Grand Tower

Flee Homes As Missis-

sippi Levee Breaks

smashed last night and the river

spread over about two-thirds of

The break came so suddenly that

Mayor Jesse Grammer reported

over the ground floors of several

reported the crest just above

Grand Tower and said the river

Families forced out of their

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national Air Speed Rec-

ord Dies Instantly

DECORAH, Ia. July 4 - (AP)

Marge Murlburt of Panesville, O.,

holder of the women's internation-

al air speed record, crashed to her

death before an estimated 2,500

its nighest stage tonight.

increasing the damage, he said.

the weary towns people had no op-

ness district.

Wilmington Morning Star

ESTABLISHED 1867

fornado Rips West States

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wister Thundering Out Of Canada Takes Toll Of Ten Lives

GRAFTON, N. D., July 4. —(U.R) A tornado that thundered out of njured at least 45, eight critically. survey of the ravaged areas showed today. The tornado struck first at Windy-

ates, Man., on the Canadian borer, last night. One man, identionly by the last name of Mi-

The twister then cut a path into he United States, moving across northeast corner of North Daand swept into the Red Riv-Valley. It blew itself out in

Near the end of its path, the torado hit a farm house four and ne half miles East of here, killing x of the 20 occupants. The house occupants were injured. Nineteen of the occupants were members of family of migratory workers of Mexican descent who had come from San Antonio, Tex., to work in the sugar beet fields on Lutter. he sugar beet fields on Luther

Couple Killed

Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Ander-

Witnesses said the heaviest damage was done by high winds that Canked the tornado. At Warsaw, which was not hit by the twister igh winds leveled every building cept a Catholic church and one ther structure, observers reported The twister also hit near Oslo, n., but a heavy toll was prevent there because a crowd of apximately 400 persons attending baseball game saw the storm ap- United Mine Workers (AFL).

The spectators and players rac-

OUEEN OF STUDENT NURSES AT BEACH

Miss Alice Geraldine Max- the Northern agreement. well Arrives For Holiday As Guest Of SENCBA

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, July 4 Association, told newsmen after Miss North Carolina Student Nurse the three-hour conference. 1947-Miss Alice Geraldine Maxarrived at the ell — to you, some to spend a week's vacation of the Northern agreement. Besides granting the UMW a substantial pay increase, it is understantial pay increa ewsmen. The pretty 20-year-old udent nurse at the Baker-Thompon Memorial hospital at Lumberon, said she was planning to ge enty of sunshine and have lot's fun while visiting the beach. Miss Maxwell is a pretty brunette with brown eyes and is five eet, four inches tall, weighing 119 ounds. She has been a student surse at the Baker-Thompson hos-

raduate October 25, 1947. Miss Grace Maxwell, a sister of Miss Student Nurse." and herself graduate nurse, accompanied e winner of the state-wide conhere. She is working at the Baker-Thompson hospital as a su-

ital for 34 months and expects to

"I have not made any plans yet, 'she said, "But I have lots of fiends here at Wrightsvville Beach nd I expect to spend a lot of time ith them." Miss Maxwell has isited here often, during her vaation period from the hospital. "You know, the senior nurses on't get a vacation, and this year am a senior and winning the ontest gave me an opportunity

have this swell vacation," she Raeford Native

Miss Maxwell is a native of aeford and she said tonight that he plans to take a post graduate ourse in surgery when she grad-When asked about boy tiends, she said that she expects "boy friend" to come down he first of the week.

the motives which caused the ab-She was crowned Miss North ductions, nor have we been able Carolina Student Nurse of 1947 by ay Kyser, radio and screen star, victims are being kept." Raleigh Tuesday night. Nine es from hospitals throughout h Carolina were represented.

3 DIE IN CRASH AMDEN, N. J., July 4. ther and two young children he

on a holiday ride in a rent- napers lost in snatching their vic- ed in effect in North Carolina this airplane died today in the crash The Russians now Helmer said, the plane in a thickly-populated ion of East Camden.

