

STATE FHA UNIT HAS BUSY MONTH

June Tops All Months In Number Of Applications Handled

GREENSBORO, July 3—(AP)—A greater number of applications than have been handled in any previous month were processed in North Carolina during June by the Federal Housing Administration.

Statistics showing the large volume of work handled during the month were released here today by E. D. Kuykendall, Jr., state director of the agency.

Figures showed further that 600 commitments for financing to provide 692 living units were issued.

Applications processed, not including nearly 400 cases which were reworked, numbered 755. The largest month previously on record was April of this year when 656 were handled through the state office here. The records showed processing time on 88 per cent of the applications was less than two weeks and 57 per cent were worked up in seven days or less. Loans insured amounted to nearly \$2,000,000.

Commitments were issued on 600 applications which would provide 692 living units. The average commitment per living unit was approximately \$6,900. Total amount on which financing commitments were issued was \$4,024,950.

New applications for home loans numbered 601, which would provide 1064 living dwellings and duplexes and 429 multifamily rental housing units.

Total amount on which financing was asked in the applications was \$7,548,225.

DOUGHTON

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the senate, also asking anonymity, said a preliminary check indicates that a veto might be upheld in the senate.

Senator Millikin (R-Colo.), finance committee chairman, told newsmen that the prospects of overriding in the senate "looks good and I'm hopeful."

Senator Byrd (D-Va.), who has been lining up Democratic support for the new measure, still claimed 61 certain senate votes to override, with an additional 13 or 14 in prospect.

If Mr. Truman vetoes the new measure, it would require 64 votes to override if all senators were present and voting.

Debt Payment House Ways and Means Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) author of the bill, said it would yield \$39,900,000,000 in revenues in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948—enough, he said, "to pay at least \$5,000,000,000 on the nation's debt in the next 12 months."

The bill approved today is identical with the measure vetoed by Mr. Truman June 16 as the wrong kind of tax reduction at the wrong time—except that the effective date of the tax cut is next Jan. 1 instead of July 1, 1947.

NEW TOWN

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ature has not defined the term in its laws outlawing gambling. The court's ruling yesterday here, makes subject to arrest anyone found operating games at the beach, attorneys here agreed.

Judge Smith asserted, and attorneys agreed, that the Carolina Beach board should define in its laws how bingo is played. Yesterday's hearing was the second of a similar nature in the last month in Recorder's court. A month ago the court told Beach authorities it was up to them to regulate their concessions with proper laws.

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The Weather

Weather bureau report of temperature and rainfall for 24 hours ending 8 p. m. in the principal cotton growing areas and elsewhere: Station High Low Precip. Wilmington 86 66 0.10, etc.

WEATHER

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Sunday when the weekend vacationers will be returning to their homes.

The Cape Fear hotel is booked for the weekend and the Hotel Wilmington is booked except for a few available reservations.

In Wilmington all stores and offices will be closed. State employees will be given a three day holiday. Stores and offices in the city hall and courthouse will reopen as usual Saturday morning.

No deliveries will be made at the postoffice and all windows will be closed.

Safety associations over the country expect 27 persons to lose their lives in holiday accidents and automobile associations predict more cars to be on the roads than ever before.

It might be the biggest Fourth of July ever.

It might also rain.

Long Week-End Holiday BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With July 4 coming on a Friday, thousands of North Carolinians made a long weekend of the holiday by forgetting their jobs until Monday in favor of the beaches, mountains and attending sporting events and special Independence Day festivities arranged in many cities.

The weatherman said today would be a perfect day with one exception. That was a disturbed condition off the North Carolina capes. However, that moved northward out of the state.

Thousands of textile workers will be free until Monday, many of them having started their summer vacations a week ago.

All governmental offices in the state will be closed today, except essential public services such as police and fire protection, all banks will be closed this legal holiday, but many of them will be open Saturday, a normal half-holiday. Postoffices will observe holiday hours but return to regular schedules Saturday.

