

FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy with a few scattered showers in afternoon and continued warm today; Tuesday partly cloudy and warm with afternoon shower.

Storm Blocks E. C. Roads

Greenville Hard Hit As 9.74 Inch Rainfall Floods Part Of City

RALEIGH, Sept. 7.—(P)—Torrential rains that fell over much of Eastern North Carolina last night apparently were centered at Greenville where a record-breaking downpour of 9.74 inches was recorded, the U.S. Weather bureau here reported today.

The storm at Greenville blocked highways, knocked out electric power and telephone service in sections of the city, flooded several houses and damaged tobacco in at least two tobacco auction warehouses, Sheriff Ruel E. Tyson reported. The weather bureau reported that the 9.74-inch rain was recorded at the Greenville airport, and that in the town proper a fall of 8.24 inches was recorded. The previous record for one day at Greenville was 5.81 inches set in 1917.

In other Eastern North Carolina towns, the weather bureau reported the following rainfall: Washington 7.5 inches, Wilson 3.71 inches, Rocky Mount 2.77 inches, and Raleigh 2.36 inches. At the Raleigh-Durham airport, only 1.3 miles from Raleigh, only .59 inches fell.

Highway Blocked

The heavy downpour flooded Green Mill Run, a creek just east of Greenville, and it poured out of its banks blocking highway 264 between Greenville and Washington and Highway 43 between Greenville and New Bern.

The State Highway Commission reported that Little Creek about two miles east of Greenville washed out about 100 feet of Highway 264 and a truck driver for the Raleigh News and Observer reported that he drove for nearly five miles between Greenville and Washington with water almost up to the running board of his truck.

The State Highway patrol radio here said that a washout also was reported on Highway 903 near Williamston.

At Greenville a railroad underpass on a street leading to the Kinston highway was flooded almost to the railroad.

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GEORGIA POLICE CATCH RUSTLERS

Father, 18-Year-Old Daughter-In-Law Held On Cattle Theft Count

TIFTON, Ga., Sept. 7.—(P)—A motorized cattle-rustling ring which allegedly included an 18-year-old girl member was being smashed tonight with the arrest of Frank Collins, Sr., and his dark-haired daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joanna Henderson Collins.

They were arrested in connection with cattle thefts in four counties in this Georgia-Florida border territory which in recent years has developed into one of the biggest beef-producing sections east of the Mississippi.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation announced the arrests and was also seeking Mrs. Collins' husband, Floyd Collins, as a third member of the ring.

According to the GBI, the ring had been making off with cattle in the dead of night by marching the animals up a refrigerated ramp into a big refrigerated truck of the type used by packing plants. The cattle were then taken to on-the-hoof markets at Albany, Moultrie, Tifton, Newnan and Bogart and sold.

Caught At Moultrie
Collins and his daughter-in-law finally were arrested when they attempted to sell a yearling at Moultrie. None of the stolen cattle were branded but some had ear-tags for bang's disease inspection and the tags put the GBI on the trail of the Collins family.

Collins was charged with rustling, an offense that carries a two to four year prison term, and his daughter-in-law was held temporarily as a material witness. Both had signed statements, the GBI said.

The Weather

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Wilmington—Partly cloudy and continued warm today; Tuesday, a few scattered showers in afternoon and continued warm today; Wednesday, scattered showers in afternoon and continued warm today; Thursday, scattered showers in afternoon and continued warm today; Friday, scattered showers in afternoon and continued warm today; Saturday, scattered showers in afternoon and continued warm today; Sunday, scattered showers in afternoon and continued warm today.



PICTURED at his desk in Trieste, Italy, is Major Edward H. Richardson of the U. S. Army. He has admitted, according to a statement introduced at trial of five Trieste civilians, that he shared in an estimated \$1,000,000 pay-off from the parceling of public works contracts. A former Military Government Public Works chief, Richardson said "gift" was "token of gratitude for advice." (International)

JEW TO RESIST FORCED LANDING

British Plan To Use Tear Gas If Necessary At Hamburg Today

By The Associated Press
A group of Jews from the Exodus 1947 huddled in the rain aboard the transport Ocean Vigour gave the first hint yesterday that they would resist attempts of the British to disembark them at Hamburg Monday and compel their return to Germany.

The Jews—the vanguard of 4-300 European refugees who were balked in their efforts to reach Palestine—shouted a defiant "no!" when asked if they would disembark. The British said they will use tear gas and truncheons if the Jews do not come ashore peacefully.

