

WEATHER

Wilmington and Vicinity: Partly cloudy, not so warm with possible thundershowers today.

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Descendant Of Pioneer Family Dies

Mrs. Margaret McPherson Everitt, 75, Passes At Greensboro

RELATIVES HERE Native Wilmington Was Member Of St. James Episcopal Church

GREENSBORO, Aug. 30.—Mrs. Margaret McPherson Everitt, 75, 612 N. Mendenhall street, died at 5:20 p. m. yesterday at Piedmont Memorial hospital after a serious illness of seven weeks.

Descendant of a pioneer South-eastern North Carolina family, Mrs. Everitt was a native of Wilmington, but had lived here for the past 29 years.

She made her home with her daughter, Mrs. George C. Hutton. She was the widow of John A. Everitt, a member of St. James Episcopal church of Wil-

lington. Surviving are two sons, J. Mack Everitt, Greensboro, and John H. Everitt, Washington, D. C.; three daughters, Mrs. Floyd T. Noah, Mrs. Hutton, Greensboro, and Mrs. George C. Covington, High Point; three sisters, Mrs. Morrison Divine, Mrs. C. C. Chadborn, Mrs. W. H. Northrop, all of Wilmington.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock today at Forbis and Murray chapel, Greensboro. The Rev. Mr. Carl Herman, rector of St. Andrews Episcopal church, will conduct. The body will remain at the funeral home until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning when the funeral party will leave for Wilmington. Graveside service will be conducted in Oakdale cemetery when plans are completed.

POLICE JOIN INDIA SLAUGHTER

Writer Tells Of Terrible Conditions In The Orient

By ROBERT MILLER LAHORE, Pakistan, Aug. 29.—(AP)—A series of minor riots that started around Lahore and Amritsar two weeks ago when Moslems and Hindus were revelling in their new-found freedom had developed today into a blood feud engulfing the Punjab.

None is spared—Moslem, Hindu, Sikh, man, woman, child or babe-in-tooth. It is worse than civil war where some standards are observed. It is pure savagery, reports say.

The only profiteers are the butchers. They have never been sleeker or fatter. Thousands have been killed—Moslems by Hindus and Sikhs; Hindus and Sikhs by Moslems. Unless order can be restored within a few days, the toll will be appalling, officials say.

The governments of both India (Hindu) and Pakistan (Moslem) have not been able to cope with the killings. Minor officials in many cases not only have tolerated the liquidation of minorities, but have cooperated.

Two Moslem majors in the frontier force between the East (Hindu) Punjab are awaiting trial for ordering their troops to attack refugees. The mission of the frontier force is to keep the peace. Numerous police have joined in slaughter and plunder.

The Moslem press and the Hindu press stir up hate every day with biased articles. Censorship prevents the printing of the full picture. There is hardly a community in the Punjab which has not been affected. Entire populations have been wiped out and towns and villages burned.

My experience and the experience of others has been that the only reliable force for law and order is composed of Gurkha troops, commanded by British officers. It is impossible to get either police or native Moslem or Hindu troops to shoot members of their own sect and offer impossible to keep them from killing those of the opposite faith.

White officers of Indian regiments are doing their utmost to help their troops in line. Discipline was unimpeachable in the beginning; now there are repeated instances in which these well-disciplined units have broken down.

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The Weather

Metological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

Temperatures: 1:30 a. m. 74; 7:30 a. m. 76; 1:30 p. m. 81; 7:30 p. m. 78.

Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 82; 7:30 a. m. 97; 1:30 p. m. 75; 7:30 p. m. 66.

Clang, Clang, Bed Ahead!



COMPLETE WITH HISSING air brakes and foot clanging bell, Norton Clark, 14, of Newton, Mass., "drives" his horse-car trolley front in his bedroom, with full sound effects. Norton satisfied his trolley hobby by constructing the front end with parts salvaged from modern as well as last-century trolleys. (AP Wirephoto)

B.H. Bridgers Gives Memos To State

RALEIGH, Aug. 30.—(AP)—A unique collection of Confederate surgical instruments has been placed in the state hall of history, it was announced by Dr. Christopher Crittenden, director of the department of archives and history.

The collection was the property of Dr. Edmund Burke Haywood of Raleigh and has been donated by B. H. Bridgers of Wilmington, Dr. Haywood's grandson. It has been labelled and arranged by Mrs. Joyce E. Jordan, head of the hall of history, where now on display.

