

WEATHER

Wilmington and Vicinity—Partly cloudy with possible thunder showers. Not much change in temperature.

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Rhodes Case Jurisdiction Fight Looms

Sheriff Says Body Moved From One County To Another

WITHOUT AUTHORITY Man Who Fired Gun Killing Wilmington Lad Was Not Deputized

HENDERSONVILLE, Aug. 9.—Asheville city police, who removed the body of Noah Cecil Rhodes from Henderson county into Buncombe county after the Wilmington youth had died from gun shot wounds, were, according to Sheriff Bill Dalton of Henderson county, "acting without legal authority."

"The Asheville officers were supposedly acting under their conception of a special act of the legislature which they thought existed, permitting them to police the area of the Asheville-Hendersonville airport which lies in Henderson county, but no such act is permitted by law," Sheriff Dalton said.

The Asheville officers, in Buncombe county, removed the body of young Rhodes from Henderson county into Buncombe in which Asheville is located across the county line, after the youth died from gun shot wounds which airport watchman, J. R. Calton confessed, according to officers, to having fired when the youth attacked him while on the airport property, the sheriff said he was told.

"This being true," Dalton said, "Calton was not a deputized watchman in Henderson county where the shooting occurred."

The Asheville law enforcement officers that watchmen serving in his county should be deputized. This was two months prior to the shooting. He said his suggestion had not been given heed.

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MYSTERY KEY FINDER HERE

Sgt. Bobo Arrives As Guest Of Hotel, Star-News At Beach

Mystery surrounding a key that was missing from room 353 at the Ocean Terrace hotel, Wrightsville Beach, may be explained today when Sgt. Asa Bobo, Jasper, Ala., arrives for a vacation "on the beach."

Bobo said he found the key near Wessel, Germany, near the scene of the Rhine bridgehead battle when he was the first American to set foot on that ground, and is there "sure a German dropped it."

He and Mrs. Bobo will be the guests for one week of the Ocean Terrace hotel and the Wilmington Star-News. Bobo has promised to try to find out if German spies occupied room 353 during the war. Local residents believe the key to the room was lost by a German spy. They have connected the key with Edward Kerling, captain of the yacht Lelaka, who followed the Atlantic Waterway to Wrightsville Beach. He was later arrested by the FBI, convicted of charges of sabotage and hanged.

For luck, Mr. and Mrs. Bobo will not occupy room 353, but the one next to it.

The Weather

Table with weather data for various locations including Wilmington, Asheville, and other regional cities, listing high/low temperatures and precipitation.

'Quake Rocks Seventeen Cities In Four States

BULLETIN FLASHES CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—(AP)—News-papers in Chicago, South Bend, Ind., and Indianapolis tonight said telephone callers had reported earth shocks in the area. There were no immediate reports from seismograph stations.

ILLINOIS CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—(UP)—Abe Fultz, University of Chicago meteorology instructor, reported that two mild tremors were felt in the Chicago area tonight. The first occurred at 10:49 p. m., EST, and the second followed about 10 seconds later.

MICHIGAN BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Aug. 9.—(UP)—An earthquake rocked the Battle Creek area at 9:48 p. m., EST, tonight, but police reported there were no injuries and little damage.

INDIANA INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Indiana apparently was shaken by a light earthquake about 9 o'clock (EST) tonight. Residents of many cities, including Indianapolis, South Ben-

rushed from a movie theater in panic. The tremor lasted about 30 seconds, Battle Creek residents said. They reported hearing a "dull roar" followed by a shaking sensation.

The mild earthquake rocked houses and building and rattled china in cupboards.

LANSING, Aug. 9.—(P)—An earth tremor was felt here tonight at 9:50 p. m. of less than a minute's duration. State police said similar reports came from Jackson, Battle Creek, Benton Harbor, Adrian, and Detroit.

was no damage at any of the First reports were that there was no damage reported at these points.

Fort Wayne, Muncie, Anderson and Logansport, reported their homes were shaken by a tremor which lasted about ten seconds. No damage was reported. A Muncie woman said the shock toppled a lamp from a table in her home. Logansport residents said dishes rattled on shelves.

OHIO CINCINNATI, Aug. 9.—(P)—The Xavier university seismograph recorded "minor earth shocks of three to four minutes' duration starting at 9:47 p. m. today, the Rev. Victor C. Stechschulte, university seismologist, reported.