Their plight evoked widespread demonstrations from their sympathizers, with the most spectacular occurring in Paris.

Security police in the French capital said they had arrested an American Rabbi, Baruch Korff, co-chairman of the American Political Action Committee For Palestine, as he prepared to fly to London with 10,000 leaflets threatening reprisals on the British for treatment of the Exodus Jews.

Rabbi Korff was being held incommunicado with his pilot and a woman seized with him. In addition the police arrested 10 suspects in a crackdown on efforts of Stern gang sympathizers to conduct a war of nerves.

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VIOLENCE TAKES LIVES OF FOUR

Pilot Mountain Woman Loses Life In Fall Down 60-Foot Well

By The Associated Press
Violence took a relatively light death toll in North Carolina during the weekend with only four persons reported killed. A normal weekend in the state averages ten fatalities.

Gattis Cannady, 35-year-old Lillington Negro, was found dead Saturday night in the Lillington Ice and Coal company's plant. Coroner C. B. Allred ordered an autopsy and inquest.

Robert Mitchell, 21, of Route 1, Walnut Cove, was fatally injured Sunday when the automobile in which he was riding overturned.

Mrs. Lilla B. Cooke, 69, of Pilot Mountain, Route 2, was killed Friday when she fell into a 60-foot well at the home. Her husband, A. R. Cooke, reported finding a plank covering the well broken when he returned home.

Bureau Lee Brown, 40, a farmer living near Coats, was killed instantly Saturday night when struck by an automobile while he was walking along a road.

"Harmless" Shell Blast Injures Six Children

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Sept. 7.—(P)—A 37-millimeter shell, believed harmless and used as a doorstop, exploded today and injured six children, two seriously.

Publisher's Statement

It is requested that the attention of its readers be directed to the readability of its type this morning. The Star's ambition to increase the readability of its type for a long time, but with the war and the scarcity of materials for industrial purposes, this has had to be delayed until now.

The new type face is one of the latest developments in the industry. It is designed solely for easy reading. It is eight point type, larger than the old type heretofore used.

The Star is particularly gratified to offer this improvement to its thousands of subscribers, and in expressing its pleasure in being able to make this announcement extends a cordial invitation to the public to visit its greatly expanded quarters and newly installed equipment, all of which will mean a greater and better newspaper for Southeastern North Carolina.

Tuesday and Wednesday are open-house days at the Star-News.

The following paragraph is set in the old type for comparison purposes. Note the difference in it and the new type the balance of the story is set in.

Editorial, news, society and mechanical departments are on the mezzanine floor. Executive, business, advertising and circulation departments are on the main floor. The press and stereotyping departments are on the lower floor.

R. B. Page, publisher.

Attorney Blows Lid Off Bold Racket In Brooklyn

PREDICTS QUAKE "Professional Rap-Takers Association" Rivals "Murder, Inc."

TOKYO, Sept. 7.—(P)—The professor who predicted the disastrous earthquake in Western Japan last December now says there will be a "big" one centering on Tokyo next December or January "unless present indications change."

The Kyodo News Agency quoted the professor, Dr. Seichi Yamaguchi (as saying he reached his conclusions by studying tide gauges placed along the coasts by the Home Ministry's geographic survey.

PRESIDENT SAILS ON RETURN TRIP

Truman, Now Enroute To Norfolk Will Become "Shellback" Wednesday

ABOARD U. S. MISSOURI, Sept. 7.—(P)—President Truman sailed homeward today from the city-wide drive against illegal bookmaking and to divert attention from genuine members of the syndicates.

"We've questioned several thousands of arrested bookies and we're going to question more," Cone told reporters. "We're going to get heads of the bookie rings employing these rap-takers."

Cone disclosed that the "Rap-Takers Association" was under the rule of ruthless gunmen working for unknown leaders. Detectives working on the bookie inquiry said a recent wave of apparent gangland killings in Brooklyn might be connected with the police investigation.

Court records showed that Assistant District Attorney John E. Cone said that strong-arm men employed by Brooklyn bookie rings had, by force and with bribes ranging from \$10 to \$100, planted bookmaking evidence on innocent men to satisfy official demand for arrests.

The Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands visits were put off, probably until early autumn, largely for the purpose of making them special occasions rather than incidents of the Rio De Janeiro voyage.

