

FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy with showers and slightly warmer today. Sunday: Partly cloudy with little change in temperature.

Truman Gets TL Bond Bill

Chief Executive Expected To Sign Measure Today; Cash Date Set

WASHINGTON, July 25. —(AP)—A bill authorizing ex-GI's to turn in their terminal leave pay bonds for cash any time after September 1, arrived at President Truman's desk tonight, and speedy approval was forecast.

The bill, passed unanimously by both houses of Congress, reached Truman after making the rounds of various interested government agencies, such as the Veterans Administration and the Bureau of the Budget.

Technically, the President has until Saturday, August 2, to act on the bill. But it was learned that he began studying it tonight, and observers were confident he would sign it, perhaps by tomorrow.

The Senate, meanwhile, approved two new veterans bills — one granting a cost-of-living benefit increase to ex-servicemen in on-the-job training and the other extending full-time subsistence allowances to veterans in farm training.

Taft Opposes

Both bills were opposed by Sen. Robert A. Taft, R. O., who predicted that President Truman would veto them.

The on-the-job bill now goes to the House. It will lift the combined monthly subsistence and salary ceiling from \$175 to \$200 for single veterans and from \$200 to \$250 for married ex-servicemen.

The farm bill would extend subsistence payments to ex-servicemen who are taking special agricultural courses or supervised farm training. The bill will probably go to conference with the House, which has passed a similar measure.

Another bill, signed by President Truman today establishes July 25 as the legal end of World War II so far as computing veterans benefits is concerned.

Education Dates

It means that veterans have four years from today to begin any education or training they expect to receive under the G-I Bill of Rights. Disabled veterans, who are eligible for special rehabilitation training under a separate law, have until nine years from today to complete their training. To receive the maximum allowable training period of four years, they would have to begin the course by July 25, 1952.

"G. I. loan" guarantees, for the purchase of a home, farm or business, will remain available for 10 years from today.

TOBACCO PRICES SLIGHTLY LOWER

Georgia-Florida Growers Get \$2 To \$6.50 Less On Second Market Day

VALDOSTA, July 25. —(AP)—Leaf grades sold lower today in the second session of the Georgia-Florida flue-cured tobacco market, but other grades were steady or higher.

The U. S. Department of agriculture reported drops from \$2 to \$5.50 per hundred pounds for leaf grades but prices still averaged well above the Commodity Credit Corporation support level.

Cutters were unchanged to slightly higher, but better quality grades were under the support price. Cigarette grades were steady except for lower quality green which slipped \$1.25 below the loan price.

Quality of tobacco in general showed little change from the opening day. Principal offerings were fair to fine lungs and low and fair cutters.

Official gross sales Thursday were reported at \$3,511,578 pounds, averaging \$44.61 per hundred. The price was 25 cents above opening last year and the volume was \$24,442 pounds less.

Average Prices

Average prices on a limited number of representative U. S. grades yesterday followed by yesterday's average:

Leaf-Good lemon, \$48 and \$50; fair lemon, \$46 and \$47; low orange, \$35 and \$35; common orange, \$28 and \$31.

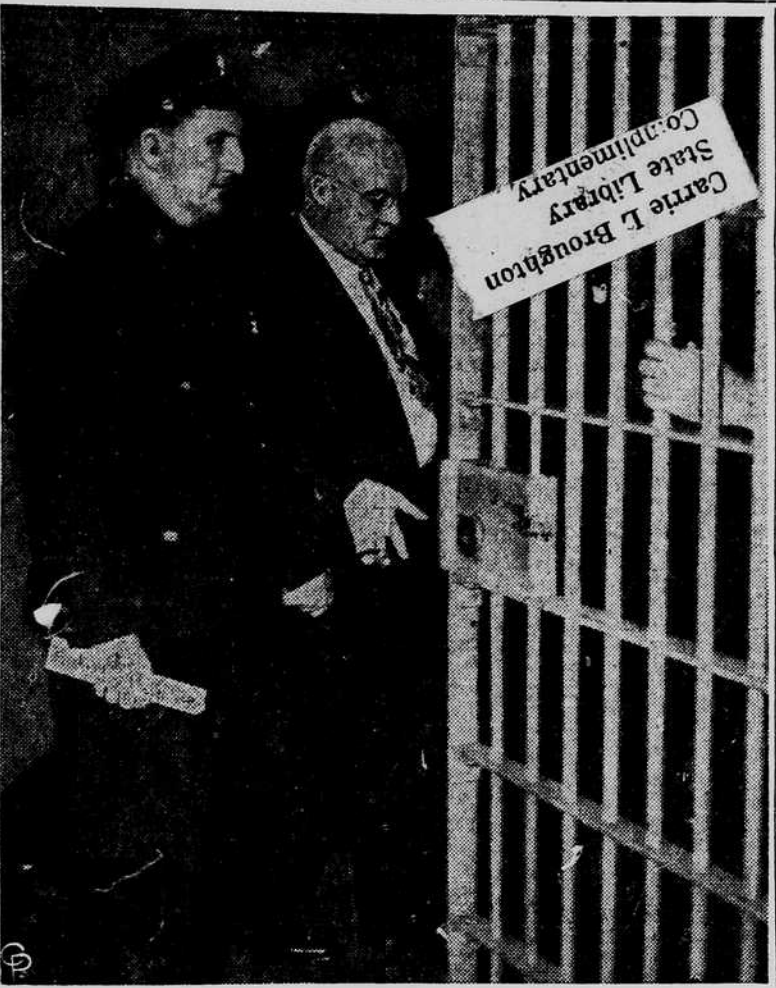
Cutters—Good lemon, \$ and \$4; fair lemon, \$33 and \$34; low orange, \$50 and \$50; fair orange, \$41 and \$48; low orange, \$38 and \$41.

