

FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy Tuesday with widely scattered showers. Little change in temperature.

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New Highway Safety Law Now Effective

State-Wide Ban On Sale, Use Of Fireworks Also Enforceable; Severe Penalties Set For Driving Under "Influence"

RALEIGH, June 30 —(AP)—A host of important new laws enacted by the General assembly will become effective tomorrow with the start of a new fiscal year and a new biennium.

Those laws include:

1. Far-reaching highway safety program.
2. New beer and wine legislation.
3. A state-wide ban on the sale and use of fireworks.

Biennial appropriation acts which become effective tomorrow will authorize the spending of \$312,374,741 during the next two years—\$153,474,430 by the general fund, \$117,761,968 by the highway fund and \$2,138,323 by the agriculture fund.

In making the appropriations the General assembly provided for an increase of 20 per cent in

the pay of state employees and for approximately 30 per cent for school teachers.

A total of \$48,432,256 was appropriated for permanent improvements at state institutions which will be started when the governor and the Advisory Budget commission decide that the time is ripe for the state to undertake a building program.

Benefits Increase

Teachers and state employees will start paying five instead of four per cent of their salaries to the teachers and state employees retirement system. But their retirement benefits will be increased by 25 per cent. The 25 per cent boost also will benefit some 1,700 persons who already have retired.

The average citizen probably will be affected by the new "safe"

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President Scorches Real Estate Lobby

Message On Rent Control Extension; Few Increases In Rentals Expected Here

Local Leases Satisfactory

Leading Real Estate Men Say Situation To Remain Unchanged

By SUE MARSHALL
Star Staff Writer

The rent control bill extending federal controls eight months and permitting landlords to negotiate rent increases up to 15 per cent in exchange for leases running through Dec. 1948, signed into law by President Truman yesterday, will have comparatively little effect in Wilmington.

That opinion was expressed last night by Frederick Willetts, Sr., president of the Wilmington Real Estate board, and K. B. Marshall, secretary of the board. Marshall said that he believed "very few would ask for increases", while Willetts said that he believed only a "fair" portion of the local landlords would increase rents.

Willetts explained that he believed "people will be reasonable about the increases", and that he, therefore, thought that the bill would have very little effect locally.

Some Adjustments

"There are many cases where adjustments are needed as some landlords haven't had increases since 1940 or 1941." "Some, however, shouldn't be allowed to go up on rents," he continued, "but it's necessary with others."

Willetts favored the bill, with the continuation of controls, he said.

Marshall expressed the opinion that the majority of the rents will not be raised, as he believes that most of the people are satisfied.

Maurice H. Moore, rent director for the Wilmington, Jacksonville and Pender county areas, explained that the act provides for increases up to 15 per cent of the legal rent now established at the area rent office.

"Increases depend upon voluntary agreement by the tenant, execution of a valid written lease, filing of lease together with triplicate lease registrations to be furnished by Rent office."

Service Stipulation

Moore stated that any lease, to conform with new requirements, should contain no provisions to decrease essential service, furnishings or equipment or any rent to take effect after Dec. 31, 1948, if higher than rent prior to such date as provided in the lease.

Neither should it contain any

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WEDDING TID-BITS MAKE GUESTS ILL

Sixty Union City, N. J., Officials To Analyze Reception Food

UNION CITY, N. J., June 30 —(AP)—Specimens of ravioli and wedding cake from a local restaurant were ordered analyzed today as the result of a complaint that more than 60 persons in a wedding party became ill Saturday.

John L. Cavallo, health department official said.

The complaint was made to the City Health department by John Lafante, 32, of Jersey City, brother-in-law of the bride.

Frank Vitale, 27, and Miss Margaret Andriola, 21, both of Jersey City, were married Saturday in St. Aedans Catholic church, Jersey City, and with their families and friends—86 persons in all—went to a Union City restaurant for a reception.

Shortly after the reception, Lafante said, members of the party began to be stricken and by Sunday morning more than 60 were ill.

Among the first stricken were the bride and the best man, Thomas Samerno of Durham, N. C. Lafante said Vitale, on his way to a Newark hotel with his bride, Lafante added, was forced to return home with his ailing best man.

Lafante said the newly married couple drove to Atlantic City yesterday for a belated honeymoon.

