

WEATHER
Wilmington and vicinity—Not much change in temperature, occasional showers with moderate southwest winds. The Coast Guard station at Oak Island reported it had received no storm warnings, such as struck at Rowland yesterday afternoon.

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Steel Firms Demand Coal Men Settle

Urge That Lewis' Basis Wage And Hour Demand Be Met

\$13.05 EIGHT HOURS

Two Leading Steel Men Meet Secretly With Miner's Chief

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—Two powerful units of the soft coal industry — U. S. Steel and Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal company — tonight were reported backing a movement to avert a nationwide coal strike by meeting John L. Lewis' wage and hour demands in full.

As this report caused settlement hopes to flicker, the 400,000 AFL United Mine Workers in the soft coal fields began a ten-day vacation. It could become another industry-wide walkout on July 3 unless a settlement is reached by then. Lewis and the private mine operators, who recover possession of the pits from the government Monday night.

Persons in close touch with industry negotiators said Benjamin F. Fairless, president of United States Steel corporation, and George M. Humphrey, chairman of the big Pittsburgh coal company, met Lewis in an unannounced conference yesterday.

Immediately afterward, it was reported, Fairless and Humphrey advised other coal operators' representatives here that an offering of Lewis' basic wage and hour demands would have to be made.

This would amount to \$13.05 for an eight-hour, portal-to-portal day, compared with the present \$11.85 for a nine-hour day. The proposed offer would cover a contract up to April 1, 1949.

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Slain Woman Found In Truck On Atlanta Street



POLICEMEN AND UN- known employes re move the body of Mrs. Jeanette Reyman, 30, from the back of a small truck which had been parked all night on Atlanta, Ga. Her hands and feet were secured to the truck. She had been killed by a heavy set (right) had driven it away from her home at B ogart, Ga., to buy restaurant equipment for a tourist island where building. Police reported an autopsy indicated she had been criminally assaulted. (AP Photos).

Whiteville Store Owner Becomes Suicide Few Hours After Deputy's Wife Kills Self

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WHITEVILLE, June 28.—Less than 17 hours after Mrs. Katie C. Wayne, 40, Lake Waccamaw postmistress and wife of Columbus county deputy Sheriff L. R. Wayne had killed herself Friday afternoon by shooting, Obid R. Rhodes, 47, store operator in Whiteville, 11 miles away, committed suicide sometime after four a. m. yesterday, according to police records. Rhodes leaves a widow and five sons.

AFL LEADERS CHALLENGE LAW

To Be Advised To Refuse To Sign Red Member Statement

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—AFL general counsel Joseph A. Padway said tonight that the organization's leaders will be advised to refuse to file affidavits they are non-Communists as required by the new Taft-Hartley labor law.

Padway told reporters after a conference with 100 AFL attorneys that the federation did not believe the affidavits should be required of union leaders. He stressed that this attitude was not due to a feeling that some AFL officials are Communists.

"They just don't think they ought to be required to file anything to be entitled to their rights under the law," Padway said. "They don't think it should matter whether a man is a Democrat, Baptist or Fiji islander to obtain legal rights."

Padway also announced that the federation planned to test the prohibitions carried in the new law against closed shop contracts and union political activity.

LARGE PLANT RAZED BY FIRE

York, Pa., Damage Expected To Reach Half Million

YORK, Pa., June 28.—(AP)—A spectacular fire that brought out all the fire fighting apparatus of this south central Pennsylvania city of 56,712, razed a block long industrial plant early today, causing damage which fire officials said may reach \$500,000.

The blaze—York's third major fire in four months—started in a metal chute used in the York-Shipley Inc. sheet metal plant, for conveying shredded paper from the second to the first floor, firemen said.

Fed by the highly inflammable shredded paper used for packing purposes, the fire swept quickly through the York-Shipley building which also housed a warehouse of H. M. Rehmyer, electric appliance dealer, and a second building used by Kart Ort for his aeronautical equipment supplies.

Police Lt. C. B. Swigert estimated the loss at between \$250,000 and \$400,000 but fire officials said the final tally probably would reach a half million dollars.