Leaf—Choice lemon, \$53 and \$54; fine lemon, \$52 and \$51; good lemon, \$49 and \$48; fair lemon, \$42 and \$43; fine orange, \$51 and \$50; good orange, \$47 and \$46;

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The Weather

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Handcuffed to an officer, Joseph S. Fay, former vice-president of the International Hod Carriers, Building and Laborers' Union of America is shown on his way to Rikers Island, N. Y., to begin a prison sentence of from 8-12 to 16 years on charges of extortion and conspiracy. Classified as a labor racketeer, the one-time AFL official was found guilty in 1945. The Supreme Court upheld the conviction. (International)

SENCBA Will Back Myrtle Grove Fight

"NO BILLS"

ROME, Ga., July 25. —(AP)—Prosecuting Attorney E. J. Clower was rebuked by a county grand jury today in his efforts to enforce Georgia's "Blue Laws" which prevent nearly everything on Sunday except church attendance. The laws were adopted in 1862.

The attorney asked 18 indictments against operators of drug stores, ice cream parlors and a theater. The jurors stamped "no bill" on each.

DELEGATES FIGHT VHF RANGE ORDER

Senator Maybank Leads Attempt To Halt Removal To Whiteville

Several South Carolina congressional delegates, including Senator B. R. Maybank, were yesterday attempting to prevent the removal of the Very High Frequency range from Myrtle Beach, S. C. to Whiteville.

The removal of the VHF range proposed by a Civil Aeronautics Administration order, can be prevented only by concerted efforts by congressional delegates, it was learned yesterday.

In a telegram to Hamilton Ellicks, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Aviation committee, R. B. Page, local publisher and city representative in Washington, D. C., on the beam issue, said the CAA order to remove the radio range from the South Carolina resort will be carried out by August 25.

The removal has been proposed because of Army installations at Myrtle Beach which prevent commercial air traffic from flying over the resort.

National Airlines, which will use the new airway, has protested the proposed dog-leg to Whiteville and Florence and thence to Charleston because it will entail some \$2,500 expenditure for the firm.

OVER 3,000 DRIVERS LOSE LICENSES UNDER NEW STATE STATUTE

North Carolina's new state traffic laws are working havoc with violators.

Judge Winfield Smith of Recorder's court is authority for that statement. During one week since the new laws became effective July 1, in the state more than 3,000 motorists have seen their driver's licenses suspended.

That is as many licenses as were suspended in the entire 1946 fiscal year in North Carolina.

Judge Smith yesterday made public those figures in court in warning motorists that the laws must be obeyed. He obtained the figures during a recent Raleigh trip where he went to further study application of the new laws.

Bride Dies While Making Plans To Keep House

OMAHA, July 25. —(AP)—Mary Ann Deeds and John Warren Van Eblor listed each other immediately when they met at a YMCA canteen dance last September. They decided to get married.

Hughes Hits Insinuations

Plane Manufacturer Says He Entertained After Receiving Contracts

HOLLYWOOD, July 25. —(AP)—Millionaire plane manufacturer Howard Hughes tonight branded as ridiculous insinuations that he gave lavish parties in order to obtain government contracts.

Breaking the silence for the first time since a Senate sub-committee began investigating his war contracts, Hughes pointed out that he did his entertaining of government officials after receiving the orders.

At the same time he called attention to the fact that the government had received three of the four planes it ordered from him.

