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herry Accuses Truman Of "Trickery"

Whiteville Tobacco Marts Await 'Chant'

Nine Warehouses Will Cater To Growers This Season, Sales Supervisor Says; Survey Shows Crop Prospect Good

BY ROY COOK Star Staff Correspondent

WHITEVILLE, July 1 — The of last year's crop while Bladen, hiteville tobacco market was to Pender, Brunswick, Columbus,

Paramore said that "with nine amore, said. varehouses, two more than last we expect to handle a lot ' He predicted that the 1947 production would range from 90 per cent of last year's

the opinions of agriculturists representing counties that produce 100 000 acres of tobacco in ding Horry, Florence, and Dil-Carolina; Sampson, Hoke, Duplin, Bladen, Pender, Coumbus and Robeson counties in

Sampson, Hoke, Horry, and Duplin expect about 90 per cent Brunswick, Columbus, preparing for the opening of and Robeson counties expect 947 Border Belt tobacco sea- about 85 per cent: Florence is August 7, according to even more pessimistic expecting H. Paramore, local tobac-from 60 to 70 per cent. Dillon is looking for about 75 per cent, Par

> The Whiteville sales supervisor said this afternoon that the crop would be "a little lighter" than last year's record crop. He pointed out that over 33 and one-half million pounds were sold on the Whiteville weed market alone.

> The Whiteville market placed 10 in the 80 markets in five states last year and was second in the sales for the Border Belt markets. The Tabor City market being the only market in the Border Belt to

See WHITEVILLE On Page Six

Court Machinery Grinds On Under Old Statutes Congress yesterday in signing the new rent control bill. The Presi-

DR. JOHN MESSICK **NEW ECTC PREXY**

North Carolina Native Elected To Presidency By College Board

GREENVILLE, July 1-(AP)-Dr. instruction and assistant to the at New Jersey State Teachers college, was unanimousy elected president of East Caro-

Dr. Messick will assume his new duties at ECTC on Sept. 1 ucceeding Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, who resigned to become head of department of education at ity of North Carolina in Greens-

Announcement of Dr. Messick's lection was made by Dr. Clyde select a successor to Dr. Cooke recommended Dr. Messick's.

the board was unanimous. Members of the committe were: T.

T. Hamilton of Wilmington o

Dr. Messick was notified by igned his position at New Jersey State Teachers College, which is at Montclair, N. J., effective Aug.

Dr. Messick, who is 50 was born at South Creek in Beaufort today," predicted the court. county. He attended public schools of the state and graduated at Elon the University of North Carolina for his master's degree. He did additional graduate work at The o Columbia University and New York University, receiving his doctor's degree at NYU in 1924. He began his teaching carer consolidated schools at Wade in

See MESSICK On Page Two

OF NORTH CAROLINA

tate has won dismissal in Wake Superior court of a suit that has been pending for 20 years, Attorney General Harry McMullan aninced today.

McMullan said that Judge Leo Car, had granted a motion to dismiss the action on the grounds that it was not properly brought. orporation sought the return of department. \$18,000 that it paid on an autohen the action was filed. Mcllan said that with interest, a tal of \$40,000 was involved when case finally came up for trial

vo weeks ago. General Motors has served notice of appeal to the State Supreme court, McMullan said.

The Weather

FORECAST: South and North Carolina—Fair and gatly cooler in West and central por-ns, partly cloudy and hot with afterhundershowers in extreme East day. Thursday fair and mild. (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau)

p. m. yesterday. TEMPERATURES m. 77; 7:30 a. m. 77, 1:30 p. m. p. m. 80; Maximum 87; Mini-; Mean 81; Normal 79. HUMIDITY

ogical data for the 24 hours

PRECIPATION

since the first of the month

TIDES FOR TODAY the Tide Tables published by Coast and Geodetic Survey).

HIGH LOW

gton 9:03 a.m. 3:58 a.m.

