

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy with scattered showers or thunderstorms today and Sunday. Little change in temperatures.

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Meat Packers To Face Jury

"Big Four" Executives Subpoenaed As Food Prices Take Nose Dive

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—The food price skyrocket went into a sudden nose-dive today and federal authorities subpoenaed 18 representatives of the nation's major packinghouses to tell a grand jury why meat prices are so high.

The sharp price spiral lost its momentum when prices of grain, butter, eggs and live-stock dropped at major basic markets.

The break came as the Labor Department reported at Washington that record-breaking wholesale prices at the end of last week were only seven per cent below the all-time high reached in May, 1920—immediately preceding the sharp business recession of 1920-21.

Acting under a federal court order for an investigation of all prices in the Chicago area, high prices told the packers to appear before a grand jury the week of Sept. 23. Packers served included the "Big Four"—Armour, Swift, Cudahy and Wilson.

AMI Statement The American Meat Institute, official spokesman, for the packers, said the Justice Department seemed to be "a bit coy regarding its intentions."

The Institute said the meat packing industry, "having no secrets or nothing to hide from the public," would confirm the fact that the subpoenas had been served.

"We hope that the Justice Department is planning to take into consideration activities of other governmental agencies to determine to what extent they have contributed toward bringing about the present situation," the statement said.

LIONS WILL AID BLIND FUND DRIVE

Clubs Of State To Get Behind Campaign For \$25,000 Sept. 22-27

HENDERSON, Sept. 12.—Seeking a total of \$25,000 to expand its extensive program of aid to the blind and conservation of sight, the North Carolina State association for the Blind will conduct its second annual state-wide White Cane Sale and Membership Enrollment campaign during the period September 22-27 inclusive.

Members of Lions clubs from Murphy to the seas, together with their Lionesses, will serve as campaign workers.

The drive is being directed again this year by Sam Alford of Henderson, president of the North Carolina State association for the Blind and former district governor of Lions clubs.

Other members of the campaign committee are Dan Stewart of Raleigh, former governor of district 31-A and for many years active in blind work; Dave R. Mauney, Jr., of Cherryville, trustee of the State association and former district governor of 31-A, and Charles E. Kerchner of Greensboro, deputy district governor of 31-B. Campaign headquarters will be located here.

Over-All Project The annual state-wide campaign for the sale of White Cane buttons and enrollment of members in the association was authorized unanimously by the state convention of North Carolina Lions clubs. It is annually the principal over-all project of the more than 150 clubs in the state.

The association, now 13 years old, prior to 1946 was supported by spasmodic local campaigns and contributions of Lions clubs and friends of the blind throughout North Carolina. It serves as a connecting link between the State commission for the blind, which also is a product of the initiative of North Carolina

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The Weather

FORECAST: South Carolina—Partly cloudy, scattered showers and thunderstorms Saturday and over South and East Sunday. Little change in temperature, except slightly cooler Northwest Sunday. North Carolina—Partly cloudy scattered showers or thunderstorms Saturday and over East Sunday. Little temperature change except slightly cooler West Sunday. Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday. TEMPERATURES 1:30 a. m. 73; 7:30 a. m. 71; 1:30 p. m. 80; 7:30 p. m. 75. Maximum 82; Minimum 71; Mean 76; Normal 74. HUMIDITY 1:30 a. m. 94; 7:30 a. m. 98; 1:30 p. m. 87; 7:30 p. m. 92. PRECIPITATION Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. .47 inches. Since the first of the month. TIDES FOR TODAY From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. HIGH LOW Wilmington 8:23 a. m. 3:19 a. m. Masonboro Inlet 6:16 a. m. 12:13 a. m. Surfer's 5:54; Sunset 6:22; Moonrise 4:48; Moonset 6:07. River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. Report Missing feet. Note WEATHER On Page Two

SENCBA Will Stand By Boat Fee Rules

Board Of Directors To Exact \$100 Entrance Mo. in Private Boats; Plans Co. For Opening Day

The Board of Directors of the Southeastern Non-Saralina Beach association, meeting last night in the Woodrow Wilson hut, voted to continue in force the announced rules governing the entrance fees of private party boats in the fishing rodeo.

The decision was made, it was said, due to the fact that several professional boat owners already had paid the \$100 entrance fee on that basis.

Rules governing private

boat entrance point out that "To be eligible as an official Rodeo amateur offshore boat... the captain must pay SENCBA an entrance fee of \$100 for the entire Rodeo period, or \$50 for 10 consecutive days of competition, or \$25 for three consecutive days of competition."

Meanwhile, final arrangements were made for opening of the Rodeo on Monday, and the distribution of entry blanks to the various weighing stations and registration points, it was said.