Hughes issued his statement despite the fact, he said, that he had not been notified formally of the charges "whatever they may be," against him.

"I feel I must deny emphatically right now the charge that my company has spent \$40,000,000 of government funds without completing or delivering an airplane," he said.

"This statement is absolutely untrue," he said.

Awaits Tests

Hughes said that the Army formally accepted delivery of the "completed Hughes flying boat five months ago." The giant plywood seaplane is being readied for its first flight at a dock on Terminal Island, Los Angeles harbor. No date has been set for test flights.

"The obligation specified in the contract was completely fulfilled in February, 1947, and all work done since has been because I voluntarily elected to do so," Hughes said.

He also noted that the Army formally accepted delivery of an XP-11 photo reconnaissance plane in September, 1945, and then received a second of three to be delivered under a \$13,000,000 contract last year. The second plane crashed and almost was killed last year. He said the crash was the result of propeller trouble and not due to any fault in the plane.

Spends Millions

"I have invested, at this date," he said, \$7,000,000 of my company's money in this flying boat and in other projects.

NEW SUGAR QUOTA BILL GIVEN OKAY

Measure Which Now Goes To White House Extends 1937 Act Five Years

WASHINGTON, July 25. —(AP)—The Senate tonight passed and dispatched to the White House a bill setting sugar quotas which determine how the U. S. market shall be divided up among American and foreign producers.

The measure also extends for five years the major portions of the sugar act of 1937, which expires December 31.

Included in the bill is a provision authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to withdraw certain portions of the sugar quotas of foreign governments which deny "fair and equitable treatment" to U. S. citizens.

Senator Millikin (R-Colo.) and Senator Barkley (D-Ky.) told the Senate U. S. citizens have "concrete claims" against Cuba which they have been unable to collect.

Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), Pepper (D-La.), McMahon (D-Conn.) and Connally (D-Tex.) protested this provision as contrary to the "good neighbor policy."

But the Senate defeated by a 42-40 roll call vote an attempt to strike it out.

Incentive payments to beet and cane growers would be continued. As at present, the Secretary of Agriculture would be required to pay the growers and to determine minimum wages of sugar agricultural workers in this country.

The Senate Finance committee, in the interest of speeding the bill along, withdrew a proposed amendment that would have exempted the sugar beet industry from this minimum wage provisions. This avoided sending the measure back.

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Along The Cape Fear

BLOCKADERS—During the Civil War Wilmington played host to numerous steamers which ran the Union blockade and brought supplies to the Confederate forces.

The period devoted to blockade running was between 1863 and 1864.

Congress Driving Toward Final Adjournment Today; Steel Price Front Cracks

Major Firms Jump Rates

Consumers Threatened With Added Costs For Automobiles, Hairpins

By the Associated Press

The steel price front cracked wide open today and raised the threat of higher consumer prices for steel products from hairpins to automobiles.

Following the lead set by American Rolling Mill company, Republic Steel corporation, the nation's third largest producer, hiked prices for bar, sheet, strip and other steel products. National Steel corporation No. 6 producer, and Alan Wood Steel company, farther down the line, soon stepped into the higher price line.

Advanced prices were posted in the face of pleas by President Truman that the steel and other industries use extreme care in making any price increases and forego them if possible.

Most of the companies cited higher coal prices, soaring steel scrap quotations, and expanded labor costs as forcing the increases in order to maintain profitable operations.

The magazine "Steel" said: "Manufacturers of automobiles, washing machines and countless other items will feel the impact of the price rise in varying degree depending upon the steel products consumed in manufacture of individual products."

"On the whole, the increases announced today average around 10 per cent on published prices, and in the case of automobile builders, it is estimated their steel costs will be upped from \$10 to \$15 per car."

Still In Question

The position of U. S. Steel corporation, largest steel producer in the world, was still in question.

"Big Steel" in the past has often established price patterns followed by the rest of the industry. Steel spokesmen recalled, however, that last week Benjamin F. Fairless, U. S. steel president, said his company would not increase the price of steel until "a fair test" was made of cost factors created by the new wage agreement.

U. S. Steel corp. now could point to the broken steel price front, it was suggested, and increase its prices on the theory it was merely following the market.

ACL SEEKS 4,000 NEW FREIGHT CARS

President Davis Says Industrial Growth Demands More Equipment

The Atlantic coast line railroad announced yesterday it was in the market for 4,000 new freight cars.

President C. McD. Davis said the large demand was made necessary "by the general industrial growth of Coast Line territory and known plans for future development."