Father Stechschulte said the tremors were "centered approximately 300 miles from Cincinnati, and presumably

Note: The Star-News press somewhat earlier than the other papers and regrets the elimination of details.

Charlotte Army Pilot Flies Bombarriers In Sensational Test

Ahoskie Kiwanis Win Forgiveness Largest Bombs Ever Built, 25,000 Pounds, Hit Target

Secret Tests In Germany Disclosed Last Night; Planes Fly At Stratospheric Heights; 'Amazing Accuracy' Cited

By CLINTON B. CONGER GIEKELSTADT, Germany, Aug. 9.—(UP)—U. S. Air Forces bombardiers, co-piloted by a North Carolina man, have dropped 25,000-pound test bombs, the largest ever developed, from stratospheric heights with such "amazing accuracy" that none has landed outside the 200-yard danger area around the target, it was disclosed today.

Three American B-29 superfortresses are carrying out tests to see how far bombs can be driven into whatever kind of structure man may take shelter in if atomic warfare breaks out. Giekelstadt is where the superfortresses are based.

Their special target is the large submarine pen near Bremen, 30 feet high, 1,350 feet long and 350 feet wide. Half of its roof is 14 feet, nine inches thick. It is believed to contain more concrete than the biggest skyscraper in New York.

The present secret tests are considered second in importance only to the Bikini atomic bomb tests. Actually, the tests began directly after the war, but with types of bombs that are now obsolete. The secretly developed bombs being used in the present tests weigh 25,000 pounds.

They are loaded with a nonexplosive substance of the same weight as explosives and dropped from top altitudes (35,000 to 40,000 feet with supersonic speed. (This would indicate that they are rockets or jet propelled).

Experts are amazed by the accuracy of the bombardiers, who were selected in the United States by competition. Their accuracy, the experts said, was "practically beyond belief."

Despite the lack of explosive, the bombs kick the dust up 2,000 feet and it hangs in the air for 25 minutes.

The first 25,000-pounder was dropped by Lt. Robert E. Schlaebitz, a bombardier of Buffalo, N. Y. It was square on the target. The bomb he dropped was an Amazon mark II made of high-quality steel with a nose tapering some four feet from a spear point to a maximum diameter of three feet, six inches. From nose to tail fin, the glistening black and white bomb measures nearly 30 feet.

Altogether, the superforts have 30 bombs to drop. There is another type under test beside the Amazon. It is the Sampson, weighing the same but longer and more streamlined.

The superforts, which have two bays for old-type bombs, have been modified so that the 25,000-pounders (Continued On Page Seven; Col. 4)

DUTCH AND INDO WAR FLARES ANEW

Both Sides Accuse Other Of Violation Of The UN Order

BATAVIA, Aug. 9.—(P)—The Indonesian Republic advised the UN security council today that Republican troops were "compelled to undertake mopping up and preventive operations" because the Dutch were "continuing military operations with the aim of extending their territory."

The Netherlands Army in a communique similarly accused the Indonesian of violating the cease fire order issued by the UN.

An Indonesian communique said that the Dutch had captured Wajang, less than two miles south of Malang in eastern Java, behind artillery and air support, and ordered that the Dutch were advancing on several other fronts.

The message to the security council cited alleged violations of cease-fire orders between Aug. 6 and Aug. 8 and charged that the Dutch actions were "actually hostile operations, designed to wreck the measures the Republic has undertaken for the effective maintenance and cessation of hostilities."

The mopping up and preventive action will be taken "at several points to protect and safeguard the Republic's position in the face of Dutch aggression," the Indonesian message said.

ODOM PASSES OVER ALEUTIANS AT 10 P. M.

EDMONTON, Alta., Aug. 9.—(UP)—Northwest airlines radio post reported tonight that round-the-world flier William P. Odom passed over the island of Shemya on the west-most tip of the Aleutian chain at "about 10 p. m. EDT," five hours from his first scheduled landing on the North American continent at Anchorage, Alaska.

The airlines listening post said Odom reported himself flying at 19,000 feet with "good tail winds,"

Worst Drought Hits Corn Belt

No Immediate Relief Seen In Iowa And Nebraska Areas

By UNITED PRESS The worst drought in 10 years gripped wide sections of two corn belt states today, and no immediate relief could be seen, Chicago weather bureau officials said.