The Weather

FORECAST: orth Carolina and South Carolina— and slightly warmer Saturday; inued warm Sunday. (Esstern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) eleorological data for the 24 hours bg 7:30 p. m. yesterday. TEMPERATURES

0 a. m. 40; 7:30 a. m. 71; 1:30 p. m. 73; p. m. 78; Maximum 86; Mini-66; Mean 76, Normal 75. HUMIDITY % a. m. 44; 7:30 a. m. 71; 1:30 p. m

PRECIPITATION
pr since the first of the month

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Ministed Clement Attlee introduced princely and tribal states may join the first reading of the Indian In- either India or Pakistan or become dependence bill in the House of independent in themselves.

LONDON, July 4-(U.P)- Prime | whole sub-continent, because the

fore second reading and debate In essence, the bill would create next Thursday. There was no doubt

Flying Saucers Set Pacienus unique Theorists "Unca unique Tourist" Described As Eye Spots,

Space nips, New Navy Planes; Reports All Coincide As To Their Shape

Chicago, July 4—(U.P.)—The "flying saucers" apparently were celebrating Independence Day in their own way. They flashed across the skies above California and brought forth new ideas as to what they are.

Robert L. Jackson said he and William Baker were at a naval air station in San Diego when they saw three flying "discs" traveling about 400 miles an hour about half way from the horizon. Both are Navy chief petty officers.

Meanwhile Mead Layne, also of San Diego, publisher of an occult magazine, said the flying "saucers seen throughout the country are etheric

"SUSIE," a nine-week-old kit-

ten owned by Dr. Herbert Schein

Reach Agreement On

Lewis' Wage Demands

WASHINGTON, July 4 - (U.P.) -

wage policy committee to ratify

No Decision

the Southern Coal Producers

to the miners' health and welfare

RUSSIANS FORBID

KIDNAP REPORTS

Tells Parliament Of

11 Snatchings

Helmer said he had definite

Russian zone.

or," he said.

the last few weeks.

from the people aboard the "saucers" through a transcontrol, or medium.

"These visitors are not ex-carnate humans but are hu-man beings, living in their own world," Layne explained "They come with good intent. They have some idea of experimenting with earth life. That is coming to live on the world for awhile."

The Los Angeles Daily News said the "saucers" may be the

Bevin Warns Russia Against Provocation

Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Anderson were killed on their farm near
Oslo, Minn., and Frank Rogalla,
about 70, Minto, N. D., was killed

SEEK MORE LIGHT
HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Coal Producers Fail To Concert By Municipal Band, Prayer, Speeches Held At City Hall

> By JOHN RALSTON Star Staff Writer

Southern Coal producers decided today to look for "more facts" before trying to deal with the new wage agreement between Northern operators and John L. Lewis' The southern mine owners, replast night as they listened to music attend the Marshall plan conferesenting about 25 per cent of and prayer and a plea for this national plan conference in Paris July 12. to safety. After the storm pass-they formed rescue squads and the July 4 holiday to talk about countries at Wilmington's first urgency of the European econo-over the ground floors of several med the ravaged area, rushing the 35 cents an hour pay increase Fourth of July observance in many mic situation, asked acceptance and other benefits which Lewis years. won from the Northern segment

the speakers. At the bottom of those stairs the and broke up their meeting until city's municipal band played. In

4 p.m. EDT tomorrow, saying they wanted more information. That is the time set for the UMW's paraded, in varied formations, the red and white uniformed Wilmington state championship American Legion drum and bugle corps. "We discussed a lot of things, but no decision was reached," Walter R. Thurmond, secretary of the Southern Coal Producers of Howell Sounds Call

It was the Rev. Andrew J. How Although the conferees said ell, the city's historian, who sound- with the Marshall plan despite nothing publicly, they were con- ed the call for aid to other na-

fund, adoption of the federal safety to other peoples. Let us never tolour purpose to be a good neighbor erate any misgivings as to our some workers now classified as national strength."