Specifications are now being drawn, he said, for 1,000 double-door cars, 1,000 single-door cars, 500 high side gondolas, 100 low side mill type gondolas, 500 hopper bottom coal cars, 100 flat cars, 100 piggyback cars, 100 port phosphate rock cars, and 100 cement hopper cars.

He pointed out that the ACL had expanded by taking over the Atlanta, Birmingham, and Coast railroad at the beginning of last year, and since had been authorized by the interstate commerce commission to acquire the Florida East Coast by merger.

ed to visit other countries to get aid for the cause.

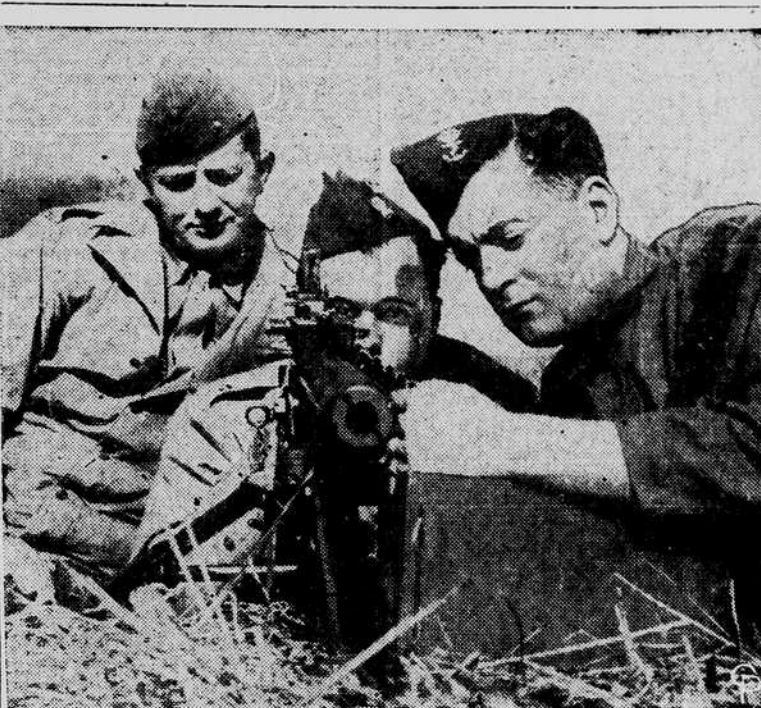
But this time death came to a valued secret agent of the Confederacy on a steamer near Fort Fisher.

Her name was Mrs. Rose O'Neill Greenhow and her life began to end when she boarded the steamer Condor to return from Europe to Wilmington.

She was carrying special dispatches when the steamer grounded while trying to get past the blockading fleet.

Mrs. Greenhow embarked for shore in a small boat, which capsized just as it was about to land. She sank immediately to the bottom and could not be rescued.

GOLD—Later, when her body was recovered, it was discovered that there was a large sum of gold sewn in her garments. Her traveling bag also contained gold.



THE ROYAL NETHERLAND MARINES who are participating in the "police action" landings against Indonesian forces in Java received their training in the United States. Here two of them learn the operation of a .30 caliber light machine gun under the tutelage of an American Marine (left) at Camp Lejeune, New River, North Carolina. (International)

Parade Will Usher In Derby Day Here

Officials, Entrants, Racers, Bands To Take Part In Street Display

A parade of nearly 40 entrants in the Soap Box Derby and their cars, plus civic and military organizations in the Port City, will begin official Soap Box Derby Day in Wilmington, it was announced yesterday.

The parade will begin at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday as a prelude to the races and will include a police escort, Derby officials, the ROTC band and Boy Scouts, Wilmington's American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps, and several fire trucks.

The parade will form in front of the YMCA on Market street at 10 a. m. and proceed north on Third street to Red Cross on Front street, south on Front to Market and east on Market to Third, where it will disband.

The police escort will lead the parade and will be followed by Derby officials, headed by co-chairman Mayor E. L. White, and former Police Chief Charles H. Casteen. City officials will also participate.

The Derby contestants will march in a body and will include a mounted on trucks, in full view of everyone.

The Derby race will begin at 2 p. m. Wednesday when the cars race over a 650-foot course on South 13th from Kidder to Greenfield street.

The event is sponsored jointly by the Wilmington Star-News and the Roney Chevrolet company. The winner of the race will go to Akron, O., to compete in the international finals there.

Excess costs would be paid by the Veterans' administration by charging the veterans "one day of entitlement" for each \$2.10 spent, Cooper explained.