At the height of the blaze, firemen were compelled to turn hoses on thousands of spectators to keep them out of the fire zone after police were unable to restrain the crowd.

ATTY. ANDERSON GETS STATE POST

Fayetteville Man Elected Vice President Of Bar Association

BLOWING ROCK, N. C., June 28.—(AP)—Henry Anderson, Fayetteville, was chosen as a vice-president of the North Carolina Bar association, which held its concluding session of its 49th annual convention here today.

Other vice presidents named were W. J. Adams, Jr., Greensboro, and Samuel B. Underwood, Greenville.

John C. Rodman, Washington, newly elected president, will succeed Charles R. Jonas, Lincolnville.

A resolution was adopted asking improvement of court procedure in the state. The association voted to cooperate with the 23-member commission appointed by the last state legislature to study improvement in judicial procedure.

Sen. Umstead Not To Speak Reelection Again In 1948

WINSTON-SALEM, June 28.—(AP)—Sen. William B. Umstead (D-NC) told the Journal and Sentinel tonight that "I will run again" for the Senate in 1948.

AGED CLERGYMAN GIVEN 1-5 YEARS

Dr. John Lewis Convicted Of Setting His Church Afire

MILLAUKEE, June 28.—(AP)—Dr. John Lewis, scholarly 73-year-old minister, today was placed under sentence of one to five years at hard labor in Waupun state prison as the penalty for setting fire to his own church.

A jury convicted Dr. Lewis on a charge of arson in connection with a \$150,000 blaze last Jan. 25 at Calvary Presbyterian church, where he preached for 12 years. The state claimed he was motivated by a desire for a "bigger and better" house of worship.

Municipal Judge Herbert J. Steffes denied motions for a new trial and to set aside the verdict but granted a stay of sentence until Sept. 15 pending an appeal. Dr. Lewis, who had spent last night in the hospital ward of the county jail, furnished \$5,000 bond and obtained his release.

Wilmington Business Men Support Soap-Box Derby

In line with the one basic "first principle" upon which the entire Soap Box Derby program is a dicted—Good Sportsmanship—a group of outstanding Wilmington businessmen, representing the service clubs, veteran and boy's work organizations of the city, have volunteered their time and full cooperation in an effort to make the Wilmington All-American Soap Box Derby, the greatest event for boys' ever attempted here.

These men, all interested in boy's work, and the Soap Box Derby movement, will constitute the personnel of the Derby Advisory committee for the 1947 race.

The committee personnel, as announced yesterday by Soap Box Derby headquarters will be as follows:

Co-Chairmen—Mayor E. L. White, C. H. Casteen.

Track Director—Chief of Police Hubert Hayes.

Rotary Club Representative—J. M. Jenkins.

Civilian Club—Harvey Radcliff.

Exchange Club—Ralph Volk.

Kiwanis Club—J. A. Scott.

Lions Club—Hugh Noffsinger.

Junior Chamber—George Tonta.

American Legion—John C. Anderson.

Veterans Of Foreign Wars—Vance Smith.

Boys' Club—James Copeland.

Y.M.C.A.—Adam Smith.

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FIRST TORNADO OF SEASON HITS ROWLAND 75 MILES DUE WEST OF WILMINGTON

CONFEDERATE'S COLORS MAY FLY AGAIN LEGALLY

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—Confederate Army colors will fly again from the regimental standards of Southern National Guards units if Congress passes a bill introduced by Sen. Millard Tydings, D., Md.

The bill would authorize each regiment to carry battle streamers commemorating combat action in 1861-65 with regimental colors.

The effect would be to authorize Southern National Guard regiments to carry battle streamers commemorating the Confederate Army.

Simplicity Did It



WITH A 20 CENT ROD, a 50 cent lure and a length of wrapping twine from a dime store, nine-year-old Jimmy Inman (above) caught this four and a half pound large-mouth bass in Centennial Park Lake near the heart of Nashville, Tenn. (AP Photo).