All the 400,000 soft coal miners Through a loud-speaker system now are on their 10-day vacation while police kept traffic off the which ends Tuesday. Assuming street, Councilman J. E. L. Wade, presided at the program. It opened See SOUTHERN On Page Two with the singing of America and Sturgis, newly seated American Legion chaplain for this post.

Five-Minute Talk In his five-minute talk on the meaning of independence day, the Rev. Mr. Howell told of the first victory of the American forces in Austrian Interior Minister the Revolutionary war, February

27, 1776, at Moore's Creek bridge near Wilmington. Independence Day means, declared the speaker, that "we have as

told parliament today that Russian man has entire freedom of thought authorities had forbidden Austrian and can progress in knowledge and around the slick clay edges of a at the east corner of the airport, police to report to government achievement and because rule by a agencies the frequent kidnoppings majority is always the safest gov-cave and some expressed the beby Russian soldiers within the ernment.' The reason the United States has been able to hold its place in the

See THOUSANDS On Page Two

'This includes only kidnapings which have officially come to the attention of the ministry of interi- ANTI - FIRECRACKER "Despite vigorous efforts the LAW WELL OBEYED IN ministry has not been able to learn NEW HANOVER COUNTY

Wilmingtonians yesterday really to gain any clues as to where the obeyed that new state law forbidding the sale and shooting of fire-Helmer, in a formal report to crackers.

The Fourth of July passed withof the 11 cases officially reported, out a single arrest or complaint on along with eye witness details and their use. At least last night police evidence such as the finding of and deputy sheriffs said they had Russian army caps which the kid-no trouble enforcing the law placyear for the first time.

The nearest to any complaint was have issued orders to all Austrian from a resident on Chestnut street police officers in their zone not to who reported hearing the shoot-report kidnapings to higher Aus- ing of firecrackers. But investigatrian government agencies "unless tion disclosed it was only houseapproval for such action is given wreckers pulling lumber from the side of an old structure.

July Fourth Becomes India Independence Day

Commons today, making July 4 Independent in themselves.

The text of the bill was not read. It will be available, however, be-

two independent dominions in In- about its passage; the opposition dia-India (Hindu) and Pakistan Conservative party was expected (Moslem)—by August 15. Specifi- to support it completely. cally, it concerns only British In- Altogether, there are 25 clauses dia, about 55 per cent of the whole in the bill. None suggests a new of India. Actually, it affects the constitution for India.

Layne, who last November reported having had contact with a "space ship" which was seen over San Diego, said he had received a message

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SOUTHERN OWNERS THOUSANDS ENJOY Secretary Says Britain baking labor, in which even women and children took part, was smashed last night and the river Play With Peace

LONDON, July 4 -(U.P)-Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin warned Russia implicitly tonight that "you can carry provocation too far" and said "we are tired of those who think they can play peace-loving peoples too washed away.

Bevin made his speech at an the river had climbed to 40.45 feet Strings of lights made brighter American July 4 dinner a few this afternoon, the highest stage by their reflection against the hours after British and French en- ever recorded here, and described whiteness of the city hall, illu- voys had delivered formal invita- it as the worst of several floods minated more than 2,000 persons tions to 22 European countries to experienced by the town, which is

On a flag bedecked platform next Thursday, and called for of the "captive" mines of "Big atop the stairs to the city hall, sat committees to start work by July 15 on a four-year European re- at St. Louis, 75 miles upstream, Report To U. S.

A report is to be made to the probably would rise only a few United States by Sept., 1 on Europe's available resources and needs during the next four years. Italy accepted the invitation of homes moved into two school dicially only a few hours after it buildings and into tents thrown

statement he made since his re- of the town would turn from Paris, where Britain main dry. and France decided to go ahead Russia's boycott.

loving peoples too long," Bevin said. "They must study their psychology. "We are tired of those who

"The time may come when we See BEVIN On Page Two

PARTIES SEARCH DEVIL'S FUNNEL

an invocation by the Rev. R. L. Underground Hunt Continues For Missing Chattanooga Man

> CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 4 -(P)-Search parties continued an T-6, the 32-year-old former Ohio underground hunt today for a 38- school teacher who served as a year-old Nashville man who has WASP during the war, had been been reported lost in a commer- in the air only a short time when cial cave near here since early the accident happened. Tuesday morning.