Iowa, the "tall corn state," and parts of Nebraska were the states chiefly affected. For the second time in a week, temperatures were climbing toward the high 90's in the corn belt, and weathermen said that for at least five days they saw no prospect of rains such as farmers needed.

Corn prices were climbing to record highs in Chicago as the reports came in. Weather men here said that the heavy rains of spring and early summer had left the ground in condition for cracking in strong heat, and that they had some reports of cracks three feet deep in crop growing regions.

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STATE'S BUTLER TO SEE TRUMAN

14 Gold Stripe Uniform Reserved For White House Visit

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 9.—(UP)—The White House silverware had better be gleaming next week. Uncle Dave Haywood, butler for 55 years at the North Carolina governor's mansion, will be around to check up on President Truman's household, and Uncle Dave is particular about those things.

The small, frail Negro butler, spry at 71 and proud as a fleet admiral of the 14 gold stripes on his sleeve, will leave Gov. Gregg Cherry to shift for himself for a few days.

Leaving the old-fashioned red brick mansion in Raleigh even for a few days won't be easy for Uncle Dave. The 14 gold stripes mean he has served 14 North Carolina governors there.

Governors come and go, but Uncle Dave has been major-domo of the spacious house since he was 19 and plans to stay until he dies.

His hair has grown white in 55 years at the mansion. He's a little stooped now and his step is a little slower. But he is a butler in the old southern manner, and the mansion is his whole life.

Predict Light Leaf Sales

Reports Continue Markets Ahead Of The Growers

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All market officials agreed beforehand that the opening day had been set by the Marketing association, at least two weeks in advance of the crops.

Quality of the leaf so far has been fair to poor, and mediocre with many piles being of "less than mediocre quality," officials said. However the federal stabilization offices have not bought an appreciable amount of the offerings, the markets report.

Fine cutters have ranged sparsely to 68 per hundred weight, officials on some markets report, but price for the bulk of the good tobacco hovered at \$50 per hundred pounds, records show.

TEN AREA MEN ARE SELECTED FOR TRAINING

Ten area men were selected yesterday as principals or alternates for entry into the Naval Reserve Officers Training corps and the Naval Aviation college program, according to an Associated Press release from Washington.

Those named are John Elbert Bass, Jr., Wilmington; Albert Creasy Beall, Wilmington; Howard Roger Corbett, Jr., Wilmington; Robert Green Davis, Jr., Wilmington; Richard Wells Galphin, Jr., Wilmington; John Raymond Miller, Wilson; Charles Dewayne Roberts, Camp Lejeune; Nelson W. Taylor, III, Beaufort; Herbert F. Coe, Morehead City; and Harold M. Taylor, Wilson.

AVERAGE VET AGE WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(P)—The Veterans Administration said today the average veteran of World War II is 29 years old, four years the senior of the average man still in the armed services.

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AFL MEETS HERE MONDAY William Green Unable To Attend As Was Planned

Because of an important meeting in San Francisco next week William H. Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, will be unable to attend the North Carolina Federation of Labor convention which opens here tomorrow, C. B. Kornegay, president of the Wilmington Central Labor Union, announced yesterday.

"We hope he will send a substitute speaker in his place," Kornegay said, "but as yet we have not been informed."

The convention will open Monday morning at the Recreation Center, Second and Orange streets, with addresses of welcome from Mayor E. L. White and H. Winfield Smith, Judge of Recorder's court. Response and invocation will be made by A. E. Brown, Durham, state chaplain.

C. A. Fink, state president, will give the opening address, and at 11:15 a. m. Monday Forrest H. Shuford, N. C. commissioner of labor will speak. At 3 p. m., Frank Fenton, national director of organization for the AFL, will speak, and I. M. Ornum, national secretary-treasurer of the Union Label Trades department, will address the members.

On Tuesday, John O'Hare, president of the Tobacco Workers International Union will speak at 10 a. m., and Nick Collins, vice-president of the United Textile Workers of America will talk, after which the members will hear George L. Googe, Southern director of the AFL, and William J. Hanks, Fayetteville; Cyrus D. Hogan, Jr., Wilmington; Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., Lumberton; Robert F. Murray, Lenoir; Marion A. M. Parrott, Kinston; Louis J. Poisson, Jr., Wilmington; John T. Renleman, Salisbury; and Robert E. Waters, Wilmington.