The President came aboard this battleship in early afternoon after taking part in ceremonies commemorating the 125th anniversary of Brazil's independence from Portugal. With President Eurico Gaspar Dutra he reviewed a parade of 35,000 troops as the climax to an event-filled week which included an address to the Intra-American Defense conference.

After farewell honors at the dock, to which the Brazilian president accompanied him, Mr. Truman boarded the Missouri to the strains of the "Star Spangled Banner" and the Brazilian national anthem. The great ship eased out of the Rio De Janeiro harbor.

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VFW Chief Asks Immediate Rebuilding Of Armed Might; Russian Showdown Looms

Senator Predicts Fight Over Veto

Ball Proposes That United States Take Lead To End Power

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—(P)—An early "showdown" with Russia was forecast today by Sen. Joseph Ball, R., Minn., who said it may come over the veto issue before the United Nations General Assembly later this month.

Maintaining that Russia has stalled the UN by abuse of the veto, Ball proposed in an interview that the United States take the lead in restricting the veto right. He emphasized that UN's role in world affairs should be strengthened to help carry out the Marshall European rehabilitation plan.

Reminded that some American officials were loathe to launch a campaign to limit the veto power lest such action finally disrupt UN, Ball said he believed a "don't rock the boat" policy would result in continued strangulation by Russia's excessive use of the veto.

Ball voiced his opinion as President Truman prepared to return from Brazil and decide whether Congress should be recalled to deal with Europe's economic plight. Ball said he believed a special session is inadvisable until the administration is prepared to provide full information on how far the United States must go in aiding Europe.

He decried "crisis legislation" and proposed that Congress block any large-scale commitments until sound plans are worked out.

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TAR HEEL CROPS BRING BIG PRICE

Farmers Receive \$175,938,000 Return In First Half Of Year

RALEIGH, Sept. 7.—(P)—During the first six months of 1947, North Carolina farmers received a total of \$175,938,000 for their crops, livestock and livestock products, an increase of 32.5 per cent of last year, the Federal State Crop Reporting Service reported today.

The 32.5 increase the North Carolina farmers received during the first six months of the year compared with a 21 per cent increase for the nation as a whole during the first eight months of the year, according to the crop reporting service.

Income Mounts
During the January-June period North Carolina farmers received a total of \$108,142,000 for their crops compared with \$79,464,000 in the same period last year and livestock and livestock products brought in a total of \$67,796,000 during the first six months compared with \$53,360,000 last year.

Thanks to the multi-million ton tobacco crop, North Carolina last year ranked third behind California and Texas in the value of its crops. The state ranked 29th last year in cash income from livestock and livestock products, and in overall income from all farm products, including crops and livestock, the state ranked 13th, the Crop Reporting Service reported.

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 7.—(P)—A comely Southern belle, Barbara Jo Walker, 21-year-old Brunette from Memphis, Tenn., began her reign today as "Miss America, 1947."

The tall beauty won the title—and a \$5,000 scholarship for any school of her choosing—last night as a crowd of 13,462 persons, largest in 26 years to see the annual pageant, jammed convention hall.

Miss Walker, five feet seven inches tall, hazel eyes weight 130 pounds, bust 34 inches, was chosen from 54 girls representing 39 states, 14 cities and Canada.

U.S. Senator Kenneth McKellar (D-Tenn) was among the first to greet the new Miss America following her crowning by the retiring beauty queen, Marilyn Buford of Los Angeles, Miss America, 1946.

Miss Walker was so surprised by her selection as the new queen that she could do nothing but smile happily as pageant officials crowded around her for the crowning ceremonies.

But later as she faced a battery of cameras, the new queen said, "I couldn't believe it. I wish my family were here."

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MISS AMERICA—Hails from Memphis and yesterday began her reign after being awarded the title Saturday night over 54 other beauties from 39 states, 14 cities and Canada. The new queen, Barbara Jo Walker, center, is shown with Georgia Jean Cunningham, left, and Dorothy Jane Cunningham, right, before they took part in the bathing suit contest, at Atlantic City, N. J.

Commander Calls On Truman To Act

Urges President To Call Special Session Of Congress At Once

CLEVELAND, Sept. 7.—(P)—In a strongly-worded speech, Louis E. Starr, retiring commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, tonight asked President Truman to call a special session of Congress to appropriate money to rebuild our armed forces.

Starr made his public request after delegates to the 48th annual encampment here heard top-rung military and government figures sound ominous warnings on the state of our military preparedness during the past three days.

