYED FIREMEN WILL BURY SPOT IN CITY PET CEMETERY

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., June 26.—(AP)—Spot will be buried tomorrow with a big, red fire engine for a hearse, and probably half the town as mourners.

Spot was a nondescript brown and white puppy who wandered into the Jacksonville fire station six years ago. The firemen adopted Spot and Spot adopted the firemen.

Spot died this morning of pneumonia. When the word got around, the men in Hugh Gibson's wood-working shop back of the firehouse passed up their lunch hour. They spent the time making a casket for Spot.

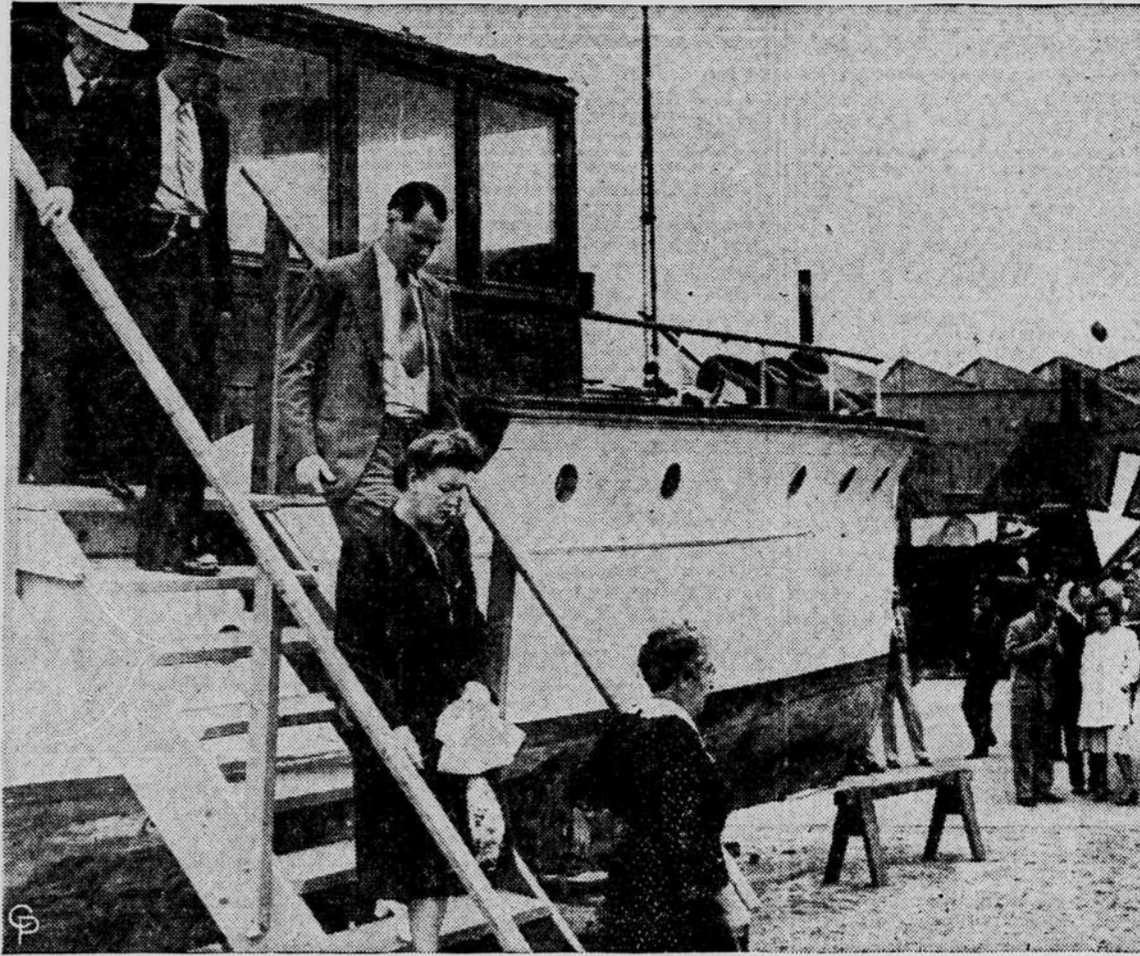
The firemen at the station polished the engine tonight for the funeral.