Most retail stores will be closed and resume business Saturday morning.

Rail, air and bus lines were preparing for the usual heavy holiday traffic. Police chiefs asked motorists to be extra careful over the holiday.

PRAYER

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encouragement. A minister conducted prayers in his church and groups of school children sent up their prayers too.

At the hospital, the doctors operated.

Mrs. White did not die as they expected. Instead she grew stronger. Her voice, which had been a whisper, became clear. A touch of color returned to her cheeks. She was getting well. In a matter of days, she was sitting up.

Today White walked into the United Press office to express his thanks to the people who had prayed.

"Their prayers brought a miracle," he said. "I don't know whether God Built Johns Hopkins hospital but He certainly was walking around out there last week."

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

TOM CLAIM HE LAN' IN JAIL JES' FUH CELEBRATIN' DE FO' TH O' JULY — YEH! WAVIN' DE FLAG IN ONE HAN' EN A BOTTLE IN DE YUTHER!



RADIO

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announcing staff will be at the mikes on Derby Day in order to keep race fans all over southeastern North Carolina informed as to every happening at Derby Downs.

News that WMFD will broadcast the event was one of many things which happened around Derby headquarters yesterday. Topping the list, perhaps, was the receipt from National headquarters in Detroit of the N. Dreystadt championship plaque which will be awarded to the Wilmington city champion at the conclusion of the final heat.

The plaque, one of the hand-somest awards yet given by the president of Chevrolet, will be placed on display early next week with a host of other fine prizes to be awarded on Derby Day.

Chairman James Copeland of the Derby parade committee, informed headquarters that he is working on a plan which may develop into one of the most colorful events put on here in years.

While keeping rather mum on the details, Copeland assured headquarters that the parade on Derby Day morning will be worth going miles to see.

Invitations were mailed yesterday to service clubs in all county seat towns of the Wilmington trade area, urging the staging of Soap Box races in each of the communities with the winners to be sent to Wilmington for the big Derby here.

And from that Derby will come the new Wilmington champion-the boy who will represent Wilmington and The Star-News in the National finals at Akron, Ohio, on August 17.

MAY

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the reporters quietly, "except that the case will be appealed."

If the appeal is carried to the U. S. supreme court, May and the Garsons will not know until next fall, at the earliest, whether they must go to jail. The high court is in recess for the summer.

There was no demonstration in the hot and crowded courtroom when the jury returned its guilty verdict. The spectators and even the defendants appeared to have expected it.

Pleasure-Hating Baptist Preacher Chains Child

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., July 3—(AP)—A pleasure-hating Baptist preacher chained his daughter to a bedpost today, augmenting his usual weekly bell-lashing of the pretty blonde girl so she would be safe from worldly associates on her 16th birthday, police said.

Horrified authorities released the sobbing child, who bore livid welts on her body from the repeated beatings. They took her father, short, swarthy and bespectacled William Massengill, 50, to jail. The tight-lipped stepmother—Massengill's third wife—also was held for questioning.

Geraldine (Jerry) Massengill, the daughter, owed her escape to her own ingenuity. As her 16th birthday dawned, she said, Massengill came in her room and padlocked a big iron chain around her ankle. He padlocked the other end of the chain to the bedstead in her dingy room.

The chain gave the girl enough freedom of movement to get to the window and when she spied a little friend, eight-year-old Edward Johnson, playing on the sidewalk she scribbled a note on an old Christmas card and dropped it to the lad.

Friend Calls Police It was addressed to Barbara Jean Rutherford, a neighborhood girl Jerry's own age. "Daddy has chained me to the bed, please call the police," the note said. Edward took the card to Barbara

and she immediately called the police.

Capt. C. V. Christenberry and Patrolman Henry Grady arrived within an hour. When Christenberry saw the fettered, bruised child he called Chief of Police Joe Kimsey so he could see it for himself.

