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Washington and vicinity: Fair with moderate temperatures Thursday and Friday.

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## WAA Speeds Action On Airport Deed

Transfer Of Bluenthal To County Awaiting Approval Of Atlanta Office; Page In Washington To Expedite Case

## Chadborn Taxi Driver Shoots Estranged Mate

State Airlines Asks Injunction Seeks To Prohibit Piedmont From Launching Service Here

## Banker Explains Federal Reserve

Warren S. Johnson, State Association Presy, Addresses Kiwanians

## Creedon Okays Advisory Board

Housing Expediter Approves Personnel For Local Defense Area

## Mrs. Ida Speiden To Retire Dec. 1

Executive Secretary Of Red Cross Tenders Resignation To Chapter

## Jurors Declare Negro Innocent

Cordell Williams, Alias 'The Cat Man' Freed On Breaking, Entering

## Along The Cape Fear

Yellow Fever — In years gone by Wilmington has been the scene of terrific yellow fever epidemics.

## Countless Chanticleers Can Crow, Coast To Coast

Want to talk about progress? Want to talk about tremendous achievements? Well, then, talk about chickens.

## The Weather

FORECAST: South Carolina and North Carolina—Fair with moderate temperatures Thursday and Friday.

# Conferees Whip Eight Billion Dollar Independent Office Bill Into Shape; U. C. Group Linked In Communist Probe

## Winston CIO Officers Hit

UnAmerican Activities Committee Told Of Red Work In State

WASHINGTON, July 23 — (P)—Ann Mathews testified to the house UnAmerican activities committee today that 16 of 30 officers of the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers union local 22 at Winston-Salem, N. C.—Of which she formerly was an officer—were members of the Communist party prior to last January.

The committee is investigating reports of Communist infiltrations into unions and is seeking to determine whether Communist influences have been at work in the Winston-Salem local. The local has been on strike at the R. J. Reynolds tobacco company plant there.

Miss Mathews testified that the 16 officers to whom she referred were members of the Communist party prior to the time she quit holding office in the union in January.

She also told the committee that there is a Communist group at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and that the group is headed by Junius Scales, a student. She said she has attended Communist party meetings at which Scales was present.

Among union officials named by the witness as Communists was Edwin McCrea, international representative of the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers.

McCrea said that "all company attempts to break the spirit of the strikers who walked out of the R. J. Reynolds tobacco company in Winston-Salem last May. He added:

"Then someone thought of the house committee on UnAmerican activities and the smear was on. Three disgruntled former employees of the company were named."

## MRS. IDA SPEIDEN TO RETIRE DEC. 1

Mrs. Ida B. Speiden, executive secretary of the Wilmington Red Cross, for 28 years, yesterday submitted her resignation, to become effective on December 1 next.

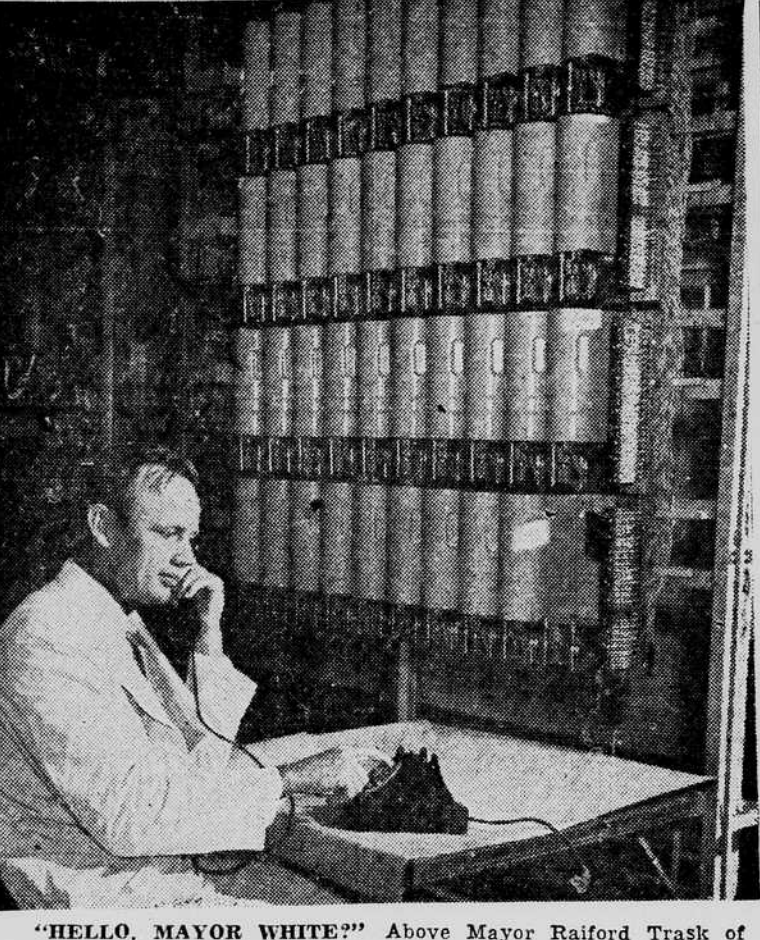
Thomas R. Orrell, chapter chairman, yesterday issued a statement saying:

"Mrs. Speiden today placed before the executive committee her resignation from the post in which she has so capably served for so many years.