Searchers had two theories about lief Hurn may have drowned there. Others felt that Hurn may have wandered away into the maze of evidence that 11 persons had been able to mass our intelligent Sand Mountain, under which the broken plane Neighbors of Hurn's brother,

ing the day. came lost after he entered the burn.

eave to find another entrance. Mrs. John Hurn kept a constant in progress for about an hour, was vigil at the entrance to the cave. halted. Along The Cape Fear

dences in town.

oughfares of the Port City.

Most of the hitching posts were

number were shaped like horses-

heads with a ring through the nose for hitching. Some few were

cast in the form of a Negro boy

with a hand extended to which

its kind when grandpa took grand-

HITCHING POSTS - The hitch- from straying is not known. Aping post, a relic of yesteryear, is parently there is no way to find Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin seldom seen on the streets of Wil- out.

mington today. Some few still DIFFERENT DESIGN-Thomas' stand guard over the curbstoneleaning a little perhaps from a hitching post is about seven feet bump they received from a parklong. About two and a half feet ing car-in front of the older resimade of slate, and is almost Douglas presided, saying: square. The hitching ring is hand-But the ravages of time and the turn of the century with a street made of wrought iron and it is workman's disregard for traditions set in lead in the stone. took most of them from the thor-

it when Dr. W. G. Thomas moved from Tarboro to the house at Marmade of iron. By far the greater ket and Fourth streets in 1859. The lot just below the house was also purchased and a doctor's office constructed there.

The doctor's office remained there until 1920. In that period the reigns of the bridle could be of time Dr. W. G. Thomas, his son, Dr. G. G. Thomas and Dr. Pride Jones Thomas, used it to ONE OF THE OLDEST - Prob- hitch their buggy horses. The post ably the oldest hitching post in was in front of the office all that town and possibly the only one of time.

POST MOVED-In 1920 Dr. G. ma buggy riding, stands in front of the residence of George Thomas, G. Thomas died and the office at the intersection of Fourth and was torn down. Because of the sentiment attached George Thom-



Violence Takes 125 Lives

On July Fourth Outings;

the town, including all of the busi-NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of Kiwanis International gather around the club symbol during the 32nd annual convention in Chicago. Left to right: Vice President Charles H. Hulse of Ottawa, Ont.; International President Charles W. Armstrong of Salisbury, N. C.; Treasurer J. Belmont Mosser of St. Marys, Pa., and another vice president, Harrison U. Wood of Racine, Wis.—(AP Wirephoto). portunity to repair it. The two

Holiday Crowds Jam All Beach Facilities

REASON ENOUGH

LIVERPOOL, England, July 4. business establishments, greatly (U.P.) - Paul Greenburge, 37, chef, asked why he "kidnaped" a 17-year-old girl and lived with her for one year, told the judge: "I can't offer any explana-tion except that she is a very The government weather bureau pretty girl and I was fed up with more inches here before reaching

HAYES SATISFIED

Chief Declares He Wishes had observed the Independence Day There was no danger of the No Radical Departure From Present System

Police Chief Hubert Hayes does not wish any radical departure beaches yesterday was given by KILLED IN CRASH from the present setup of the police department but would like an additional two more uniformed lieutenants and "possibly two or three Holder Of Women's Intermore sergeants."