NEWTON GROVE YOUTH KILLED

Dies Instantly During Head-On Collision At White Lake

Special To The Star-News

ELIZABETHTOWN, June 28.—One man was killed instantly and a fellow passenger is in a critical condition in a Lumberton hospital as the result of a head-on automobile collision tonight at White Lake.

Gordon W. Cox, 18, of Route 2, Newton Grove, was the fatality and Ben Raeford, 23, also of Newton Grove, is suffering from multiple lacerations and possible skull fracture.

State Highway Patrolman O. B. Mitchell is holding Eschell Barnes Garland, on a technical charge pending completion of his investigation.

Patrolman Mitchell said the car in which Cox and Raeford were riding was travelling south on State Route 701 and that the truck, driven by Barnes, was going north.

U. S. COULD BLAST EVERY LARGE CITY

Atomic Bomb Stockpile Sufficient To Wreck All

CHICAGO, June 28.—(AP)—Robert M. Hutchins, chancellor of the University of Chicago, said today the United States has a stockpile of new and improved atomic bombs powerful enough to destroy every large city on earth.

Hutchins, head of the university at which scientists did much of the original work on the bomb, said his statement was based on information from "usually conservative sources."

In an article in "Common Cause" first monthly periodical of the committee to frame a world constitution, of which he is president, Hutchins pleaded for "eleventh hour" action to save the world.

"Let us say, then that we have, at the most, three years to forestall annihilation," he said.

CHANDLER GUILTY IN TREASON TRIAL

Convicted On All Ten Counts; Sentence Comes Later

BOSTON, June 28.—(AP)—Douglas Chandler, tall, gray-haired former American writer accused of betraying his country by selling his voice to Nazi radio propagandists, was convicted of treason today by a federal court jury.

The 12-man panel, made up mostly of greater Boston businessmen, deliberated less than six hours. The pale, thin defendant was charged with 10 overt acts of treason and was adjudged guilty on each and every count.

Presiding Judge Francis J. W. Ford, whose duty it is to sentence the one-time Baltimore newsman, continued the case for disposition. The maximum penalty is death; the minimum, five years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

Crew Of Missing Army C-45 Plane Is Found Dead

MANILA, Philippines, June 28.—(AP)—All six crew members of an Army C-45 missing since Wednesday were found dead today by a searching party headed by Capt. W. J. Davis of the U. S. 13th air force.

Apparently the six were instantly killed when the plane crashed about 150 yards from the top of 3,650-foot Mount Makaling. Names of the victims were being withheld pending notification of kin.

Methodists Rededicate Selves At Founding Site

BRUNSWICK, Ga., June 28.—(AP)—Beneath moss-hung oaks of St. Simmons island, South Georgia Methodists today rededicated their faith in the spot where John Wesley, founder of Methodism, preached and built the first Methodist meeting house in America.

In special services honoring John and Charles Wesley, delegates to the South Georgia annual conference heard Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta deliver an inspirational address and lay the cornerstone of a new educational building for the St. Simmons church, birthplace of American Methodism.

It was of Historic St. Simmons that Charles Wesley, brother of the founder and composer of "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," wrote in his diary:

"Tuesday, March 9, 1736, about three in the afternoon, I first set foot on St. Simmons island; and immediately my spirit revived. No sooner did I enter upon by ministry, than God gave me, like Saul, another heart."

PRESIDENT'S MOTHER REPORTED IMPROVED BUT VERY SLOWLY

GRANDVIEW, Mo., June 28.—(AP)—Mrs. Martha Truman, mother of the President, was reported today by her daughter, Miss Mary Jane Truman, to be "getting along fine, but not recovering as rapidly as we would like," from her serious illness of five weeks ago.

Miss Truman said her 94-year-old mother was sitting up occasionally, "but not every day," she added that Mrs. Truman's hearing had deteriorated in the past two or three months, but "we hope that it will improve as she is able to sit up more."

John H. Farrell Answers Ensign's Blast Made Here

John H. Farrell, Wilmington industrial agent, last night in a prepared statement answered Chesler O. Ensign, manager of the Greensboro office of the former Civilian Production Agency, who a few days ago came to Wilmington and blasted Farrell at a meeting.

