

FORECAST: Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy and slightly warmer today; Saturday partly cloudy and continued warm.

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French Zone Merger Seen

Marshall Proposes Tri-Nation Conference On German Industry

WASHINGTON, July 24—(AP)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall has proposed an American-French-German conference to consider plans for increasing Western Germany's industrial capacity and making the Ruhr the key zone of his European recovery plan, it was revealed today.



NEWLY-APPOINTED Netherlands Ambassador to the U. S., Dr. Eelco Van Kleffens, is pictured here with his wife on their arrival at Hoboken, N. J., aboard the luxury liner Veendam. The Ambassador told reporters that thousands of Dutch men and women are being held as hostages by Indonesians in the interior of Java. (International).

GROUP TO STUDY RELATIONS COURT

City, County Committee Named, After Boards Turn Down Move

The joint meeting of the city council and county commissioners yesterday voted down the establishment of a domestic relations court for New Hanover county.

Associated Charities Fate Hangs In Balance

The fate of the Associated Charities in New Hanover county today is an uncertain matter.

FLAMES DESTROY WATERSIDE STAGE

Fire Causes Cancellation Of 'Lost Colony' Performances At Manteo

MANTEO, July 24—(AP)—Fire broke out in the Waterside theater at historic Fort Raleigh today and destroyed the stage and other buildings used in the famous 'Lost Colony' pageant depicting the ill-fated colony of Sir Walter Raleigh.

The Weather

FORECAST: South Carolina and North Carolina—Partly cloudy Friday and Saturday. Slightly warmer Friday, continued warm Saturday.

Taxi Driver Hastens Wounded Wife

Crabbourn Man Gains Freedom On \$1,000 Bond Following Arrest On Charges Of Assault With Attempt To Kill

Special To The Star WHITEVILLE, July 24—Furman Ward, Crabbourn taxicab operator, walked out of the county jail here today under \$1,000 bond and hastened to the Columbus County hospital to visit his estranged wife who is charged with having attempted to kill with a shotgun blast Wednesday night.

Fifty-Two Cent Tobacco Looms For Leaf Growers

First Day's Sales On Georgia-Florida Belt Indicate N. C. Prices

RALEIGH, July 24—(AP)—Opening sales of the Georgia-Florida tobacco market, where tobacco is sold Untied and ungraded, indicated that North Carolina producers may expect an average of \$49 to \$52 per hundred pounds when the Border Belt auctions begin August 7, according to an estimate today by W. P. Herdick, tobacco marketing specialist with the state department of agriculture.

MURDER MYSTERY

SEARCHING PARTY FINDS BOYS ENCAPMED 17 MILES UP CAPE FEAR RIVER

Their progress retarded by strong headwinds and rainfall, eight Boy Scouts who set forth from Fayetteville by canoe Monday to paddle their way down the Cape Fear to Wilmington were safely encamped last night 17 miles up the river from here.

TWO MEN KILLED IN PISTOL DUEL

TWO FORMER FRIENDS SHOOT IT OUT ON STREETS OF LOUISIANA TOWN

MONTGOMERY, La., July 24—(AP)—Two former friends, who fell out during a political argument, met on the main street and shot each other to death in a midnight pistol duel.

MAYOR WHITE CLAIMS RAISE IN CITY TAXES NECESSARY IN 1947-48

That the city tax rate will be increased in the 1947-48 fiscal year is nearly a certainty.

Pretzels Take On New Twist In Drive For Trade; Capitol Cops Come Cropper Combing Congressmen

Brandishing Of Blackjacks Costs Jobs, Report So Indicates

WASHINGTON, July 24—(AP)—Capitol cops can't make passes at Congressmen with blackjacks and get away with it.

Explosion Traps Workers In West Frankfort Mine; GOP May Recall Congress

Leaders Will Demand Right

Senate Works Night Shift In Effort To Finish Business Saturday

WASHINGTON, July 24—(AP)—Republican leaders announced today that they would demand authority to call Congress into special session this fall, if necessary, and ordered the Senate to work tonight in an effort to assure adjournment by Saturday.



THERE IS A BILL in the Senate authorizing permanent residence in the U. S. for Mrs. John G. Miller, the former Akito Tsukado, who is shown here with her husband, Lt. John J. Miller, of Beaver, Pa., and their son, John, Jr., 8. The Millers were married in 1936 in Japan. They now reside in Newport, R. I., where Miller is stationed. (International).

Indonesians Claim Dutch Drive Halted

BATAVIA, Java, July 24—(AP)—Indonesian broadcasts claimed today that the Dutch drive on the Republican capital of Jogjakarta had been stopped in the mountains more than 30 miles north.

HOSPITAL FUNDS STILL UNDECIDED

Joint Boards However, Authorize \$88,000 Tentative 1947-8 Budgets

Recommendations of a special committee from the joint bodies of the city council and the county commissioners as to detailed appropriations for both the James Walker Memorial and the Community hospitals, will not be completed for some time.

FIANCE GROWS COLD SO GREENSBORO GIRL ASKS \$165,000 BALM

GREENSBORO, July 24—(AP)—A \$165,000 breach of promise suit has been filed in federal court in Buffalo, N. Y., by Kathryn O'Connor of Greensboro, against a retired Jamestown, N. Y., business man, her attorney revealed here today.

YOUTH WILL LEAD REVIVAL SERVICE

Interest Grows In Non-Denominational Meeting Here Next Month

Emphasis on the non-denominational youth revival to be held at Calvary Baptist church from August 11 to 17 has reached a new high with the organization of seven prayer bands and the issuance of letters to all the churches in the city to support the movement.

Industry Goes Scholarly By Production Of New Alphabet

PHILADELPHIA, July 24—(AP)—There's a new twist to pretzels, the bakers proclaimed today.

Six Injured From Flames

Howard Lewis, Brother Of UMW Chief Among Missing Miners

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., July 24—(AP)—Rescue workers came up from the exploding-blasted Old Ben coal mine No. 8 tonight and reported that 27 miners had been found dead.

Shattered Wreck

Charles Lonsbury, compensation agent for the company, said "there are 23 men still unaccounted for down in the mine."

AHOSKIE KIWANIS CLUB SQUARES UP

Harvey Jones, Negro, Gets \$3,200 Check In Lieu Of New Cadillac

By CHARLES WICKENBERG United Press Staff Correspondent AHOSKIE, July 24—(AP)—The Ahoskie Kiwanis club squared up today with Harvey Jones by giving a \$3,200 check to the young farmer who won a Cadillac in the club's lottery because he was lucky and lost it because he was a Negro.

And So To Bed

Three thousand rabid fans—more or less, anyway—packed Legion stadium last night for the Wilmington-Lumberton double-header.

STEAMER ACCIDENT

OTTAWA, July 24—(AP)—The river steamer Klondike, carrying Viscount Alexander on a tour of the Canadian North, went aground today at Fort Selkirk, Yukon, and the RCAF has been asked to fly the passengers to Dawson city, the army reported. No one was injured in the accident.