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FIELD DAY FOR PHOTOGRAPHER. Shown here are 10 of the 12 beauty contestants who will vie for the title of "Miss Wilmington of 1947" at Wrightsville Beach on July 10. Miss Wilmington will compete with girls from other cities in August for "Miss North Carolina." The contest is sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Left to right are Judy Wiggins, Isabel Anderson, Harryette Vines, June Willetts, Christine Herring, Sarah Fields, Evelyn Barefoot, Lee Godwin, Vivian Cappa, Lois Cox. Not shown are Irene Sessions and Mamie Jones.

CITY, COUNTY DUE ADDED REVENUES

New State Taxes On Beer, Wine Will Bolster Government Coffers

Revenue that Wilmington's municipal and New Hanover county's governments had not counted on, will be forthcoming during the 1947-48 fiscal year.

The funds will come from the new state tax which has been doubled on beers and wines, becoming effective today. The monies collected from the taxes on the beverages will be pro-rated between the two governing bodies.

That was learned last night from attorneys who have studied the new law and who were present at Raleigh when the last state legislature enacted the law.

Attorneys, however, were not definite last night as to when the funds actually will be paid the city and county. An estimate of the amount the two groups will obtain could not be definitely ascertained.

The figure will run into several thousand dollars annually for each body and will partially offset what city officials have estimated as \$200,000 revenue loss for the coming fiscal year.

The new tax will be collected by the state and then divided between cities and counties in which the beverages were sold.

Previously, city officials estimated a \$50,000 loss in A. B. C. store revenues together with \$83,240 loss in the capital reserve fund spent for new equipment and \$67,376 surplus from the previous year's budget.

Prices on beer will increase two cents a bottle and on light wines about 8 cents a fifth beginning today.

FREAK AUTO ACCIDENT PROVIDES BIG THRILL FOR AGED TOURISTS

BELMAR, N. J., June 30 —(AP)—A freak auto accident provided the thrill of a lifetime for two elderly couples Saturday.

George Seaman, Monmouth county bridge department officer, said the couples' auto was caught by the rear wheels on the edge of the Ocean Avenue drawbridge over Shark river as it opened to its full height.

When the auto pulled loose and careened down the incline, smashing into an abutment, the couple jumped to safety, Seaman added.

Bridge tenders failed to lower the gates as they opened the bridge to allow passage for a ship, Seaman said.

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Along The Cape Fear

BURIED TREASURE — For ages man has buried his money in the ground. First it provided a good hiding place from avaricious neighbors and later, before banks were insured by the federal government it was the only place it could be saved without fear of loss.

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13th Street Picked For Soap Box Derby

SENATE CAGY

WASHINGTON, June 30 —(AP)—No Eskimo slicker is going to put anything over on the United States Senate.

Advised that the Weather bureau hires observers in the Arctic, where the nights are nearly six months long, the Senate amended the State-Justice-Commerce department appropriation bill today to provide that the bureau doesn't have to pay night differentials up there.

SOFT COAL MINES BACK TO OWNERS

Government Leaders Anxiously Await Possibility Of New Strike

WASHINGTON, June 30 —(AP)—The government returned the soft coal mines to their private owners today and sat back uneasily to learn whether its action meant another national mine strike eight days hence.

After flying over the 2,500 federally-operated bituminous mines for more than 13 months, the American flag was hauled down in the coal fields at 12:01 p. m., EDT, just 12 hours before the expiration of the War Labor Disputes act under which they were seized on May 21, 1946.

Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach's office said he had no immediate plans for conferences with the mine owners and John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers (AFL) or for other definite action to head off a strike. But he is known to be ready to intervene if necessary.

Lewis, who reportedly has made some progress toward a new contract in secret talks with big segments of the Northern and Western coal operators, had nothing to say about his next move, if any.

A few small groups of operators held informal caucuses on the situation, but an expected major meeting of the mine owners failed to materialize and their spokesmen had no word as to when they planned to meet.

The big question before the bulk of the operators was whether to go along with U. S. Steel corporation and the Pittsburgh Consolidation

TRUMAN SIGNS BILL CONTINUING THREE CENT POSTAGE RATE

WASHINGTON, June 30 —(AP)—Legislation continuing indefinitely the present three-cent rate on local and non-local deliveries of first class mail letters was signed today by President Truman.

The rate would have dropped to two cents after midnight tonight without the new legislation.

The legislation was passed by the Senate earlier today after plans for an overall upward revision of rates on other classes of mail had been dropped.

REDFIELD'S REFUSAL

Redfield refused to tell where the treasure was hidden on Money Island and Kidd's men took him and his wife to Charleston where they were released.