"In reply to Mr. Ensign's alleged blast against me as appearing in the Friday, June 27 issue of the Wilmington News in which he was quoted:

"Agent is absent from conference he alone planned." I would like to say that relative to Wilmington being treated unfairly by the Civilian Production Agency, the Greensboro office, of which Mr. Ensign is manager, I can only say that I did not initiate the proposed meeting for June 27.

Twister Drops To Earth Damaging A Large Plant

George Wilson Injured by Crumbling Bricks; Hopewell, Va., Winds of Tornado Force Do Thousands In Damage; Flash Floods Cause Large Damage In Kentucky

ROWLAND, June 28.—(AP) A freak tornado "dipped down" on a large woodworking plant here today, badly damaged the building and injured its owner, George Wilson.

Chief of Police J. H. Godfrey said that no other buildings were damaged by the storm which struck about 12:20 P.M.

REPORT RARE ASTRAL SIGHT

Moon And Jupiter Form "Conjunction," Observers Say

Boston, June 28.—(AP)—A rare performance of planets was witnessed tonight as the star Jupiter seemingly hung close over the Moon in what an astronomer termed a "conjunction" of the two bodies.

Robert M. Dole, amateur astronomer and U. S. weather bureau aide at Portland, Me., said the display probably would be visible in South America as an "eclipse" in which the moon, 238,000 miles from the earth, eclipsed Jupiter, 483,000,000 miles from the earth.

Murray Mitchell, an observer at the Blue Hills observatory, Boston, said the "conjunction" placed Jupiter in the same line of sight with the Moon although the two planets are actually a great distance apart.

Dole said he could not recall when the phenomenon last was visible in this area although several took place after the moon set in recent months.

STICKS TO STORY OF SKY MISSILES

Washington State Man Insists He Saw Aerial 'Saucers'

BOISA, IDA., June 28.—(AP)—Businessman-pilot Kenneth "Saucers" Arnold landed his plane on the hayfield near his Boise ranch today and shook his head over the state of affairs of the country.

Arnold was disturbed because neither the FBI nor the army appeared interested in his story about seeing nine giant saucers whirling through the air over Washington state early this week.

"If I was running the country," Arnold said when he landed, "and someone reported something unusual, I'd certainly want to know more about it."

"If the army and the FBI weren't interested, officially, in the Boise fire control equipment salesman's story, almost everyone else in the country was. He was receiving mysterious objects whizzing through space last week.

He also got a few calls that suggested Arnold had been dreaming.

"But no one can change my mind," Arnold insisted. "I saw what I saw. And I'll match my judgement, position and everything on what I saw with my own eyes."

The same day that Kenneth reported seeing flying "saucers" out west the people of Wrightsville Beach reported seeing mysterious lights high offshore. The official statement here was that secret weapons were being tested.

PROHIBITIONISTS NOMINATE PASTOR Flying Clergymen To Seek Presidency On Dry Ticket

WINONA LAKE, Ind., June 28.—(AP)—Dr. Claude A. Watson, the "Flying Pastor" of Los Angeles, Cal., today was nominated for president of the United States by the National Prohibition party.

Watson won over a surprise candidate, Dr. Enoch A. Hotwick, Greenville, Ill., college professor, after three other prospective nominees withdrew from the race.

Watson, minister of a free Methodist church and 1944 party presidential nominee, received 150 of 269 votes cast to get a majority on the first ballot.

Hotwick had 117 votes and two stray votes were cast for favorite sons' who were not even formally nominated.

Watson, who pilots his plane on trips around the country in behalf of the party and other crusading organizations, lost most of the support of his home state.

New Political Group Is Formed In South Carolina

GREENVILLE, S. C., June 28.—(AP)—South Carolina, one of the nation's strongest Democratic party strongholds, witnessed the birth of a new political group today, a labor sponsored "state council of liberal Democratic clubs" formed to circumvent anti-political provisions of the Taft-Hartley labor bill.

Among first official acts of the new group was the passage of resolutions condemning seven of the state's eight congressional members for their support of the Taft-Hartley bill.

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