However, no separation of the

That was the declaration last night of Chief Hayes in clarification of published reports that he would ask the the said was a said w would ask "a complete revamping" of the entire department. he had been giving some thought to asking City Manager J. R. Benson for certain changes that might

Chief Hayes said that he was

Departments under consideration

The only change already being

carried out is one to simplify the

index system and a master index

by the police chief would be de-

spectators today while she was performing in a Fourth of July show at the Decorah airport. lead to improvements but that any Flying a torrowed plane, an Asuch proposals were in the preliminary stages. To Study Report Benson declared that he had received no requests for any changes from Chief Hayes. It

She had circled the airport was pointed out by Benson that bussed the field and completed a VIENNA, Austria, July 4—(U.P.)— a nation shown ourselves to be rethe whereabouts of John T. Hurn, loop. Then she was executing what Interior Minister Oscar Helmer markably capable, because each whose brother is part owner of appeared to be a slow roll when submitted by Roy Morgan, forthe cave. They found marks her plane dived into a corn field mer FBI agent, as to steps to be taken in giving the police department greater efficiency. Shrieks went up from the crowd, studying a plan of establishing followed by a stunned silence four departments with an officer Then the spectators made a break work at the head of each department.

broken plane. Dr. L. C. Kuhn, Decorah, who Hollins Hurn, dragged the pool known as "Devil's Funnel," dur- crew, said Miss Hurlburt died instantly. Her body was found still Holling Hurn said his brother be- in the fuselage. The plane did not

The exhibition, which had been

BEVIN GLAD AMERICA DEFEATED BRITISH, HE Both bodies were thrown from the plane. TELLS LONDON YANKS It was not definitely established who was piloting the plane.

LONDON, July 4 -(AP)- British said tonight he was glad that American colonists whipped the Brit-He spoke jocularly at an Inde-

pendence day dinner here at which are imbedded in the ground. It is United States Ambassador Lewis "We are here to celebrate your

tet in lead in the stone.

The Thomas family first used twhen Dr. W. G. Thomas moved of America.

Victory and our defeat. It is instructions for several months and only recently made his first solo flight.

against a bus.

Ideal Weather Takes Thousands To Carolina,

Wrightsville Friday

The Fourth of July yesterday was the biggest ever for Wilmington and the nearby beaches - if the stream of cars heading ocean- climbed to 125 Friday night, inward and the unofficial estimates cluding two fatalities from the of the police departments at Caro- Fourth of July fireworks, as the lina and Wrightsville Beaches are first day of the three-day holiday

in a safe and sane manner. No arrests, no auto accidents and no in- reported resulted from an explosjuries were reported by the police ion of skyrockets at a family reat Carolina and Wrightsville.

Some indication of the number of persons that streamed to the Anne Holmes, 2. the operators of the draw and swing bridges at Wrightsville Sound and North Dakota and Minnesota. Most

the Atlantic Intracoastal waterway at Carolina. 30 Per Minute The operator of the bridge on the

minute duration. The operator of the draw at The chief explained that lately Wrightsville Sound said that on a three minute opening, from 25 to Forest Service Station Re-

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BURLINGTON MEN KILLED IN CRASH

he yet had to study the report Engine Of Light Plane Fails At Low Altitude Over **Municipal Airport**

BURLINGTON, July 4 - (AP) Steven Arnold Douglas, 33, Buradapted to that certain type of lington restaurant operator, and Dr. F. T. (Bo) Harper, 40, Burlington physician and medical director of the Alamance County the Coast Guard produced nothing. Tuberculosis sanatorium, were killed here late this afternoon when

a plane in which they were riding crashed at municipal airport. Spectators reported that the engine of the plane, a PT-19, evidently stalled and the plane crashed to earth from a low altitude. Both men were instantly killed. The plane was coming in for

landing at the time of the crash

ed who was piloting the plane. Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. R D. Douglas, of Greensboro, had been operating a restaurant here a former member of the staff of State Tuberculosis sanatorium and had been practicing in Alamance

past six years. The plane was owned by Doug las, who was a licensed pilot. Dr victory and our defeat. Thank you Harper had been taking flying

county and in Burlington for the

Mr. Stork Gets Tangled In Four-Way Auto Crash

PHILADELPHIA, July 4. -(P)-|bella, cut on the face, gave birth The stork got all tangled up in a prematurely in the hospital waiting four-way automobile crash today. room to a four and a half pound A police emergency car rush-ing 33-year-old Mrs. Stanley Pry-Pinned behind the wheel of the

bella to a hospital collided with one first car which overturned, 52-year machine then pushed another old George H. Hughes was extricated by firemen with crowbars and The shock was so great, doctors taken to a hospital in serious con-Thomas can trace the vague history of the post back to 1859. How long before that it kept horses See CAPE FEAR On Page Two woman to the hospital. Mrs. Prybella's husband, before a passing motorist got the woman to the hospital. Mrs. Pry- fered slight injuries.