The collection, consisting of an amputation saw and knives, hemostatic forceps, bone file and cutter, trephine set, dissection instruments, nerve hooks, retractors, and various other items were expertly fashioned of the finest steel, ivory, and silver, and enclosed in velvet-lined, brass-bound mahogany boxes specially designed for the purpose. It made up the equipment of the surgeon of eighty years ago.

With these instruments Dr. Haywood could set a femur, tie a blood vessel, remove a button of bone from the skull, or amputate a leg. In the collection is a complete steam ironizer, as well as an electric machine patented in 1854 by Davis and Kidder. Also including in a scarificator, a contrivance having several lancets moved by a spring and employed by surgeons between 1800 and 1865 to make small incisions in the skin, as in cupping.

The National Safety Council estimated that 250 persons would be killed in traffic accidents over the three-day week end.

Following is the death toll by states (traffic, drownings and miscellaneous in that order):

- Arizona 1 0 1; California 4 0 0; Colorado 2 0 0; Connecticut 1 0 0; Georgia 2 0 0; Idaho 0 0 3; Illinois 0 0 2; Indiana 2 0 0; Iowa 5 0 0; Maine 0 0 1; Maryland 2 0 0; Massachusetts 3 0 0; Michigan 3 1 0; Montana 4 0 0; New Jersey 1 0 1; New York 6 0 3; Ohio 5 0 1; Oklahoma 1 0 0; Oregon 1 0 0; Pennsylvania 2 0 0; Texas 2 0 0; Vermont 1 0 0; Virginia 1 0 0; Washington 1 0 1; West Virginia 1 0 0; Wisconsin 2 0 0.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORTED GOOD

Generally Pleasant Holiday Forecast Saturday Night

Generally pleasant weather for southeastern North Carolina except for scattered thundershowers reported by the government weather station at Cherry Point. Today's highest temperature will be about 85 degrees.

The Cherry Point weather station reported flying conditions as follows: Contact flying with eight mile visibility from Wilmington north and south after 10 a. m. Sunday; three mile visibility prior to 10 a. m.

Tomorrow will be overcast in the morning with possible showers, but the afternoon will be free of any precipitation.

Following yesterday's intermittent rain and sun shine and early evening rains the skies were free of clouds and stars and the moon shone brilliantly at 9 p. m.

Beach and local law enforcement agencies reported no major automobile accidents and also that motorists were observing safe rules of driving.

The city hall, courthouse, post office, customs house, and all banks will be closed tomorrow for the holiday which began after the half workday yesterday.

Virtually all stores in the city also will be closed tomorrow, but will be open all day Wednesday instead of having the usual afternoon holiday.

Carolina Beach and Wrightsville Beach expected good crowds for the final long holiday of the season, as well as Holden Beach and Long Beach in the Southport area.

The weekly meeting of the board of county commissioners, scheduled for tomorrow, will be held Tuesday instead. Only routine business was on the agenda yesterday.

Meanwhile the Associated Press said: A narrow, imaginary band stretching from East to West divides the state.

Solicitor Supects Murder In 'Slaying' And 'Suicide' Of Walter Piner And Wife

Vandenberg Wins Praise

Republican Honored For Part In Drafting Hemisphere Defense

QUITANDINHA, Brazil, Aug. 30.—(AP)—A resolution thanking Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich) for his part in drafting the regional arrangements section of the United Nations charter at San Francisco in 1945 and his role in drafting the inter-American mutual defense treaty here was introduced into the record of the inter-American conference today.

The Michigan senator led the presentation of the United States' views in committee sessions during the current conference and is considered by many delegates chiefly responsible for adoption of a number of the defense pact's provisions.

Senator Vandenberg later expressed belief that the treaty would be ratified by the U. S. Senate.

He told a news conference that the treaty could not "be attacked on the basis of diluting the United Nations" and declared: "We are looking all over the earth for a ray of sunshine and we cannot find it, but here is a lighthouse of hope. In this stage of history two continents have found a way of joining hands for the preservation of peace and security. This is a tremendous fact."

The Republican senator said he believed the treaty would have a great "psychological and spiritual" effect in the world.

Referring to the reception the treaty would receive in the Senate, Vandenberg said he could not predict the action of his colleagues but added that "continental interest in the Monroe Doctrine has been so acute for so long that I consider all preconditions to be on the side of Senate approval."

Asked if he thought the treaty would start an arms race in Latin America, Vandenberg said he believed it would have the opposite effect.

The senator also said the Pan American union and inter-American defense board would always "welcome any closer ties Canada wishes to make at any time."