Offers Advise

However, he advised students not to adopt the plan unless they were eligible for more training time than they would require for completing their course. "Normally, you receive about \$2.10 a day tuition, etc., and \$2.17 a day if single, or \$3 if married, for

ROBBERY BUSINESS NOT ALL PROFIT SO ONE MAN DISCOVERS

CHICAGO, July 25. —(AP)—Even the business of robbery is not all clear profit.

When a gunman entered a chain restaurant today, he went behind the counter and pushed Cashier William Meyer, 71, aside. As the robber was busy taking money from the till, two customers laid their checks on the counter.

In his report of the incident to police, Meyer said the robber made exact change for the customers, pocketed their dollars along with about \$40 from the cash register, then followed the customers out.

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Autoists Get Blessings On "St. Christopher Day"

NESQUEHONING, Pa., July 25. —(AP)—Motorists lined up in traffic-jam fashion outside the Roman Catholic church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in this Eastern Pennsylvania coal town today to receive St. Christopher's Day blessings for themselves and their autos.

The Rev. A. J. Angelini, who instituted the ceremony 15 years ago and since has been blessing some 300 cars annually, said many motorists return year after year with "narratives of miraculous escape from injury and death which they attribute to the

Unification Bill Passes

Senate Gets Last-Minute Filibuster Scare; Money Measure Debated

WASHINGTON, July 25. —(AP)—The Senate, rested by a six-hour recess after its all-night vote fraud fight, went back to work on top priority legislation today and Republican leaders set their sights again on adjournment by tomorrow night.

The House whipped a big bundle of bills into shape for delivery to President Truman. One was the long-delayed plan to create a single department of national defense.

Senate leaders were given another filibuster scare. It came from Sen. Carl A. Hatch, D., N. M., only a few hours after they had agreed to shelve the proposed Kansas City vote fraud inquiry which kept the Senate in continuous 18-hour session until 6:13 a. m. EDT.

Hatch, declaring he might force another all-night session "and make ourselves ridiculous as we made ourselves ridiculous last night," demanded a vote on House-approved legislation giving Congressional sanction to the State department's controversial "Voice of America" and other foreign broadcasts.

Hatch Gives Up

After blocking all other business for an hour, Hatch gave up when GOP policy committee Chairman Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, said the Republicans would agree to later consideration of a plan to create a joint Congressional committee to investigate the foreign programs and submit recommendations early next year.

Chief concern of both chambers in the closing hours of the seven-months' session was money to keep government agencies functioning for this fiscal year ending next June 30. Altogether, they need about \$35,000,000,000.

Two of the biggest and most important appropriations went into the last stages of study shortly after the Senate and House reported for work at noon.

1. By voice vote, the senate approved a \$1,681,760,397 supplemental money bill, which includes \$1.2 billion for the Army.

SUPERIOR COURT COMES TO CLOSE

Judge Carr Disposes Of Half Dozen Cases At Final Session

The criminal term of Superior Court for July wound up yesterday with Judge Leo Carr disposing of a half dozen cases including three defendants found guilty by juries and sentenced meted out in three matters.

Thomas Lee Mitchell 27-year-old Negro entered a guilty plea to a charge of trespassing after his trial on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon had been completed before a jury.

Judge Carr was about to pass sentence. But the wife of the defendant and a welfare department representative interrupted the proceedings to relate to the court that Mitchell had stabbed his wife with an ice pick and that he had received welfare aid.

The court recalled the jurors. They deliberated an hour and found Mitchell guilty of simple assault. The court sentenced him to 30-days on the county farm. He was accused specifically of threatening to shoot R. M. Johnson after attempting to collect two dollars on the excuse that he had mowed the man's lawn.

Pleads Guilty

Anderson McKay 26 Negro pleaded guilty to a charge of hit and run as the result of injuries sustained by John Evans 64 Negro Tidewater Water Power company employee for 46 years and the oldest employee in point of service.

McKay was handed a 12-months suspended sentence placed on probation for three years and ordered to pay \$300 for hospital expenses.

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And So To Bed

Mrs. George Holland left her young daughter, Patricia, 8, in a local movie shop when she returned to the movie.

When she returned to the movie to get her daughter, Mrs. Holland was surprised to hear her daughter say, "Mother, this is my cousin," as the youngster presented a little girl about 8 years old. The mother tried desperately to explain to her daughter that the girl was not her cousin, but the youngster insisted.

"She has an uncle Sam and an Uncle Tommy just like I have, so that makes us cousins," the eight-year-old explained.

And no matter how Mrs. Holland tried to convince the daughter, little Patricia still insists that the girl she made friends with at the movie is her cousin.