Redfield, Landstone wrote, was his great-grandfather. He noted that the tale had suffered little from age and believed that the treasure was still there.

That is where Howell steps in. Howell wrote he first heard of Landstone's story as a boy in the 1840's. While sailing with a com-

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MISSISSIPPI GOES UP AS RAIN FALLS

Weather Bureau, However, Sees Little Added Danger To St. Louis Area

ST. LOUIS, June 30 —(AP)—The Mississippi river, after flattening out here today at its highest level in 103 years, started rising again tonight following a two-inch rain in this area.

The weather bureau believed the rise would be slight. A stage of 39.6 feet was recorded at 9 p. m. (CDD), which was 3 of a foot above the level reached prior to the rain.

Flood damage generally was confined to the immediate riverfront districts of this Metropolitan area.

The rampant river broke one dike on the Illinois side north of St. Louis, but Army engineers said they expected two stronger barriers behind it to hold the flood out of the industrial cities of Venice, Madison and Granite city.

On the Illinois side south of St. Louis, tonight's heavy rain prompted the engineers to order immediate removal of some 4,000 persons from the Dupo and East Carondelet areas. Relief agencies

U. S. RECOMMENDS BIG POLICE UNIT

World Force to Keep Peace Would Embrace 3,800 Combat Planes

LAKE SUCCESS, June 30 —(AP)—The United States recommended to the United Nations Security Council today that the proposed 20 divisions of ground troops, 3,800 combat planes, three battleships and six carriers.

These totals were submitted in a report from the Big Five U. N. military staff committee to the Security Council.

Soviet Russia did not make any recommendations.

The Russians merely stated that they could not talk about the size of the world police force until the U. N. had agreed on general principles governing its formation and use.

The United States proposed that the force include 1,250 bombers and 2,250 fighters among the planes, 15 cruisers, 84 destroyers, and 90 submarines.

France proposed 1,275 planes, 16 divisions of troops, three battleships and six carriers.

The British proposed a force of 1,200 planes, from 8 to 12 divisions of troops, two battleships, four carriers and six cruisers.

The Chinese did not submit any figures but said they generally agreed with the British view.

These totals were said to be the minimum on which the world force would be built and the committee emphasized they were tentative.

whizzing at "incredible speeds" at such widely-separated points as Pendleton, Ore., Boise, Ida., and Oklahoma City since last Tuesday.

Another version of the Martian-like aircraft was given by a Lexington, Ky., physician and his mother, attending an atomic medicine class at the University of California. Dr. Leon Oettinger said he and three other witnesses saw a "silver ball" above the Grand Canyon in Arizona last Thursday, "too swift to be an airplane."

"It was a distinctly large ball," Mrs. Oettinger said. "It appeared to be falling."

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Truman Signs 'Regulation'

Chief Executive Describes GOP-Sponsored Bill As "Inadequate"

WASHINGTON, June 30 —(AP)—President Truman today signed into law an extension of modified federal rent control until March 1, but denounced it in a blazing message to Congress that called for an investigation of the "real estate lobby" which he blamed for its enactment.

He said a "basic weakness" of the act was its much-discussed provision permitting landlords and tenants to enter into "voluntary" agreements to raise rents by 15 per cent provided landlords signed a lease to Jan. 1, 1949.

"This is voluntary only so far as the landlord is concerned," Mr. Truman said. "Many tenants, however, will feel that there is no choice."

The President told Congress, in 2,500 words that frequently were angry that he signed the bill only as "the lesser of two evils." If he hadn't, all rent controls would have ended at midnight, and, as he put it, millions of families would have faced "rapidly soaring rents and wholesale evictions."

"I had no choice but to sign," he said, adding that he put his name on a document that is "a step backward," a "most unsatisfactory law," and "plainly inadequate."

He demanded:

1. Congress undertake a "full investigation" of the "real estate lobby," which he assailed as "this selfish and shortsighted group" permitted "by its brazen operations to block programs so essential to the needs of our citizens."

"This group has sought to achieve financial gains without re-

CALIFORNIA CHILD FEARED KIDNAPED

Bloodhounds Trace Footsteps Of Tolan Granddaughter To Dead End

LASSEN NATIONAL PARK, Calif., June 30 —(AP)—Authorities indicated today that the 2 1/2 year old blonde, blue-eyed granddaughter of a former Congressman may have been kidnaped. Bloodhounds tracked her to an abrupt trail's end and the FBI sent an agent to the scene.