9:34 p.m. 4:00 p.m. Inlet _ 6:46 a.m. 1:00 a.m. 7:21 p.m. 12:52 p.m. 5:04; Sunset 7:27; Moonrise

stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 More WEATHER On Page Two

City, County Authorities cases where tenants agree in re-

become effective in North Caro- of "low down political methods. city, county and state authorities officially don't know anything

A survey of various offices last night disclosed that officials are John Decatur Messick, North Car- not in possession of the new tate statutes

Recorder's court early in the day when cases were run off under the old ruling with Judge Winfield any criminal liability here the the Teachers College by the Smith announcing that he had no President of the United States board of trustees at a meeting official word of any change in

deputy sheriffs and state highway patrolmen for any information. Attorney Aaron Goldberg summed the department of education at up the situation when he declared the Woman College of the Univer"I guess we're all like Will Rogers used to say—'All we know is what we read in the newspapers.' Cases Disposed Of

board at ECTC. A committee of heavier penalties that will be forthcoming when official notice of

Fines of \$25 and \$50 for reckless

T. Hamilton of Wilmington, chair-man, Thomas J. Hackney of Wil-layied in two or three days on and Ralph M. Garrett of levied in two or three days -'maybe Wednesday.'

The minimum fine for driving Dr. Messick was notified by telephone of his appointment and accepted the position. He has resigned his position at New Jersey \$500 and the revocation of driving licenses for an indefinite period. "Under these new laws there won't be half the drivers on the road within a year than there are

SUIT PENDING TWENTY HIGHWAY DETOURS Commander, Charles H. Foard, 1st vice commander James Craig;

RALEIGH, July 1 — (P) — The Six Southeastern Carolina Arteries Blocked For Paving, Repairs

in the State highway conditions whose terms have not expired.

State was collecting in 1927 signs and are in good condition.

West of Wilmington on U.S. 17 West of Wilmington on U. S. 17, project 3123, 0.6 mile bridges and approaches at Alligator creek and chef de gare of the Forty and Brunswick river. Traffic is being Eight. maintained over temporary

> traffic is routed through N. C. 24 and U. S. 258. Six miles are being paved near the junction of U. S. 258.

Local traffic is being maintained on a detour between Comfort See HIGHWAY On Page Two

Still Without Copies Of New Laws

He called upon

the new laws are received.

A check at the courthouse and city hall showed that no offices college in 1922. Later he studied have received copies of the new laws as they apply to fines and

The only exception was the state department of revenue which had been instructed that it was to collect the doubled amount in s principal of the South River there did not know how the laws

beer and wine taxes but officials will be administered.

YEARS ENDS IN FAVOR LISTED BY BOARD Second vice commander, Kenneth landing today.

Six highway detours in South-

On N. C. 41, near Beaulaville

Those new state laws may have dent's message constituted the use lina yesterday but Wilmington,

That first became apparent in them right in the corner with traffic penalties.

A. Erwin, state superintendent of through a half dozen traffic cases As a result the court ran

> Ray Galloway, State Department Commander, Conducts Ceremonies

> > Officers of Wilmington Post No. 0, American Legion, Voiture No. 245 of the Forty & Eight and of Unit No. 10, American Legion See APARTMENT On Page Two Auxiliary, were installed last night

Taylor Urges

Republican Whip Delivers

Angry Speech In Re-

ply To President

WASHINGTON, July, 1 -(P)-

Senator Wherry of Nebraska ac-

cused President Truman today of

cute real estate lobbyists or "apol-

In an angry Senate speech, the Republican whip opened fire on

the message Mr. Truman sent

new rent control bill. The Presi-

dent objected to a provision per-

mitting 15 per cent increases in

turn for a lease running through

Beating his desk for emphasis,

Wherry shouted that the Presi-

He said he objected to the Presi

dent's assertion that the opera-

tions of the real estate lobbyists

"I challenge him to bring one

man in here who is guilty of sub-

dered. "Subversive-he is putting

Communists. To me subversive

means criminal. And if there is

should have every one of these

Job To Do

"If there are subversive activi-

ties, the Department of justice

has a job to do and the President

of the United States knows it.'

