ESTABLISHED 18

Southern Florida

Beats Hurricane

Miami, Palm Beach Escaps

Major Damage; Citrus

Belt Hard Hit

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 17 .- #

The heaviest hurricane of a de-

cade roared savagely across

Southern Florida today, devastating a wide belt of citrus

groves and vegetable farms but

doing no major property da-

Winds up to 120 miles an hour

ripped into the rich and dense-

ly-populated resort area of the

East coast, between Miami and

## Truman Takes Quick Action

Directs Forrestal To Take
Oath As First Defense Secretary

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17. P James V. Forrestal took the oath today as the nation's first secretary of defense without awaiting President Truman's return to Washington - and Mr. Truman explained that he had Forrestal to do so bethe international situ-

The President, enroute home rom South America on the Battleship Missouri, did not elaborate on this remark but aides tional situation.

Navy and a separate air force as provided in a law passed at the last session of Congress. Whether the decision to take

the oath now is intended to strengthen the hand of Secretary of State Marshall in the United Nations Assembly was not stated. Marshall, in a speech studded with criticism of Russia, today urged U. N. to make a "supreme effort" to solve the world's "deepening political and economic crisis" and save Greece rom the "attacks" of its Balkan Communist neighbors.

It had been expected that For-Mr. Truman's return Saturday from the Inter-American Defense Conference at Rio De Janeiro.

Directed By Radio

A dispatch from Ernest B. Vaccaro, Associated Press correspondent with Mr. Truman aboard the Missouri, said Mr. Truman told reporters simply that in view of the international situation, he thought the nation should have a defense secretary. The President said he had sent radio message directing Forrestal to take the oath. Pressed for elaboration, Presi-

iential Press Secretary Charles Ross told the newsmen that Mr. Truman hadn't anything par-

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### COLLEGE MAKING **EXCELLENT START**

Courses At Kiwanis Meeting

That Wilmington College is alleady off to a flying start in the of the Yugoslav forces. field of education was the impression gained by members of he Kiwanis club yesterday aftthey had listened to a most teresting and factual address Dale K. Spencer, dean of the

Stressing the point that Wilcome will offer vast opportunities to the youth of Wilmington and nearby counties, Spencer outlined briefly, some of the nings that are being done to offer young men and women educational facilities of an advanced nature after they have completed their high school

The new institution, Spencer said, has a curricula which offer four types of courses to students, namely:

I. University parallel which w, engineering, liberal arts, lome economics, science or commerce. At present, 95 students are enrolled for these

nomics, business administration at a meeting here today. and accounting, secreterial. Sixty-five students are presently enrolled for this group

studies. SHORT COURSES

3. Short courses: This field capital. mbraces a group of subjects and is not intended as a full Mich., and other cities. wo-year course of study. Courses in traffic management and

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#### The Weather

arolina—Considerable cloudinild with scattered showers
E'st portion Thursday. Frichoudy and slightly warmer area.

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on Thursday. Friday, partly Thursday.
slightly warmer.
gical data for the 24 hours

72; 7:30 a. m. 71; 1:30 p. m. m. 72; Maximum 81; Mini-HUMIDITY ; 7:30 a. m. 88; 1:30 PRECIPITATION 24 hours ending 7:30 p.

nce the first of the TIDES FOR TODAY

the Tide Tables published by loast and Geodetic Survey).

HIGH LOW

12:04 a.m. 7:05 a.m.

12:32 p.m. 7:37 p.m.

10:10 a.m. 10:20 a.m. 3:56 a.m.

10:30 p.m. 4:25 p.m.

5:57; Surset 6:15; Moonrise

Moonset 8:44p.

Ver stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8

Wednesday 8.6 feet.