CONTROL SWITCHED WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(UP)—Attorney General Clark announced today that the office of alien property has taken over the interest of Dutch and German owners in the North American Rayon corporation and the American Bemberg corporation.

Twelve candidates from the Wilmington area passed their written examinations to practice law in North Carolina, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Raleigh last night.

The new barristers are Walton P. Birkheimer, Wilmington; Seavy A. W. Carroll, Fayetteville; Thomas G. Dill, New Bern; Walter H. Floyd, Tabor City; William J. Hanks, Fayetteville; Cyrus D. Hogan, Jr., Wilmington; Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., Lumberton; Robert F. Murray, Lenoir; Marion A. M. Parrott, Kinston; Louis J. Poisson, Jr., Wilmington; John T. Renleman, Salisbury; and Robert E. Waters, Wilmington.

Hughes To Leave If Plane Fails

BY DOUGLAS B. CORNELL WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(P)—Howard Hughes told Senate investigators today he began spending for entertainment when he got confidential word that army officers considered him a "stuck up" rich man who wouldn't "kow tow."

Also, the millionaire plane designer, manufacturer and flier solemnly testified that he may leave the country for good if his giant, much-criticized cargo plane fails to fly.

"I put the sweat of my life in this thing," Hughes told a war investigating subcommittee. "My reputation is rolled up in it. If I have stated several times if it is a failure, I'll probably leave this country and never come back. And I mean that."

Hughes said he could not guarantee the plane would fly or that it would be a success. That he only hoped it would. But he said the criticism of the project and of the money spent on it was "unjustified."

FOARD REMAINS A LEGIONNAIRE

Resignation Comes Up For Vote By Post On Aug. 21

The resignation of Charles H. Foard as commander of the American Legion post No. 10 followed the introduction of a resolution at the last regular meeting which would strip the executive committee of its power and place it in the hands of the members-at-large, it was hinted yesterday by Ray Galloway, state Legion commander. The resolution comes up for a vote at the next meeting.

"It is a fight between democracy and autocracy," Foard said he will remain an active Legionnaire and support the many fine things it represents.

"Autocratic rule may last a week, a month, or a year, but eventually democracy wins out. The Legion is too big for petty fights," Galloway said.

Foard's resignation was accepted by the executive committee at an emergency meeting Friday night but will be acted upon at the same time as the resolution.

The executive refused to make public Foard's letter of resignation. Acting commander James S. Craig and William Stewart, chairman of the executive committee refused comment.

PIGEON LANDS ON PORCH; IT (PORCH) COLLAPSES

OLIVET, Mich., Aug. 9.—(P)—A pigeon, unaware of its own strength, landed on a porch at Mather hall, the Olivet college science building. The porch collapsed.

School officials said the rickety structure had been closed off in preparation for its rebuilding. The surprised bird fled.

Attlee Accused By Conservatives Of Seeking 'Totalitarian Powers'

BY ROBT HEWETT LONDON, Aug. 9.—(P)—Prime Minister Attlee, accused by the conservatives of seeking "totalitarian powers" to deal with Britain's economic crisis, faced a new conflict within his own labor party tonight over the government's nationalization program.

Persistent but unconfirmed reports that some cabinet members were opposed to carrying out plans to nationalize the steel industry during the crisis were followed by the calling of a special

private meeting of labor members of parliament for Monday. One political writer said leftist intellectuals and trade union members would demand a direct "yes" or "no" answer on steel from Attlee.

Democrats To Meet

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NEW WITNESSES IN MILLER CASE

Mystery Shrouds Identity; Trial Opens Wednesday

LUMBERTON, Aug. 9.—As yet unidentified witnesses, are scheduled to testify this Wednesday at the opening of the trial of Mrs. Mary Ellen Curran Miller, and a Negro farm hand who told officers that he was hired by Mrs. Miller to shoot her husband.

Mrs. Miller and the Negro, Fred Wiggins, former farm hand on her father's farm will go on trial Wednesday morning for the fatal shooting last May 11 of David Miller, the woman's husband, according to Sheriff Willis C. Britt.

Scheduled to preside at the criminal term of Robeson county is Superior court Justice Chester Morris of Currituck. Solicitor F. Ertle Carlyle has been busy seeking witnesses and making a thorough investigation of the case, according to Sheriff Britt, and has found the new witnesses who the sheriff refused to name.

These witnesses are expected to give some revealing and some conflicting testimony on the case, (Continued On Page Seven; Col. 3)

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