Idaho) introduced a resolution

calling for an inquiry by the Sen-

ate banking committee of the

Taylor told the Senate the Re-

LEGION OFFICERS

Earlier Senator Taylor

nien brought into court.

"real estate lobby."

bordered on the "subversive."

1948. He also struck at "brazen"

real estate lobbyists.

versive activity.

'low down political methods" and

with appropriate ceremonies.

Ray Galloway, recently elected LINCOLNTON MAN with appropriate ceremonies. department commander of North Carolina conducted the ceremonies for the American Legion, Vance L Smith for the Forty & Eight, and department president-elect Floyd Chadwick of Moorehead City for Companion Critically In-

the Auxiliary. The following officers of Wolmington Post No. 10 for the year 1947-1948 were installed and will commence their duties immediate-

second vice commander, Kenneth landing two miles north of here R. N. Getty; chaplain, Rev. R. L. Sturgis, historian, Miss Lois Cox; judge advocate, Sol Sternberger; service officer, Leonard Barrett; finance officer, W. L. Burkheimer; executive committee, W. K. Stewart, Jr., Thomas Shepard, N. C., The Mullins hospital said. Charles Cunningham. J. C. Myers J. B. Johnson, motor company and John Bright Hill are also mem-

eastern North Carolina are listed bers of the Executive committee said "apparently the motor failed, the state. the action on the grounds hat it was not properly brought. In the suit, General Motors department whose terms have not expired. At the conclusion of the cerement whose terms have not expired. At the conclusion of the cerement whose terms have not expired. At the conclusion of the cerement whose terms have not expired. The plane dived straight to the ground from about 100 feet in the monies Commander Foard predictions who was in sented the retiring commander, the front of the tandem seats. Following is a list of detours, W. K. Stewart, Jr., with the past which are plainly marked by commander's pin in recognition of headed from the direction of Myr-

W. K. Rhodes was installed as

Commander Foard announced that the next regular meeting of the post would be Thursday, July 17th, but there will be a meeting of the newly elected executive committee on Thursday July 3rd,

at 8 p. m. At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments were served in the parlor of the Legion home.

"Gas, Garters, Girdles Are Not Synonymous"

WASHINGTON, July 1- (U.P.) -Using apt alliteration to push not synonymous. The gas and side of the river, right across her point, a pretty Pittsburgh, Pa., lawyer let Congress know today that "gas, garters and utility under a franchise, and cangirdles are not synonymous." Opposing a bill to limit the gov- have no public responsibility." ernment's power to regulate natural gas companies, she was trying to beat down industry argu-

wheat shipments. Chic, black-haired Anne X. Allatory powers for wheat and gas oil man, which would limit FPC's the vessel while if she had been were far different, she told a Sen- authority to natural gas moved docked at the Seaboard docks this ate Commerce subcommittee:

ments that gas should be treated

in the same manner as, say,

"Gas, gapters and girdles are pipeline companies are a public gan to load scrap iron. not take the position that they

The companies, she contended, want to cramp the authority of 26, 1940, she returned to her origithe Federal Power Commission so nal place across the river from they can run this business in a the Custom House, despite the fact

Apartment-Hotels Advise Hit - Run Motorist Ends Playful Downtown Party **LUMBERTON NURSE** probably didn't notice the traffic

INDUCTED—Pictured above are the new officers of Wilmington Post No. 10, of the American Legion who were inducted into office last night at the Legion home. They are, first row, left to right: Tom Shepherd, executive committee; Sol Sternbrger, judg advocate; Jimmie

Craig, first vice commander; Charles Foard, commander; Lois Cox, historian; R. N. Getty, Jr., third vice commander; and W. L. Burkheimer, finance officer. Back row, left to right: W. K. Stewart, Jr., executive committee; Rev. R. L. Sturgis, chaplain; Kenneth Corbett, second vice commander; Leonard Barrett, service officer; and John C. Myers, executive committee.