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Food Prices Up;

**Causing Concern** 

Republicans Call On Tru-

man To Lead Conserva-

tion Move

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 .-

((U.P.))-Obiously concerned over

rising food prices at home, the

government today slashed the

amount of grain destined for

shipment abroad during Novem-

The amount of grain allocated

This action, it was indicated,

was taken to give officials time

to review domestic supply pros-pects and to determine future

Meantime President Truman,

two prominent Republicans to

lead the nation in voluntary ac-

tion to combat high living costs.

for the 1948 G. O. P. Prsidential

nomination, said in a speech in

New York that "a nation-wide.

coordinated voluntary food con-

servation program "is needed at

once for which only the Presi-

dent and the government can

Senator Bridges (R-NH), in

an address at Franconia, N. H.,

urged Mr. Truman to call to-

Commenting on Bridges' de-

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JAILER RELEASED

Warren County Grand Jury

Fails To Indict Rich

Square Men

WARRENTON, Sept. 17-(A)-

The Warren County Grand jury

today freed two white men of

conspiracy charges growing out

of the unsuccessful attempt of

a masked mob to lynch a 22-

year-old Negro in adjoining

Joe Cunningham, theater em

ploye of Rich Square, and A. W.

ments against them.

from the Jackson jail.

":Never Closed"

in a formal statement that "un-

the case presented to another

taking it anywhere else on the

Bush broke and ran as his

captors placed him in a wait-

ing automobile, and escaped in-

to the early morning darkness.

evidence we now have.'

ed abductors.

Northampton county last May.

provide the leadership.

trols.

Harold E. Stassen, candidate

export policies.

for shipment in that month was

ANNOUNCEMENT that Maj. Gen. Willard G. Wyman (above) quickly explained that he did will become Chief of Staff or not have anything particular in the U. S. First Army, Oct. 1. not have anything partial mind, just the general international structured situation.

Succeeding Maj. Gen. William B. Kean, has been made in Wash-By taking the oath, Forestal assumed direction of the Army, the First Army.

## YUGOSLAV TROOPS

American Officer With the July-October period. Small Detachment, Refuses To Move

TRIESTE, Sept. 17.— (U.P.) Yugoslav troops issued an ultimatum to a second United States homeward bound from South Army outpost today in an at- America, was called upon by restal would be sworn in after tempt to grab Italian territory West of the new frontier.

> The young second lieutenant in charge of the American outpost detachment summarily rejected the ultimatum. It expired at noon and hours later the Americans reinforced by three tanks and additional infantrymen, still held their ground. The Yugoslavs had now sought to encroach on Italian territory at 33 of the 34 outposts held by American and British troops on

the Italian-Yugoslav border. gether leaders of every phase of the economy for a "frank So serious was the situation that there was discussion of the discussion" to find an approach to the problem and forestall advisability of evacuating newly arrived American wives and any demand for government conchildren to safer territory.

All normal tactical fiaison between the Anglo-American and mand, Senator O'Mahoney (D-Yugoslav armies-in effect since wartime days when the allies first contacted and parachuted supplies to the leftist Yugoslav

Like Enemies In the entire area North of Trieste, and along the border Dean Dale Spencer Reviews line dividing the free state itself into North and South zones Americans and Britons on one side and Yugoslavs on the other faced each other like enemies because of the bellicose attitude

Twelve British planes made show of force over the Free State this morning for the benefit of any Yugoslav troops who sought too avidly for trouble.

In Trieste harbor, facing the See YUGOSLAV On Page Two

# **HIGH FOOD COSTS**

CIO Affiliate To Open Warehouses, Sell Necessities At Cost

DETROIT, Sept. 17.— (U.P.) — The CIO United Auto Workers union in a fight against soaring prices tonight announced plans embraces two years of study in to open warehouses in Detroit to handle carlot purchases of food and other commodities for sale to members at cost.

President Walter P. Reuther said presidents of 40 UAW locals 2. Terminal courses, embracin Detroit and outstate approved this offense are brought before ing merchandising, home eco- a plan to finance the warehouses

He said the 40 union leaders will ask the membership of their of locals to authorize loans of \$1 per member for acquiring warehouse facilities and for working

The UAW chief said warewhich will allow a student to houses also will be established complete work already started in Flint, Pontiac and Lansing,

Reuther also announced ap- He had been accused of atpointment of a 10-man purchastempting to assault a young ing commission which will pool Rich Square white woman but requirements and arrange for was exonerated by the same combined orders of groceries and grand jury that freed his alleg-

other supplies. The international union will give organizational assistance to Warren county grand jury in its locals in other areas throughout investigation. So did four FBI

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### Cheerless Cheerleaders May Miss Game Unless?

the long anticipated hurricane team. But after all our efforts, didn't strike Wilmington.