"It's the worst thing I've ever seen in America," said Chief Kimsey, as the police struggled with the locks and chain. Massengill came home and gave them the keys to release Geraldine.

He readily admitted chaining her to the bed and said "I guess I am ashamed of this, but it was the only way I could keep her home so she wouldn't get into trouble."

Admits Whipping Her "You won't believe me, but I loved her," said the father, blinking through his thick glasses and showing a blue stubble of beard. When police questioned him about the raised red welts on the girl's hips and legs, Massengill admitted that he was in the habit of whipping her.

"At least every week," broke in the weeping girl.

Massengill then produced a collection of belts that he said he had used to administer the beatings one of them a stout strap an inch wide.

Neighbors in the poor-class district said that "he beat hell out of her at times." Mrs. Delbert Johnson, mother of the boy who delivered the note, said that Geraldine was a quiet child who stayed at home virtually all of the time.

"Thank Goodness" Geraldine said that she had never been to a movie, gone swimming or attended a party because of her father's harsh rules. Her brother, Edward, 18, ran away from home almost a year ago because of the severe beatings he received from his father, the girl said.

Jerry will be placed in a juvenile home where she can receive proper care, officers said, and when they told her she said through her tears "thank goodness."

Formal charges had not been placed against Massengill or his wife. The mother of Jerry and Edward died some years ago and Massengill's earlier wife had also died.

Police said that Massengill was an ordained Baptist minister but had no regular pulpit. He came here about five years ago.

RENT

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any subsequent order of the rent director.

Report Procedure 4. Q: If a tenant does not choose to sign a lease providing for an increased rent, and he is threatened or coerced by the landlord, what action should the tenant take?

A: The tenant should immediately report such matter to the area rent office.

5. Q: How may a landlord increase his rent by not more than 15 per cent as provided in the act?

A: A landlord may increase his rent by no more than 15 per cent over the maximum rent if his tenant, on or before December 31, 1947, voluntarily enters into a written lease expiring on or after December 31, 1949, provided that he complies with the filing requirements stated in the answer to question 7.

6. Q: If a landlord and tenant make an oral agreement for a rent increase does this increase the maximum rent?

A: No. No increase in the maximum rent of the unit is permissible based on an oral agreement; there must be the voluntary signing of a lease.

Maximum Hike

7. Q: Must the increase in rent provided for in the lease be in the amount of 15 per cent?

A: No. It may not be more than 15 per cent but it may be less.

8. Q: What is the base rent to which the rent increase provided for in the lease is added?

A: The maximum rent in effect immediately prior to the effective date of the lease.

9. Q: If a maximum rent is increased by order of the rent office after July 1, 1947, may the landlord, on or before December 31, 1947, enter into a lease increasing the rent by an additional 15 per cent?

A: Yes, since the 15 per cent may be added to the maximum rent which would otherwise apply under the rent regulations.

10. Q: In a lease valid which provides for a 15 per cent rent increase but also provides that the tenant must pay for utilities formerly paid for by the landlord?

A: No. The lease must not contain a provision decreasing the essential services, furniture, furnishings and equipment otherwise required by the regulation prior to the execution of the lease or a degree substantially less than that required by the regulation prior to the execution of the lease.

11. Q: May a lease contain an option on the part of the tenant to terminate the lease prior to the expiration date of the lease?

A: Yes.

Ambassador Shans Cold Water Faucets Which Turn On Bath Water

LONDON, July 3—(AP)—Ambassador Lewis W. Douglas said today he would not live in Winfield House, the \$2,600,000 mansion with gold faucets in its bathtubs which was donated to the Embassy last year by Woolworth heiress Barbara Hutton Troubetzkoy.

"I don't think I'd like to live there, even if I could afford it," the ambassador told a news conference.

He and Mrs. Douglas and their daughter, Sharman, plan to remain in the more modest official residence in Princes Gate, facing Hyde Park, donated years ago by Pierpont Morgan.