Ceiling Still Within Reach In Local Hotels;

CAPTURES HONORS

gathered in their lobbies tonight waving rent-hike notices and yell-RALEIGH, July 1. - (AP) ing in chorus: "How much is 15 of Raeford, won the title, "Miss their pigeon holes this morning 1947" tonight when Kay Kyser, they found little slips couched in radio and movie star announcpolite language as hollow as the ed the judges' decision, placed wartime "greetings" from Uncle the crown on her head and kiss-Sam advising you had been aced her before a cheering audi-

The winner is a student nurse at the Baker-Thompson Memorial hospital school of nursing in Lumberton, District seven, N.

"Miss North Carolina Student Nurse of 1947" received a week's vacation at Wrightsville Beach, as guest of the South Eastern North Carolina Beach Associa-

LOUIS J. POISSON **KILLED IN CRASH** NAMED TO GROUP

Wilmington Attorney On jured When Plane Falls Special Committee To Study Justice

The pilot was killed and his pas- RALEIGH, July 1 -(P)-Louis J. senger in a two seated light plane Poisson, of Wilmington, today was was seriously injured in a forced named to the 23-member commission, to the study the administration of justice in North Carliona, 24, who held a flight instructor's by Gov. R. Gregg Cherry.

The commission was authorized by the 1947 general assembly to was Ray M. Travis, 26, the passenger. Both live near Lincolnton, ommendations to the 1949 general assembly on "the improvement of the administration of justice" in

Another member named to the commission was Charles R. Jonas of Lincolnton, who in a speech at the annual meeting of the N. C. Bar association at Blowing Rock last week, said that the state is

See POISSON On Page Two

Along The Cape Fear

motor Vessel "Colin." ton, 396-foot long ship played a Italy was a belligerent nation, major role in the history of the the "Villarperoso" was loading outset of World War II.

Clients Of Increases Up

To 100 Per Cent

BY WILLIAM TUCKER

United Press Staff Correspondent

ATLANTA, Ga., July 1- (U.R)

Angry tenants of the Briarcliff

and Clermont apartment - hotels

They had a right to wonder.

Some tenants said they were

told that, if they didn't mind, their

rent would go up to almost three

times what they are now paying,

effective immediately. Others re-

ported they will only have to pay

No 15 per centers have yet

come forward in the two swank

Near Myrtle Beach

MULLINS, S. C., July 1-(AP)-

Dead was James E. Williams,

license and critically injured with

a crushed chest and other injuries

salesman and private pilot here,

Johnson said the plane was

cepted.

twice as much.

She was known as the "Villarperoso" then and she might have queried the office of merchant played a still bigger role had the ship movements on regulations rethe captain not gone awry. The ship, of Italian ownership

from the Custom House and be-QUEER BEHAVIOR - The ves-

a short while and then on August "paradise of skyhocketing prices." that the wharf charges were the W. N. Derby, commander of the The subcommittee is consides- same at both places. Further- United States Coast Guard and pern, Pittsburgh city solicitor, ing a bill by Sen. E. H. Moore, more, a boat had to carry men discussed the possibility of sabocouldn't see it. Insisting that regu- R., Okla., himself an independent and supplies across the river to tage. over trunk transmission lines. | would not have been necessary.

MV COLIN - Plowing through | It was then that Custom officials one of the seven seas today, un- here began to get suspicious less she has been scrapped, is the enough to take action. After tak- \$108,117,705.59 This 8,200 ing into consideration the fact that

was docked at the narrowest part get accustomed to the state's new p.m. The airport office will now of the Cape Fear, Custom officials retail sales tax. to another berth.

and registration, sailed into port REPLY - The office of merin June 1940, docked on the west chant ship movements replied that the situation did not merit telling the masters of belligerent vessels where they could or could not dock. Months dragged by with the

on the east side of the river for prehensive of the presence of the Beach association from the New "Villarperoso" and the proximity of war. Col. John Bright Hill, collector of customs, communicated with