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MEMBERS OF THE OVERELL-GOLLUM TRIAL JURY walk off the Walter Overell family yacht at Newport Beach, Calif., after examining the explosion-shattered cabin cruiser, where Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Overell were found dead. At far right (arrow) are defendants Beulah Louise Overell, 18, and George (Bud) Gollum, 21, who witnessed the inspection. They are being tried for the murder of Beulah's parents.—(International).

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## COL. JOHN B. HILL HONORED BY ROA

### Wilmington Attorney Elected Judge Advocate At Miami Convention

Colonel John Bright Hill, collector of customs, was elected to two national positions in the Reserve Officers association during the national convention held in Miami, Fla., last week-end.

## LONG DISTANCE CALL FROM TOKYO SECURES COLLEGE ENTRANCE

RICHMOND, Va., June 27.—(AP)—"Please notify me by letter within one week from the date of this notification of your acceptance."

So read a final paragraph in a form letter Dean Raymond B. Pinchbeck of the University of Richmond sent to applicants for admission. Last night the Dean's phone rang at 2:30 a. m.

## Love Life Of Whale Makes Whale Of A Tale

**BY ARTHUR EDSON**

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(AP)—Dr. Raymond Gilmore, the government's expert on the love life of the whale, issued his eagerly awaited report today.

His verdict: some have a lot. Some don't have any. It all depends.

Dr. Gilmore, biologist for the Fish and Wildlife service, made his report for the Smithsonian Institution after his trip with the Navy's Antarctic expedition. Bachelors everywhere will find the study sad reading.

## YMCA Trio Saves Lives Of Five Men

### Dramatic Rescue From Overturned Boat Recounted At White Lake

Special To The Star

CAMP CHICKAGAMI, June 26.—A dramatic rescue of five men from an overturned sailboat in the middle of White Lake was staged early Sunday morning by three members of the Wilmington YMCA summer camp Chickagami, it was learned here this afternoon.

## TOWN PAYS HONOR TO ROY C. FERGUS

### Carolina Beach Business Houses Close During Hour Of Funeral

CAROLINA BEACH, June 26.—In tribute to the late Roy C. Fergus, for 10 years mayor of this resort town, all local business establishments and the town office were closed this afternoon at 4 o'clock, the hour of the funeral.

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Martin said the wildcat walk-outs were "obviously inspired" by the UMW leadership.

Lewis kept his silence. He was also, he said, in an emergency meeting of the AFL executive council which voted today to call the presidents of the federation's 105 unions to confer on strategy at a Washington meeting July 5.

**Idea Rejected**

AFL President William Green told reporters after the meeting that there has been a flood of proposals for a nationwide, concerted general strike to last until the brand new law is repealed.

The idea was rejected as "unwise and inadvisable," Green said. He added: "Instead we are going to fight the measure in the courts and are going to maintain our rights under the bill in negotiating with employers."

Also, he said, the AFL will organize politically with the purpose of defeating every member of Congress who voted for this terrible legislation.

Green predicted that passage of the bill, with its provisions to restrict strikes and other union activities, has hastened moves toward an AFL-CIO merger.

## TAX CUT SUPPORT GAINS MOMENTUM

### Senator Tydings Latest Convert To Move For Reduction On January 1

WASHINGTON, June 26.—(AP)—A new move to cut income taxes by \$4,000,000,000 effective January 1, 1948, picked up more support on Capitol Hill today and President Truman declined to say whether he would veto it.

The president, who killed with a veto a bill making the reduction effective July 1, 1947, was asked at a news conference for his reaction to the new move. He said he would take care of that development if such a bill reaches him.

Senator Tydings (D-Md.) who voted against the July 1 tax cut measure, told a reporter he is "inclined" to support a January 1 reduction, even over another veto.

"I say I am 'inclined' to support it only because conditions might change or facts arise that I do not know about now," Tydings said. "Under present conditions, I think there will be sufficient surplus on January 1 to make a substantial payment on the debt and to cut taxes."

At the same time, Senator Byrd (Va.) said that a canvass of Democrats who voted against the July 1 bill when it was passed by the senate on a 52 to 34 vote May 18 showed there is "sharply growing sentiment in favor of changing the date to January 1 and passing the measure again."

Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) of the House Ways and Means committee has already introduced the bill in the House with the changed date.

But Senate Republicans have adopted a "wait and see" attitude. Senator Taft of Ohio, chairman of the GOP Policy committee, said any decision on attempting to revive the tax issue would be delayed until some time next week.