"The committee at first insisted that she remain with the chapter and agreed to release her only when she explained that she felt the need of rest. It was with deep regret that the committee acceded to her wish," he said.

"Mrs. Speiden has been executive secretary of this chapter since January, 1919," Orrell said and has served the chapter and this community in a most efficient and worthy way through two world war periods. She has always taken a keen interest in the work of the Red Cross and rendered valuable and self-sacrificing service. Mrs. Speiden will continue to take an interest in the work of the chapter.

"As much as the chapter regrets the retirement of Mrs. Speiden, it is very fortunate that her successor has been chosen in the person of Mrs. Almeda Stewart Edwards, a native of Wilmington, who has served the Red Cross both in America and abroad throughout World War II, and whose husband, Lt. Commander Edwards, lost his life in the sinking of the "Reuben James" in the early days of the war. Mrs. Edwards succeeds Mrs. Speiden on Page Two



"HELLO, MAYOR WHITE?" Above Mayor Raiford Trask of Wrightsville Beach is shown dialing a telephone to put a call through to Mayor E. L. White of Wilmington. The call, made at 12:01 a.m. today, inaugurated the new dial system at the beach resort.



"HELLO, MAYOR TRASK?" Mayor E. L. White of Wilmington, above, receives the first call put over the new dial system at Wrightsville Beach from Mayor Raiford Trask of the beach resort. Mayor White agrees that installation of the new system is another sign of progress for the coastal section of the state.

## LOTTERY WINNER TO RECEIVE CASH

Ahoskie Kiwanis Club To Present \$3,200 Check To Negro Farmer

AHOSKIE, N. C., July 23—(UP)—The Ahoskie Kiwanis club tonight announced it would present a \$3,200 check tomorrow to Harvey Jones, young Negro farmer who won a Cadillac automobile in a Kiwanis lottery but was not allowed to keep it.

The Kiwanians first had ruled Jones was ineligible to win the car when his number was drawn because he was a Negro.

Public indignation flared throughout the county and Dr. Charles W. Armstrong of Salisbury, N. C., International Kiwanis president, "recommended" that the club give Jones another car.

The 23-year-old navy veteran said he would prefer the cash. The Kiwanians found it hard to obtain another Cadillac like the two-tone green sedan and said they would give Jones a check instead.

The original car was awarded on a second drawing to Dr. Charles Townes, Waverly, Va., dentist who already had a 1946 Chevrolet sedan.

## JURORS DECLARE NEGRO INNOCENT

Cordell Williams, Alias 'The Cat Man' Freed On Breaking, Entering

A jury in Superior Court yesterday afternoon took an hour to find Cordell Williams, 30, Negro, alias "The Cat Man," innocent on a charge of breaking and entering.

Williams, who had been described by witnesses as a preacher at the Negro Holiness church, Sixth and Brunswick streets, sat in the courtroom reading the Bible and fanning himself as the jury deliberated.

The jury received the case after the lunch recess and following a morning spent in court instructions, arguments of the attorneys.

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## Mayors Make Initial Dial Telephone Call

Trask Of Wrightsville, White Of Wilmington, Inaugurate Service

The new dial telephone system at Wrightsville Beach was inaugurated at 12:01 a.m. today when Mayor Raiford Trask of the resort, placed a call to Mayor E. L. White in Wilmington.

The call issued into service the new system for some 900 telephone subscribers at Wrightsville Beach.

Mayor Trask, in his telephone call, pointed out to Mayor White the advantages of the new system and stated that it was another sign of progress for the coastal section of the state.

The dial system for Wrightsville is the result of 12 months of activity on the part of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

During that period lines were rebuilt, cable added between the Port City and the resort and a new switchboard installed. Some \$70,000 was spent by the company to make the new service possible.

Subscribers Reminded  
Subscribers in Wilmington and Wrightsville were reminded of the change in method of placing calls between the two communities.

Port City residents should now dial "8" and then dial the beach subscriber's number. And for the Wrightsville Beach subscriber the process is the same.

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## COUNCIL RECORDS TWO RESOLUTIONS

Protest Directed Against Removal Of State Patrol Headquarters

Two resolutions today are on the records of the city council—one a resolution of regret and commendation; the other a resolution of protest.

The protest is directed against removal from Wilmington of headquarters of troop B of the state highway patrol. The other expresses regret on the transfer of Col. B. C. Snow in command of the Wilmington office of the United States Army Engineers.