FLAMES KILL 54 IN THEATRE

Two Balconies Collapse And Many Hurt In Panic

PARIS, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Approximately 54 persons were believed burned to death tonight when a motion picture theater in the Paris suburb of Reuil was destroyed by fire.

Police said 34 bodies had been taken from the gutted select theater and that about 20 more were believed in the wreckage.

A short circuit in the wiring of the second balcony of the movie house started the fire, police said. Balcony supports collapsed and members of the audience seated there were pitched on to those below.

There were about 600 persons in the theatre when the fire broke out.

In the panic that followed persons in boxes along the sides of the theater were thrown into the melee on the floor below and many spectators were trampled and trapped in the path of the fire.

A crowd of weeping relatives and friends of missing persons stood by the smoking ruins while firemen from Paris, St. Germain and Versailles searched for bodies. The nearby office of a justice of the peace served as temporary morgue.

New 'Foldin' Money' Reported In Large Leaf Bundles

This Weekend Following First Sales On Wallace Market

BY JOHN SIKES WALLACE, Aug. 30.—There was new folding money in large bundles bulging in the pockets of farmers of this section today after five days of sales on the 1947 tobacco market.

The bundles heaped up to nearly \$100,000 per day for each of the five days of sales on the Wallace market which opened last Monday. Official figures, released today, show that the three Wallace warehouse firms paid out a total of \$496,003.64 for the week of sales. This amount represented payment for 1,066,598 pounds of the weed that has been classified as golden, both because of its color on the warehouse floor and the fact that it brings in the stuff for which gold is supposed to stand for.

As in past season, the Wallace Tobacco Market was at the top

given space in advance on the four floors here will have the chance to sell their tobacco on allotted days. Those taking a chance on space may be disappointed. And Wallace warehousemen are bending every effort, to use a cliché, as well as their backs to see that no farmers are disappointed.

From all and sundry, the tobacco crop in the Wallace area is reported to be the largest in the past several years and now that the farmers, long delayed by rains and other inclement weather, are getting their weed ready for market fast there is an almost steady flow to town.

Each of the warehouses here reports good sales. The houses are Husseys Nos. 1 and 2, operated by W. L. (Bill) Hussey, George D. Bennett, and Joe H. Bryant,

Brazil Conference Okays Defense Plan



SHADED OUTLINE indicates area in western hemisphere from Arctic to Antarctic, which will be included in hemispheric "security region" guarded by guns of all the American republics under a plan approved at Quitandinha, Brazil, by a 14-nation subcommittee of the Inter-American Conference. (AP Wirephoto)

Two Million Cheer Legion's Parade

By OTTO E. STURM United Press Staff Correspondent NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—(UP)—In a stirring panoply of color, marching precision and martial music, the American Legion—65,000 strong—marched up New York's famed Fifth avenue today.

New Yorkers, who love a parade, turned out en masse for the big show of the Legion's 29th annual convention and it was estimated that 2,000,000 persons lined both sides of the flag-bedecked avenue along the two-mile route of march.

They cheered, whistled and clapped hands as the gray-haired veterans of Chateau-Thierry and the young ones of Guadalcanal marched by, behind colorfully-uniformed bands and shapely, dexterous drum majorettes.

Four thousand police held back the crowds. 15,143 Legionnaires had marched past the official rendezvous.

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RED FISH TIDE HITS LONG ISLAND

Frantic Efforts Made To Clear Holiday Beaches

WOODMERE, N. Y., Aug. 30.—(UP)—The mysterious "red tide" that has killed millions of fish off the coast of Florida struck in North Atlantic waters for the first time today when thousands of tons of dead fish were washed ashore on Long Island beaches.

Beach attendants were busily burying the fish, described as moss-bunkers and mullets in an effort to clear the beaches for the expected holiday crowds over the Labor Day week-end.

The fish, decayed and rotting, were driving would-be swimmers away from the beaches with their odor, but truck farmers carried away loads to use for garden fertilizer.

GALLOWAY LEADS LOCAL LEGION

Drum And Bugle Cops Wins Acclaim From Large Crowds

By WADE LUCAS NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—North Carolina's delegation stepped out today in the American Legion's twenty-ninth annual convention parade. More than one million seven hundred fifty thousand people according to the New York World Telegram lined Fifth avenue to watch the forty-eight states and five territories march in the traditional American Legion parade.