FALL RIPS PANTS

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Anthony Petolicchio, 25, a bridge painter, fell 150 feet into the Delaware river today, but escaped with a bruised left hip and torn pants.

Petolicchio was rescued by a police harbor patrol boat as he thrashed around in the water. He said he lost his balance while climbing over a guard rail to remove some rigging on the Delaware river bridge.

FLUE-CURED CROP ESTIMATES DROP

Reporting Service Places 1947 Yield At 887,000,000 Pounds

RALEIGH, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Production of flue-cured tobacco in North Carolina this year was estimated at 887,000,000 pounds, as of September 1, it was reported today by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service. Crop conditions now point to record high state per-acre yields of corn and soybeans, the service also said.

The new tobacco estimate is 6,365,000 pounds above the August 1 estimate and 25,510,000 pounds less than the 912,970,000 pounds produced last year.

The report said the increase in estimated production over the August 1 figure "was brought about mostly by continued favorable weather and further progress of harvest which aided growers in arriving at production estimates for their crops."

Tobacco yield was estimated at 1,094 pounds per acre, which is four per cent below last year's yield of 1,138 pounds. Condition of burley tobacco improved considerably during August, the report stated, and production of the North Carolina crop is expected to total 15,000,000 pounds.

Continuing a general appraisal of North Carolina crops, the report stated that the state's corn prospects on September 1 indicated an all-time record high yield per acre of 29 bushels. Last year's yield was 27 bushels per acre, and the 10-year (1936-45) average was 21 bushels.

MURDERERS MAY VOTE IN SOUTH CAROLINA BUT NOT BURGLARS

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 12.—(AP)—A murderer may vote in South Carolina but a burglar may not.

Clerk Jim Hunter of the State House of Representatives today received a request for a list of the offenses for which a person may be disqualified for voting under the state's 55-year-old constitution.

Hunter found that there were 20 offenses for which conviction took away voting privileges, ranging from burglary and sex offenses to violation of election laws.

But murder was not among them.

SOUTH FRONT MAY BE "TRUNK" LINK

Four-Lane, 64-Foot Boulevard Seen From Greenfield To Village

A four-lane, 64-foot boulevard in the southern end of the city connecting Maffitt Village to the city via South Front Street, was seen yesterday when the completion of an around-the-city truck lane has been established.

According to the plan-disclosure, South Front street would be widened from Grenfield lake to the Village to become an integral part of the new truck route.

It was said that widening of South Front street is deemed necessary since it would become a part of the designated truck route to cross town on 10th street. Under this plan, it was said, a large portion of Front street would bear its share of traffic, particularly after the Standard Oil company and other interests locate new terminals south of the shipyard.

Expense of widening this street is expected to be borne by the Federal Public Roads administration.

UNIONS TO DEFY LABOR LAW RULE

AFL Executive Votes Against Taft-Hartley Compliance

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor Executive Council voted today after long and heated debate not to comply with a directive issued under the Taft-Hartley law requiring all union officials to file affidavits stating they are not Communists.

AFL President William Green, looking worn after a day-long session of the council's regular quarterly meeting, announced the decision.

He had predicted the council would recommend that heads of all AFL unions sign the affidavits.

The announcement came only a few hours after it was learned that John L. Lewis, chief of the United Mine Workers Union, had stalemated the council's discussion on Taft-Hartley compliance by deciding to order UMW officials not to sign the affidavits.

WILKINS P. HORTON ANNOUNCES HE WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE

PITTSBORO, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Wilkins P. Horton, State Democratic party committeeman, today announced that he would not be a Democratic candidate for governor next year.

Horton, a veteran legislator and prominent Chatham attorney served as lieutenant governor of the state and president of the Senate of the General Assembly during the gubernatorial administration of Clyde R. Hoey, the state's present senior U. S. Senator.

Puerto Rico Escapes Hurricane Damage As Storm Alters Course; Britain Urges World Army Census

Dramatic Motion Comes As Surprise

Sir Alexander Cadogan Catches Members Of Group Off Guard

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Sept. 12.—(AP)—Great Britain, in a dramatic move on the eve of the United Nations General Assembly, proposed today a census of all the world's armies.

Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan said the count would be a "short and small step" toward creating the world confidence that was necessary for the success of disarmament and other U.N. tasks.

Cadogan's surprise proposal, made before the U.N. Disarmament commission, marked a back-down from previous British policy, and set a conciliatory tone for the start of Tuesday's General Assembly session which may determine whether U.N. ever works.

It came amid these fast-breaking pre-assembly developments:

1. Sources close to the Soviet delegation reported that Russian Foreign Minister V. N. Molotov will arrive in New York early next month for a special appearance before the Assembly. These sources said Molotov would present a proposal that would surprise the assembly.