The bloodhounds, from Folsom prison, were reported by searching parties to have followed for a quarter of a mile footprints made by Greta Mary Gole when she disappeared yesterday from a vacation camp south of the park. The footprints ended near some automobile tire tracks.

Her father, William Gole, Jr., a deputy district attorney, told newspaper men the suddenness and completeness of the little girl's disappearance almost within sight of her mother bolstered his fear that she was carried away. He also said the fact her grandfather was former Congressman John T. Tolan "may have something to do with it."

Tolan, 70-year-old Democrat, suffered a heart attack on hearing of the disappearance and was in a serious condition in Westwood General hospital.

San Francisco FBI headquarters sent an agent to this rugged mountain country "in the event that developments should place the case within our jurisdiction."

There has been no report of any notes.

Wearing pin-striped bib overalls and a blue sweater, the girl disappeared at 10 a. m. Sunday while at play with other youngsters on a hillside at the camp where she was staying with her grandparents. Her parents, who live at San Lorenzo, near Oakland, had joined the group over the weekend.

One hundred fifty men searched the country, whose numerous creeks raised fears the little girl may have fallen into one and drowned. Search along these creeks proved fruitless.

The observations of the little people are often wise.

And in this case some grown-ups might use a little of the wisdom they impart.

The sage in this incident was six years old. He was attending a wedding at a church with his mother.

After the service was over, the small boy looked up at his mother and said, "Mama, you can't get married but once."

"Why?" she asked.

"Because the preacher said, 'as long as ye both shall live,'" came the reply.

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House Committee Calls For End Credit Control

BRITAIN TO SLASH CLOTHING RATION

Food, Tobacco, Gasoline Imports Also Will Be Reduced

LONDON, June 30 —(AP)—Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton today outlined a new austerity program which will cut Britons' already low tobacco, food, clothing and gasoline rations for the coming 12 months. It also will reduce the size of newspapers and possibly the importation of American films.

Dalton told Commons greater austerity than ever before was necessary to conserve Britain's dwindling dollar supply for food, raw materials and machinery.

"Owing to the serious rise in world prices of food and raw materials and to the disappointingly slow rate of post-war recovery both in Europe and Asia, a severe shortage of dollars is making it difficult to import all parts of the world," Dalton said.

"In particular, our own line of credit under the Anglo-American loan agreement is being drawn upon much more rapidly than we expected. It is our clear duty to take further steps to close the gap between our necessary imports and our exports. Particularly to hard currency areas."

Clear Picture

Dalton drew this austere picture for ration-wary Britons:

Food — The government will

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AUTOMOTIVE FIRM BUYS DEALERSHIP

MacMillan - Cameron Company Contracts For American Oil Facilities

MacMillan - Cameron company has contracted for the American Oil company dealership in this section. It was announced yesterday.

Dan Cameron, official of the company, said the shift from Pure Oil would result in increased imports of petroleum products through the Port of Wilmington.

In connection with the announcement of the contract, Cameron said his firm had absorbed 23 AMOCO service stations now operating here, together with 20 Pure Oil stations.

Cameron said the expansion of the firm follows the same trends employed by the deceased Bruce Cameron, Sr., who with Henry Jay MacMillan also deceased, first started the company.

Added petroleum imports here would mean the employment of 25 persons, Cameron said.

In 1931, MacMillan-Cameron began obtaining petroleum supplies by water instead of rail, and opened a water terminal for its products here.

The company, began in Wilmington 47 years ago, has expanded to Lumberton and New Bern.

The Weather

FORECAST: North and South Carolina — Partly cloudy Tuesday, widely scattered showers in afternoon, little change in temperature.

Eastern Standard Time (By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Metological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

TEMPERATURES: 1:30 a. m. 75; 7:30 a. m. 78; 1:30 p. m. 80; Maximum 94; Minimum 75; Mean 85; Normal 79.

HUMIDITY: 64% at 7:30 a. m.; 86; 1:30 p. m. 87.

PRECIPITATION: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.1 inches.

Since the first of the month

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

Wilmington — 8:17 a. m. Low
3:56 p. m. 3:15 p. m. High

Seaboard pier — 6:43 p. m. 12:12 p. m. High

Sunrise 5:04; Sunset 7:27; Moonrise 11:17; Moonset 3:25.

At Fayetteville, N. C. at 1 a. m. Monday

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