Hill noted that should the "Cal-

No Rental Boosts Are Now Contemplated

light as he frolicked in the street isn't there", a survey reveals that might have caused the blast. with his companion. But, now he is local hotels "plan to keep the old rates." dead, the victim of a hit and run His body, covered with blood of the Cape Fear hotel, said that supervision of a commission of exwas lying in the street. Persons they did not plan to increase their perts charged with seing that

away, but no one offered to remove the crushed body from the pave-Last night shortly after 9:30 gives the order to change, he said. cped without injury. clock, Pal or Rover, or maybe Joe or Spot — his name doesn't matter now - was playing on the corner of Front and Chestnut street His companion dashed across the street and Rover, or Spot, or what-

ever his name was, dashed straight behind him. The light may have been green or it may have been red, Rover didn't notice. He didn't even see the big black sedan that turned the corner. Perhaps the driver didn't see Rover, but there was a sickening thud and Rover crumbled to the pavement, a slight whimper and he was dead. The driver maybe doesn't even know he had hit Rover be-

cause he continued on his way. Rover's companion, across the street by now, turned around and walked slowly up to the side of his dying companion. He stood there looking at him as if he had lost a iong time friend. He stood looking at the crowds as

they passed by. No one seemed to want to help So, after several minutes, he slowly walked east on Chestnut street. All play was gone now.

INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS REACH ALL-TIME HIGH MARK

GREENSBORO, July 1 -(P)-In ternal revenue collections of the federal government in North Carolina during the fiscal year which ended Monday were greater than those of any previous year, according to a report released by H. Robertson, collector Charles for the district. Collections for the past fiscal

year, July 1, 1946, to June 30, 1947, were \$1,182,571,841.29. This exceeded the previous year's record-setting total of \$1,089,734,536 .-65 by \$92,837,304.64. Collections for last month were \$114,447,415.61 representing an in-

crease of \$6,329,710.02 over collections of June, 1946, which totaled STATE RETAIL SALES TAX ANNAPOLIS, Md., July 1.-(P)-

played a still bigger role had the ship movements on regulations replayed a still bigger role had the garding the moving of the vessel Jaycees Urge Cash Aid For Beach Association And So To Bed

> Hanover county commissioners and a like sum from the Wilminghopes to attain heights in dramatton City council be granted. ics. She recently moved to Wil-Action on the request of the as- mington from Raleigh and is em-

moting this area as a resort has work. thus far been delayed by the two bodies and is expected to be acted Six of the entrants in the beauty See JAYCEES On Page Six pageant to select Miss Wilming

Angry Tenants Blast Rent Hikes In Atlanta Wilmington Hostelries Say

Despite reports from all over the country that hotel rates are Pantelleria had become

rates. He added, however, that the only "safe" explosives were and with saddened hearts walked final word lay with the owner of ed. E. B. Bugg, manager of the Wilmington Hotel, gave an emphatic "no" when asked if the rates at the Wilminton would increase. "We are satisfied with our operation," he said, "and our rates will cent years as a munitions ship.

> not go up." Anderson, manager of the

NATIONAL PLANE SETS NEW RECORD

New DC-6 Flies Non-Stop Newark To Miami In 3 Hours, 12 Minutes

National Airlines, which serves Wilmington, last night laid claim to a new commercial flight record for the Newark to Miami run, his friend and he was too small. when it's new DC-6 "Four Hundred" winged over the 1200-odd air miles in 3 hours, 12 minutes um, Inc., has contributed \$150 to and 58 seconds, according to word send 10 underprivileged boys to received by James Holomon, lo-

cal station manager. The speedy plane, designated as Flight 401, non stop, which went into regular service recently, was in charge of Captain Whitaker and sell, president, declared the precc-pilot Dymond on the record- vention of tuberculosis is among breaking flight. Both men are veteran pilots with National.