2. Secretary of State George C. Marshall transferred from Washington to New York tonight to take personal charge of the American delegation to U.N. He planned a major address to the Assembly Wednesday as the kick-off of America's bid for leadership at this year's crucial session.

3. U.N. sent 35 limousines to La Guardia field to shuttle arriving delegates to their hotels. Some 900 persons have reached New York for the Assembly, and the total was expected to rise to 1,800 before the session opens.

4. The U.N. Security Council called a special meeting for Monday to consider the American request for reopening the Balkan problem. The U. S., through parliamentary maneuvering under an untried section of the U.N. charter, hopes to permit the General Assembly to see DRAMATIC On Page Two

CHURCH PAYS OFF DEBT OF \$6,000

Carolina Beach Baptists Complete Campaign Of Fund Raising

The finance committee of the Carolina Beach Baptist church announced yesterday that all indebtedness of the church had been paid.

A recent campaign to raise \$6,000 was entirely successful with more than the amount contributed or pledged.

Several months ago the church was given a proposition whereby it would receive cash and property totaling \$12,000 on condition such a campaign be held and the total proceeds be used toward the payment of the church debt and the purchase of an organ, it was announced.

Last week were paid with cash, stocks and property with a value of approximately \$5,000 left to be applied on the purchase of an organ.

Dedication and homecoming services have been set for Sunday, Sept. 28, Rev. Ben B. Usery, pastor, said.

Along The Cape Fear

ANTIQUES—The unearthing of a "treasure box" from the grounds of Grace Methodist church this week, which contained among other things an old copy of the Morning Star, recalled an edition of the paper of August 28, 1872, brought into the Star's office by a local resident a few days ago.

In the mast head of the '72 edition, it is stated that the paper was published at that time by William H. Bernard, with offices in the Dawson Bank building on Front Street. Perhaps some few readers of Along the Cape Fear will recall where that Cape Fear was located on Front Street.

FEATURE STORY—The old newspaper featured a story concerning the reelection of Grant and goes on to quote a correspondent of the New York Tribune. The correspondent, quotes the paper, "furnishes this startling information: Be on



FROM HOLLAND—The first shipment of bulbs ever to be unloaded here were inspected yesterday by entomologist when the SS Phillip Schuyler docked here from Holland. Pictured above inspecting the bulbs are R. W. Nicaise of the bureau of entomology and plant quarantine, M. H. Sartor, also of the plant quarantine bureau, and J. A. Harris, of the North Carolina department of agriculture. (Photo by Hampton)

RECITAL TICKETS IN GOOD DEMAND

Cordon Sale "Up To Expectations" Tom James Reports

Ticket sales for the Norman Cordon recital at New Hanover High school auditorium next Thursday night "are well up to expectations," Tom James, ticket chairman, said last night.

James said a preliminary check on four stores handling the tickets in Wilmington revealed sales slightly below predictions there. "Rainy weather was no doubt the reason," he said.

The heavy ticket sales were reported by individual workers, some of whom "are coming back for more," James reported.

"The way tickets are going now we have every right to expect a complete 1000-ticket sell-out before the Cordon program ever comes off," he added.

The recital by the famous Tar heel singer is being sponsored by the Wilmington Jaycees for the benefit of the South Eastern North Carolina Beach association.

REVOLT PLOTTED

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The government today accused Gen. Emiliano Chamorro—former president and conservative party leader—of plotting a revolt against the present regime.

EDWARD A. ORRELL, PIONEER RESIDENT DEAD AT 90 YEARS

Edward A. Orrell, 90, of Winter Park died suddenly Friday afternoon at his home.

Mr. Orrell ran a grocery store and meat market up until his retirement fifteen years ago.

He is survived by: five daughters: Mrs. Theo Schrader, Mrs. Estelle Bowden, Mrs. T. Christensen, all of Wilmington, Mrs. Mabel Smith of Charlotte, N. C. and Mrs. William Jorgenson of New York City. One son: J. Dallas Orrell, one brother: John A. Orrell of Wilmington. Sixteen grandchildren, twenty-four great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Andrews Mortuary.

TRI-COUNTIES ASK PAVING CONTRACT

Large Delegation Waits On Governor, Graham To Plead For Road

RALEIGH, Sept. 12.—More than 150 interested farmers and business men from Pender, Onslow and Duplin counties met with Governor R. Gregg Cherry and State Highway Commissioner A. H. Graham Friday morning at 11 o'clock in the Governor's office to plead for an immediate contract for the paving of 26 miles between Burgaw and Jacksonville.

A petition signed by more than one thousand persons in See COUNTIES On Page Two

SHIP EXPLOSION TAKES 19 LIVES

RUINS OF LUXURY LINER STILL SMOULDERING IN BELFAST HARBOR

BELFAST, Ireland, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The white hull of the \$4,000,000 luxury liner Reina Del Pacifico, twisted and blackened by a terrific explosion, still smoldered in Belfast harbor today while medical authorities reported 19 of her crew killed and over 35 others injured.