"I publicly request the President to call a special session of Congress for the purpose of immediately considering and granting sufficient appropriations to rebuild our armed forces, and particularly our air force, and to mobilize our aircraft industry, gearing it to high-speed production of latest type aircraft," Starr said.

"We must act immediately, while there is yet time. Each week's delay can mean a year's extension of war. We must not procrastinate as we did in 1939. We must act now."

Starr clearly expressed fear of Russia in his talk, and said the "peace of the world can be maintained only if the United States re-arms rapidly, making it clear to the USSR that a war would mean her total destruction."

"I fear that if this is not accomplished with the utmost dispatch, the United States will find itself at war," he said.

The leader of approximately 2,000,000 veterans charged that "preliminary campaigns of World War Three are being fought at this moment—on the political front and on the battle front."

"My organization therefore advocates a defensive attitude with ground forces, and an offensive attitude with our fleet and the fast construction of the greatest air force in the world, in being," he added.

MASKED BANDITS SECURE \$15,000

Owner Of Beulah Park Racetrack BOUND, Robbed In His Home

CLEVELAND, Sept. 7.—(P)—A race track operator reported to police today he was robbed of \$15,000 by three masked bandits who forced him to tell where the money was concealed by torturing his wife.

Police Capt. Fred W. Clarke said Henry Green, 54, vice president of Beulah park track in Columbus, Ascot park in Akron and a track in Hamilton, O., related he finally disclosed the money was hidden in a shoe box after one of the gunmen placed a lighted cigarette on Mrs. Green's thigh.

The track then drove off in Green's 1947 Cadillac after staging the robbery late last night in the track owner's home in suburban Shaker Heights, police said.

Operating Money
Green reported the money was to have been used Sept. 20 for operating expenses at the opening of the Beulah park meet.

Capt. Clarke quoted Green as saying the three met Mrs. Green, 42, at the back door when she returned to the house after parking their car in the garage.

The couple and Green's sister, Mrs. Sadie Stockman, 75, were then bound with adhesive tape and gagged with bed-sheets, Green reported. After he disclosed the hiding place of the money, the bandits threatened to kill them if they notified the police.

Jacksonville Police Get French Lesson By Radio

And So To Bed

MONTREAL, Sept. 7.—(P)—better heard 2,000 miles away. On a couple of occasions, the two headquarters have exchanged unofficial greetings although this is forbidden. The only hitch in the whole affair is that most of Montreal's conversations are in French.

This was the first link, because Jacksonville became interested in knowing what "Ah Vous" meant at the end of all Montreal French communications. After vainly trying to find

Wallace Leaf Mart Expects Record Day

BY-PASS BEES

Warehousemen Predict Largest Sale Volume In History Today

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 7.—(P)—The cops heaved a sigh of relief today after a thorough check of city ordinances.

A householder had complained bees had surrounded her house and had made it impossible for her "to go outdoors." The cops reported that their search of the statutes failed to reveal any law requiring them to chase bees.

MEMPHIS BEAUTY WANTS TO TEACH

New "Miss America" Overjoyed At Winner National Title For 1947

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Along The Cape Fear

FORT FISHER HILLS—Swamps near Fort Fisher proved good defense for the fortification together with natural sand hills behind which were spotted many guns. Those guns proved of great value during the Civil War in protecting blockade runners from Federal craft that formed the blockade.

About a half mile north of the fort there was a rise in the sand. The rise formed a hill about 20 feet above the tide on the Cape Fear river side. It proved valuable as a defense position as it commanded the approach to the fort by the river road.

One historian sums up the situation in this manner. "Thus nature, assisted by some slight engineering work, had given a defense to Confederate Point which would have enabled an efficient commander at the entrenched camp, co-operating with the garrison of Fort Fisher, to have rendered the Point untenable for a largely superior force at night when the cover-

ing fire of the Federal navy could not distinguish between friend and foe."

PLANNED BY COMMANDER
The plans for Fort Fisher were made by Colonel William Lamb, commander of the fortification. As the work progressed, however, the plans were submitted for approval to Confederate generals including such notables as French, Raines, Longstreet, Beauregard and Whiting. Federal engineers dubbed the fort "the Malakoff of the south."

The fort was built solely with the aim of resisting fire from a fleet. That it was successfully constructed from that angle is attested to by the fact that it was necessary to use ground troops before it was captured. It underwent the two fiercest navy bombardments that had ever occurred until that time in history.

There were two faces to the fortification with a total length

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