City Briefs

Typhoid clinics will be set up at Roosevelt Gardens Saturday, July 5, between 10 a. m. and 12 noon, officials of the New Hanover county Health department announced yesterday.

Veterans and non-veterans are invited to join Company 1, 118th Infantry of the National Guard, which meets next Tuesday at Eighth and streets, N. St. F. C. Mason said yesterday. "Members get training in technical skills, sports physical conditioning, and a chance for a vacation at next summer's camp," he said.

A coroner's jury last night absolved L. E. Rawles, Safeway Transit company bus driver, of all responsibility in connection with the death of Thomas Bryant Long, 80-year-old resident of 1006 Market street, who died of injuries sustained when he was struck by a bus driven by Rawles. The accident was declared unavoidable by Coroner Gordon Doan.

Applications may now be filled out for occupational therapist positions in Veterans administration hospitals and regional and branch offices throughout the United States, the United States Civil Service commission announced yesterday. Applications must be received by the Board of U. S. Civil examinations by Aug. 12. Applications may be secured from the commission secretary, Winston-Salem, post office building.

The North Carolina Veterans commission will be closed July 4 and 5 in observance of Independence day. Leonard W. Barrett, state assistant service officer, announced yesterday.

The Rev. Malcolm C. McIver, Jr., of Tuscaloosa, Ala., will conduct services in the Pearsall Memorial church Sunday morning, July 6th, at 11 o'clock. He is the son of M. C. Iver and wife, 211 North Sixth street.

Sandy Daniels instituted suit in county court yesterday against Fannie Jane Smith and other claimants to property and a small house at Ninth and Wooster streets in which the plaintiff asks that the property be sold and the proceeds divided among the heirs. Daniels seeks a \$600 judgment, the amount the plaintiff says he paid Fannie Smith for the property, and \$150 which he declares he spent in repairing the house. Basis of the suit was that the plaintiff said at the time of the purchase, he was unaware there were other heirs to the property.

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Obituaries

JACOB HURWITZ

Jacob Hurwitz, 62, resident of Wallace, died Tuesday night in James Walker Memorial hospital. He is survived by nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were conducted yesterday at 4:30 p. m. in the B'nai Israel Hebrew cemetery, with the Rabbi Samuel A. Friedman officiating.

MRS. R. M. BULLOCK

FAIR BLUFF, July 3—Funeral services for Mrs. R. M. Bullock, 62, who died Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock at her residence in the Spring Branch section of Horry county, near Fair Bluff, after a lingering illness, were held today from Spring Branch Baptist church at 2 p. m. The Rev. John Pierce, pastor of the church, officiated. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

MAJOR CARROLL

WHITEVILLE, July 3.—Funeral services for Major Carroll, 64, who died at the Columbus County Home Wednesday morning at 11:45 after a long illness were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Shiloh Methodist church. The Rev. Mr. Strickland officiated and interment was in the Shiloh cemetery.

Surviving are one brother, J. Tom Carroll; one sister, Mrs. Nettie Soles of Whiteville.

MRS MAMIE SESSONS

Mrs. Mamie Sessons, 81, Autryville, died yesterday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. M. Woodward, 315 Walnut street, after suffering a stroke a few hours earlier.

The body will be taken to Taber City where funeral services will be conducted at 10 a. m. Friday. Surviving, in addition to the daughter, are one brother, Henry Branton; one sister, Mrs. Ella Prince and nieces and nephews, all at Taber City.

JAMES O. EVANS

CLINTON, July 3—Funeral services for James O. Evans, 67, who died at his home in Clinton, N. C., early today following a long illness, will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence with the Rev. E. S. Morgan, pastor of the Rowan Baptist church, officiating. Interment will be held in the family cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Katie Mathis Evans; one daughter, Mrs. S. J. Leonardie, Pittman, N. J.; two sons, J. O. Evans, Jr., of Clinton; J. T. Jackson, Jacksonville, Fla.; three sisters, Mrs. P. G. Maulder of Greensboro; Mrs. W. A. Coggins, and Mrs. T. P. Beavers of Bear Creek; one brother, J. A. Evans of Clinton, and two grandchildren.