Heading the North Carolina parade was State Commander Ray Galloway of Wilmington, N. C., and just behind him was the Wilmington Drum and Bugle corps state champions of North Carolina who got profuse applause on Fifth avenue as well as a few bows from those whom we consider the subversive element. The red coated boys from Wilmington really put on a show for New York.

Following the Wilmington Drum and Bugle corps were the veterans of World War I and II who marched incidentally as best they could three miles up Fifth avenue. Ninety-nine per cent of them made it. Following the veterans were the Asheville Legion band which also put on a big show all the way up Fifth avenue.

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'Thorough Inquiry' Under Way; Case Not Closed, He Says

Deputy Sheriff D. L. Ganey Agrees With Moore That A Third Person Could Have Staged The Deaths

By BOB KLINE, Staff Writer Possibility that one or more persons conspired and committed a clever double murder in the "slaying" by her estranged husband of Mrs. Walter G. Piner and his subsequent "suicide" before dawn Friday at Woodburn near Leland was announced last night by District Solicitor Clifton Moore and Deputy Sheriff D. L. Ganey.

Solicitor Moore said: "A thorough investigation is being conducted to determine if a third party did the shooting," and that the case has not been closed and will not be closed until all the evidence has been examined. The solicitor's announcement came in spite of an earlier statement from the office of the Brunswick county coroner that an inquest would not be held.

Ganey agreed with Moore that a third person might have killed the pair, arranged the bodies in the room, and made an exit through a window by a ladder. When Ganey first entered the case he said he was of the opinion it was a murder and suicide.

Piner, 40, a prominent dairy man in North Carolina, and his 47-year-old second wife, who also had been married previously were found shot to death in an upstairs bedroom of a house occupied by Spurvey Sneed on U. S. 17, near Leland.

Both had been residents of Fayetteville, where the funeral will be held. Mrs. Piner had been a waitress at Williams restaurant, at the junction of U. S. routes 17 and 74.

She died on her birthday, after her husband had reportedly given Mrs. Liston Williams, wife of the restaurant operator, five dollars the night before with which to buy Mrs. Piner a present.

Ganey, who said that Mrs. Piner's body was found slumped down behind the door which opens from the inside, agreed that a third person might have killed the pair, arranged the bodies in the room, and made an exit through the window by a ladder. He did not say if a ladder was found on the premises.

Fingerprints on the gun, found between Piner's legs, have not been taken, he said.

"It was an old gun, and I doubt if prints could be taken from it," he said.

Piner's funeral will be held at 2:30 p. m., today, and Mrs. Piner's at 5 p. m., today.

Piner is survived by four daughters by a former marriage, and Mrs. Piner, the former Letha Cumber, by two daughters and one son.

The dead couple had been married approximately one year and had been separated for three weeks.

FIRE DESTROYS 'SUNNINGHILL'

Philip And Elizabeth To Live At Buckingham Palace

LONDON, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Living with the in-laws became a definite prospect today for Lt. Philip Mountbatten after a pre-dawn fire virtually destroyed the 25-room Sunninghill mansion where he and his heiress presumptive Princess Elizabeth were to have set up housekeeping after their marriage Nov. 20.

Philip's outlook, however, is a little better than that of the ordinary bridegroom forced to dwell with the bride's family. After their honeymoon, he and the princess will move into Buckingham Palace, which has considerable more room than the ordinary house and where a special suite already had been prepared for their use on the occasions when they would come to London from the country.

Also, according to Buckingham Palace sources, the couple probably will not have to stay long in the home of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. There are plenty of vacant country houses, the size of Sunninghill mansion, or larger. The problem is to get them repaired and renovated.

The fire that ruined Sunninghill, near Ascot race course, started about midnight. Scotland Yard, after investigating a report that a man had been seen running away from the mansion just before the fire was discovered, announced it had "definitely ruled out any suggestion of arson."

The Yard believed that a cigarette butt dropped by a careless workman in the 10-room section being prepared for Elizabeth and Philip started the fire.

NEWS OF TROOP MOVEMENTS BANNED UNDER GREEK RULE

ATHENS, Aug. 30.—(AP)—The new rightist Greek cabinet, headed by Premier Constantinos Tsaldaris, decided tonight to issue a decree "banning publication of reports relating to troop movements, military operations and comments on same and on military activities in general."

The decision was made at the cabinet's first meeting. Tsaldaris' government has the task of restoring order in large sections of northern Greece where leftist guerrillas have been battling Greek army troops for months.

HOW THEY FLEW

CLEVELAND, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Here are the finishers, their speeds (Continued on Page Two, Col. 5)