Some of the 35 hospitalized were not expected to live. Other injured had not yet been removed from the ship, officials said.

The cause of the blast which tore out the engine room of the reconverted troopship yesterday afternoon during the final trial run had not been determined. Members of the crew said that the explosion came without warning. First arrivals at the engine room found dead, diving and injured men lying in the burning heaps.

Throughout the night tenders and tugs, two of them damaged while approaching the vessel, carried the dying and injured to Belfast, where relatives and friends of the 500 crew members and technicians on board gathered in anxious groups.

COMMUNIST DRIVE

SHANGHAI, China, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The Communist radio said today the Chinese Communists have launched a "great counter-offensive" aimed at victory within two years and the establishment of a "Democratic coalition government throughout China."

Widow Plans Funeral 15 Months Before Death

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—(AP)—A foresighted widow planned her entire funeral, ordered two floral sprays for herself and even arranged for her final hair-do 15 months before she died.

The planning was revealed today in the will of Mrs. Nora Larnes Wilson, 53, filed in probate court.

Attached to the will was a copy of a contract with an undertaker in which the former nurse authorized a \$616.75 funeral for herself. The contract was drawn May 17, 1946. Mrs. Wilson

Warnings Lowered In Antilles Area

Swirling Through Atlantic, Major Blow Skirts Island Groups

SAN JUAN, P. R., Sept. 12.—(AP)—A super hurricane swirled through Atlantic waters today with winds of 143 miles an hour, pointing its blasts for the moment at the still distant U. S. mainland and raising fierce gales across the Lesser Antilles as it skirted past them.

Following the traditional path of the most dangerous tropical storms, the hurricane was spending its fury on the open sea and only isolated islands lay on its immediate course.

Its center, according to a 5 p. m., EST, advisory from the San Juan Weather bureau was roughly 180 miles Northeast of the British West Indies and had altered its path somewhat. Indications were the storm would reach a point 250 miles East of San Juan early tomorrow.

All storm warnings have been lowered in the Lesser Antilles, Weather bureau said and there was no further danger to these islands or to Puerto Rico.

Its center, according to a 10:30 a. m., EST, advisory from the San Juan, Weather bureau, was roughly 230 miles East of the French island of St. Martin and 600 miles East of Puerto Rico.

But the great mass of battering air, whirling in a 120-mile

MARKETS REPORT LOWERED PRICES

Fluctuations Vary From \$1 To \$3 On Border, Eastern Belts

By The Associated Press Irregular to slightly lower price averages from Thursday's sales were observed yesterday on the Flue-Cured Border Belt of South Carolina and North Carolina and the Eastern North Carolina Belt.

Changes on the Border Belt were slight, according to the Federal-State Departments of Agriculture, with fluctuations varying from \$1 to \$3 per hundred pounds.

Most grades of offerings on the Eastern North Carolina Belt showed declines up to \$3, and wiped out advances registered in Thursday's sales.

Gross sales Thursday on the Eastern North Carolina Belt totaled 10,613,500 pounds for an average of \$39.50—This was 42 cents off Wednesday sales. Gross sales Thursday on the Border Belt totaled 9,409,616 pounds for an average of \$40.87—this was \$1.11 off the pace of the previous day.

Average prices, per hundred pounds, on a limited number of grades on the Border Belt, with changes from the previous day: Leaf—Good lemon \$52, down \$1; fair lemon \$48, unchanged; good orange \$46, up \$2; fair orange \$40, unchanged; low orange \$34, up \$1; low green (orangeside) \$25, down \$2.

Smoking leaf—Good lemon \$52, unchanged; fair lemon \$50, unchanged; good orange \$51, unchanged; fair orange \$46, down \$1; low orange \$41, down \$1.

Cutters—Fair lemon \$59, up \$1; fair orange \$57, down \$1; low orange \$54, unchanged.

Lugs—Good orange \$52, up \$1; fair orange \$41, down \$2; low orange \$29, down \$3.

Non-descript—Best thin \$15, down 50 cents; best crude \$14, down \$1.

Eastern Averages Average prices, per hundred pounds, on a limited number of grades on the Eastern North Carolina Belt, with changes from the previous day: Leaf—Good lemon \$53, down \$1.

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And So To Bed

John Sikes, the genial sales supervisor of the Wallace Tobacco market, is good for today's And So To Bed.

The roads are slippery up Wallace way, what with all the rains. A horse was coming into Wallace yesterday, with the corpse of a Negro man. Suddenly the horse hit a slippery spot in the road at the edge of town, turned a complete flip, and landed right side up on its wheels.

John said the corpse was uninjured.