Seven Killed In Carolina

Traffic Accidents Account For 51 Fatalities: 47 People Drown

By the Associated Press At least seven persons died in accidents in North Carolina during the first day of the three-day July 4th holiday. Four of the deaths were drownings in the Charlotte

ed in a plane crash at Bur-Vivian Lee Ross, 17, and her cousin, June Carroll Baucom, 16, drowned when their boat overturned at McEwen Lake at

area while two men were kill-

Mint Hill near Charlotte. Paul Stowe, 33, of Charlotte and his 12-year-old niece, Carolyn Riley, Negroes, drowned in the Catawba river near Char-

lotte Friday morning. Steven Arnold Douglas, 33, operator of a Burlington restaurant, and Dr. F. T. Harper, 40, Burlington physician and medical director of the Ala-mance Tuberculosis sanitorium, were killed when their light plane crashed at the Burlington airport.

M. M. White, 47, city en-gineer of Elizabeth City for 20 years, was drowned Friday afternoon in Little River, when he was seized by cramps as he sought to retrieve a drifting

By the Associated Press The nation's violent death toll

Clear skies and warm temperatures sent motorists, boaters, fishers, swimmers and sunbathers to the resorts in throngs larger than any that could be recalled by the beach residents.

And late vesterday afternoon they

Traffic accidents, for which the National Safety Council predicted 275 deaths by Sunday midnight, accounted for 51 of the 125. Drownings were second in 47. Miscellaneos mishaps, including plane crashes, totaled 25. drew to a close.

Traffic accidents, for which the

Fireworks Kill Two The first two fireworks deaths union in Elkton, Md. The dead were Ann Cameron, 8, and Ruth

The tabulation did not include 10 deaths caused by a tornado spectacular was the death in

corah, Ia., of Miss Marge Hurl-See SEVEN on Page Two

FOR LOST VESSEL

port Sends Cutters On Fruitless Hunt

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4-(A)-Reports of a ship burning and sinking off the northern California coast touched off a fruitless air and surface search today and the alerting of all shipping to the possibility of a marine disaster. The report originated at the Oak Ridge Forest Service lookout sta-

tion on the Sonoma county coast

late yesterday. The station is at

2,600 feet altitude in coastal moun-

tains with a search range extending 30 miles to sea. Aerial search at dusk yesterday and again at daybreak today by A Coast Guard plane returning to its South San Francisco base shortly before 9 a.m. reported sighting only small fishing boats. The Coast Guard said the area was fogging in, but that aerial search would be continued as long as

weather permitted. Surface motor launches from Coast Guard stations at Point Reyes and Point Arena were in the area today.

With the first flash from the Forest Service station at 4:15 pm. yesterday of a tanker burning and sinking, conjecture turned to the Russian tanker Elbrus, which put for the past year. Dr. Harper is out Wednesday afternoon for Vladivostok loaded with high test gaso-line from Richmond, Calif.

The Elbrus today, however, accepted a radio message, indicating no disaster had befallen her.

And So To Bed

"Is she pretty or is it just the distance?'

A young blade at Wrightsville Beach might have fared better had he asked himself that question yesterday. He spied what looked to be a comely miss at a distance of about a block. She was

walking on the beach toward He gave a low whistle, rose to his feet and brushed the sand off himself. "That's for

me," he surmised. In a few moments he ro turned to his place on this beach, somewhat crostfallen. "It was the bathing suit, I meant, and not the girl," was

his only comment, after a closer look.