New Service In announcing news of the new flight mark by the big National project hereabouts that promises DC-6, Holomon said that new better results in this direction went into effect yesterday, now offer direct flights to Miami and Other Gifts schedules for Wilmington, which New Orleans from Bluethenthal Field with the latter service making good connections at the Crescent city for the west coast. With four DC-4 flights in and

now offers the Wilmington business man an opportunity of leaving home shortly after eight o'clock for Newark and arriving in that city at 11:30. A full business day is then possible with the return flight to Wilmington leav-Marylanders began shelling out ing Newark airport at 5:45 p.m., Cape Fear River just before the scrap iron and the fact that she the pennies today as they tried to and arriving here shortly after 9

Members of the Wilmington ton were special guests of the Junior Chamber of Commerce last club last night. Introduced by night adopted a resolution urging Stanley Rehder, contest committhat the \$5,000 aid request of teeman, each girl told something sel moved to the Seaboard docks Custom officials growing more ap- the Southeastern North Carolina about herself. The entrants present last night were: Isabelle Anderson, who

> sociation for financial aid in pro- ployed at present in secretarial Harryette Vines, a Wilmington girl and a 1945 graduate of New Hanover High school, is at pres-

Divers Start Rescue Tasks

ESTABLISHED 1867

Munitions Ship Explodes At Port Of Rome Docks: **Toll May Mount**

ROME, July 1 —(P)—Sixty-eight persons were killed and several others were believed trapped below decks today when the Italian munitions ship Panigaglia exploded at Porto Santo Stefano, near Civitavecchia, the port of Rome, the Italian news agency ANSA re-

The 643-ton vessel was unloadng munitions which she had transported from the former Italar island fortress of Pantelleria when the blast occurred.

ANSA said that 55 crew members, 12 longshoremen and the marshal of the port were known to have ben killed. Rome afternoon newspapers reported that the death toll was "more than 70." Several hours after the blast, escue workers reported that they heard tappings in the extreme after section of the shattered vessel, and divers immediately went to work with blow torches to cut their way into the hold to determine if there were any survivors.

Only four bodies had ben recovered by this afternoon, five Allied military scurces in Rome said the Italian Navy had been transferring explosives from Pan-telleria to the Italian mainland under terms of the Italian peace treaty, which calls for the demilitarization of the tiny bastion sit-

uated betwen Sicily and Tunis. Allied munitions experts said that much of the explosives on 'reaching for the ceiling which stable," and speculated that this

ANSA reported the ship was carrying 330 tons of munitions A. W. Britt, assistant manager which had ben loaded under the

the establishment who is a resi- The news agency said the blast dent of New York. The rates will sank a smaller vessel, but that remain the same until the owner the one man aboard that craft es-

> Built In 1923 The Panigaglia was built in 1923 as a Navy transport but had ben used by the Italian Navy in re-

It carried a crew of 61 and three officers. Five crew members were locat-See WILMINGTON On Page Two ed safe ashore after the explo-

Porto Santo Stefano could not be reached by telephone, and opera-See DIVERS On Page Two

SANATORIUM AIDS UNDERPRIVILEGED

Dr. John C. Wessell Announces Gift To Send Boys To Camp

Wilmington Red Cross Sanatorithe Bruce B. Cameron Memorial Boys camp, at Porter's Neck, for two weeks.

In making the gift on behalf of

the sanatorium, Dr. John C. Westhe most hopeful undertakings, paralleling the advance science has made in arresting the disease. He added that he knows of no than the camp sponsored and con-

This voluntary gift by the sanagifts. The Veterans of Foreign Wars contributed \$120, and Luther Raney \$100, to be used for sendout of Wilmington daily, National ings boys whose parents cannot afford the cost to the camp. The Brigade Boys club directors

held their monthly meeting at the camp last night, at which time James Copeland, executive director, announced 206 boys had attended thus far this summer. Copeland announced that July 19 has been tentatively set for closing but that the period might

be extended if money and boys "held out" longer. The object, he explained, is to give every youngster who wished a week's vacation a chance to do so.

"You can have my wife but

don't keep bothering me about Helen Brewington, 26, Negress, testified in Recorder's

court yesterday that her hus-

Walter Brewington, told her "boy friend" Then a fight ensued between the couple. The wife was chraged with cutting her husband about the throat. "We can't get along any

way," the two agreed.

Judge Winfield Smith handed the woman a six-months suspended sentence.

Sixty-Eight Persons Killed, Many More