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ambassadors to France and Britain might follow him to Moscow soon, for consultation in the East-West bloc of Europe which his government's decision forced.

Copies of the conference invitation and of the French compromise proposal of July 1—the rejection of which by Russia broke up the Big Three conference—were sent to the State department and to American Ambassador Jefferson Caffery.

Copy To Bogomolov

A copy of the invitation was sent also to Russian Ambassador Alexander Bogomolov with an accompanying letter expressing hope that the Soviet boycott was not final and that Russia might take part after all.

It was decided to inform the United Nations Economic commission for Europe, which meets in Geneva, Switzerland, Saturday, of the conference but not to invite it.

Bidault and Bevin issued the invitation to the conference after a two-hour talk at the Foreign office. Bevin then left for London. Bidault is expected to go there this week-end or early next week to prepare for the Paris conference.

The day of conference meets will mark the definite split of Europe—by decision of Russia, which has vehemently opposed the idea—into Western and Eastern blocs.

Dispatches have left no doubt that Czechoslovakia, Finland, Hungary and Poland want to get in on the Marshall plan. The rest of Russia's satellites probably do also.

Iron Curtain Clangs But the Soviet iron curtain has clanged down between them and Paris. There is only the barest chance that Czechoslovakia and Poland, most independent-minded of the satellites, will find their way to the conference in its first phase at least.

Eloquent of the East-West split was the strange dead-of-night departure of Molotov, a refugee from the Marshall plan.

With about 30 of the 96 experts he brought here for the Big Three conference, Molotov slipped out to Le Bourget airport without the knowledge of his hosts, the French, or of the British.

It was hours later that news of his departure was known. When Bevin left, he was in jovial mood. Asked if he and Bidault were making progress, he said: "We are always making progress."

Bidault, escorting Bevin to his car from the Foreign office door, said frankly: "It's always easier with two"—meaning without Molotov.

SEVEN

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north of Grafton. Sheriff Peter Aafedt, coroner Harold Lunde and Grafton police went to the scene and the sheriff's office reported several were found killed and two of the injured taken to a Grafton hospital later.

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Robeson Jury Holds Mocksville Man On Manslaughter Count

Special to the Star

LUMBERTON, July 3—A Robeson county coroner's jury yesterday found probable cause to hold Wade D. Holland of Mocksville for manslaughter in the death of O. W. Brooke, 19-year-old Indian of Maxton, Route 3.

The jury found Brooks died from injuries sustained Tuesday night when he was struck by the automobile driven by Holland on highway 74, four miles west of Pembroke. Brooks was riding a bicycle at the time.

Paul Brooks, 16, who was riding a bicycle with Brooks, his cousin, was critically injured in the same accident and is a patient in the hospital here.

Investigating officers found the car was traveling at a high rate of speed. They testified the car, in which Harold G. James, owner, and Oscar Cook were passengers with Holland, contained several cases of beer and a pint of whiskey. The jury also learned the bikes had no lights.

Funeral for Brooks will be held at 3 p. m. Sunday at Harpers Ferry Baptist church.

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JUDGE

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which states that offenders, in some circumstances, may have their drivers licenses revoked without a hearing.

"How that can be accomplished, I don't know," stated the court. First to feel the wrath of the new penalties was Harvey Walker, charged with speeding 80-miles an-hour in a 50-mile-an-hour zone. Although it was a first offense for Walker he was handed a \$50 fine and his license was revoked for a year.

The second offender was Rose Kennedy to whom a \$100 fine was meted out on a charge of drunk-driving and damage to property. He received a 60-day suspended sentence and his license revoked.

In addition, he was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$35 after police testified that the driver backed his car into a bus and a taxicab at Second and Chestnut streets.

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