## ARMED SERVICE BILL ASSURED

Measure Will Give Air Force Equal Status With Army, Navy

WASHINGTON, July 23—(UP)—Enactment of the armed service unification bill before Congress adjourns was practically assured today when Senate conferees yielded to House demands for specific guarantees that the measure will not strip the Navy of its air arm, nor abolish the marine corps' amphibious forces.

The agreement broke up a two-day conference deadlock that had threatened for a time to prevent final action on the controversial and long-debated legislation before adjournment—now scheduled for Saturday.

The compromise will be sent to the Senate and House tomorrow and may be acted upon in both chambers immediately.

As approved by the joint conference committee, it provided:

1—For the first time in American military history, an independent air force with equal status with the army and navy.

2—Creation of a single secretary of defense, with cabinet rank, the cabinet posts of secretaries of War, Navy and Air Force.

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## INDIVIDUALS URGE CHARITY SUPPORT

Ask Council To Give Careful Consideration Before Taking Action

Continuance of the Associated Charities was urged yesterday by Dr. William Crowe, chairman of the group, and Edgar L. Yow, attorney, a member of the board of the organization.

The two, emphasizing they appeared as individuals, came before the city council and asked that body to give careful consideration "before anything drastic is done."

Indications previously have been made by the council that a proposal to consolidate the Charities with the Welfare Department, is being considered by both the council and the county commissioners.

## GI's Benefit From Act

Atomic Energy Commission Granted \$175,000,000 By Senate Group

WASHINGTON, July 23 — (UP)—With the adjournment goal only three days away, Senate and House conferees today whipped the year's biggest single spending bill—the \$3,189,122,927 independent offices appropriation—into shape for quick delivery to President Truman.

Both chambers planned to wind up action on it tomorrow under orders from Republican leaders to give government supply bills a clear track between now and scheduled adjournment.

Most of the money in the independent offices measure—\$6,964,457,080 (B)—will go to keep up the Veterans Administration's vast GI benefit programs during this fiscal year ending next June 30.

The rest will be spent for a wide assortment of Federal independent agencies and bureaus, including the important Atomic Energy Commission. Senate conferees finally yielded to the House in a controversial over funds for the new commission headed by David Lilienthal. They agreed to grant it \$175,000,000, a reduction of \$75,000,000 below the amount previously voted by the Senate itself.

Figures finally agreed on for the veterans administration were \$20,000,000 greater than those previously voted by the house, but \$21,947,220 under the original Senate bill.

Amount Carried  
The total amount carried in the measure represents an increase of \$21,253,900 over the house-approved sum, but a reduction of \$118,856,320 below funds granted by the Senate.

Meantime, the Senate Appropriations committee added about \$80,000,000 to funds voted by the house for foreign relief this fiscal year, and sent to the chamber for debate tomorrow a bill carrying \$1,430,361,400 (B) for the administration's overseas aid program.

After the Senate acts, the measure undoubtedly will be sent to conference. Final action probably See GI BENEFIT on Page Two

## CHARLESTON GETS LEAF SHIPMENTS

South Carolina Ports Authority Closes \$25,000,000 Storage Deal

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 23 — (P)—The South Carolina state port authority announced today that it has concluded arrangements to warehouse and handle between 50,000,000 and 60,000,000 pounds of fine-cured tobacco from the Carolinas and Georgia for export through the port of Charleston, beginning next month.

The huge consignment, which represents approximately ten per cent of total tobacco exports from the United States last year, is valued at between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000.

Arrangements for arranging and handling the tobacco were made by the Tidewater Terminals and Inland Warehouses, Inc., of Philadelphia, a national storage organization. The authority's contract is with the Charleston Tidewater Terminals, Inc., affiliate of the organization in the state.

The tobacco will be stored at the state terminals at North Charleston where almost a half million feet of warehouse space has been set aside. It will be held subject to shipment against export orders to countries throughout the world. It is anticipated that shipments will extend over the next six months.

Exhaustive Tests  
Arrangements were concluded after exhaustive tests of local climatic and warehousing conditions were made with a trial carload of tobacco stored at terminals for the past two months.

Packed in thousand-pound hogsheads, the tobacco will begin to move to this port early in August See CHARLESTON on Page Two

## Folksy Folk To Frolic And So To Bed

At Fancy Flatfoot Fete

ASHEVILLE, July 23—(P)—Some 600 mountaineers from the Southern Appalachian Ball'rd country whose dancing and singing traces back to Elizabethan England of some 400 years ago will perform here for three days beginning tomorrow night.

It's the 20th annual mountain dance and folk festival in the city auditorium.

They'll come from Jumpoff Rock, Pigeon Valley, Thickety and Sinking Waters, in their everyday clothes, and perform when the mood takes them. There's no set time for the festival to start—just long about sundown—and no set program, as long as the performers and the spectators have fun.

Along about 8 o'clock each evening, however, Eascom Lamar Lunsford, who founded and directs the festival in furtherance of his hobby of preserving the minstrelry of the highlands, will step on the stage and call for the organization team dancing.

Basically it's the square dance, but any number of couples may take part, and the caller himself dances and asks for any step that

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