Wilmington stands, when ride!" New Hanover plays Maury high. day night, we stood in the rain 2-3311 today.

It is a sad day when cheer- to bring yells from the students, we don't have a ride to Nor-

Anyone having space for a 1 to the Lumberton Cubs. Said one cheer ader: "We few cheerleaders, are asked to swam through mud last Satur- call the Star-News social desk, Tobacco State league, are sit-

cut 35 per cent below the Octo-ber alocation and 43 per cent below the monthly average for OPERA STAR HERE - Norman Cordon, North Carolina's well-known Metropolitan opera baritone who will appear at New

Hanover high school in two concerts today at 3:30 (for children) and 8 p.m. is shown in rehearsal yesterday accompanied by William G. Robertson, pianist and organist at the St. James Episcopal church. (STAFF PHOTO)

### Britain Faces Doom In Any Atomic War

SCHOOLS CLOSED

ROCKINGHAM, Sept. 17-(A)-The Richmond County Board of Health today ordered all schools in the county, except those at Ellerbe, to

sease have been reported in the area since July 1, with two deaths, both infants. Children under 16 have been

prohibited from attending all public and private gather-

### DALER ANNOUNCES CORPS OFFICERS atomic power. Even with

Cadet Lieutenant-Colonel Of ROTC Unit

Cadet officers for New Han-Edwards, 60-year-old keeper of the Northampton jail at Jack- over High School's Reserve Ofson, were released after the ficers Training Corps were angrand Jury reported finding nounced yesterday by Col. Ray-"not a true bill" on the indict- mond Daler, professor of milimond Daler, professor of mili-The Grand jury thereby in-dorsed the action of the North-ROTC unit, the only Junior ROTC in North and South Caroampton county Grand jury last lina.

month in refusing to return true The new officers were apbills against Cunningham and pointed by Col. Daler and Prinsix other Rich Square men cipal T. T. Hamilton for the charged with abducting Godwin school term of 1947-48. The ca-(Buddy) Bush, Negro laborer, dets were graded on scholastic discipline for the past two years Gov. R. Gregg Cherry, who

in the ROTC. The boys are not only active ordered the second inquiry, said school sports, club activities, wartime peak of 3,770,000. til the persons who committed and other political organizations a trial jury the case can never be closed." throughout the school Hamilton Speaks Asked if he planned to have

The appointments were announced by Col. Daler yesterday after Hamilton gave a brief nation has a single employer, grand jury, the governor reresume concerning standards plied: "There's not much use in

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backed up by overwhelming Even with American help, Great Britain could not survive an atomic attack launched from The pilot of an American Air-

**Noted Scientist Warns That** 

Nation Has Reached

Crossroads

neutral, a top British scientist

The scientist, Prof. N. E. Mott,

42, said the country now has

reached the crossroads and soon

must decide whether to abandon

all preparations for atomic war-

fare or to join the United States

warned today.

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### 1,680,000 LOSE **GOVERNMENT JOBS**

tary science and tactics of the President Announces Gigantic Payroll Cut Since V-J Day

employes have been let out since grades, military knowledge, and V-J Day in the biggest payroll son's brain, a content which slash in history.

He estimated that federal employment now totals roughly 2,in ROTC but also participate in 088,000 persons, compared with a In his only implied reference

to the "get-them-off-the-payroll" economy drive in Congress, Mr. Truman said that "never before in the history of this or any other within such a short period of

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## Along The Cape Fear

The Negro testified before the See CUNNINGHAM On Page 2 in this year's play-offs was cellar to second place. from the Cape Fear river valley, with the home field of none more than 16 miles from the

tended the Sanford Spinners to year. Sanford is the farthest up

FROM A CANNON BALL TO | mately 16 miles from the river BASE BALL - It is a far cry Owned by the Chicago Cubs from the cannonading of an un- farm system and skippered by friendly vessel at the mouth of Red Lucas, former big league the Cape Fear river to the pitcher who was twice elected dispatcher on duty at LaGuar-Gumma prefecture North of To-the most able manager in the dia when the plane took off Shaughnessy play-offs in the To-bacco state league just at their bacco state league just at their bacco state league just at their back off kyo, all but buried a town and climater for 1947, but every team climax for 1947, but every team ed their way up from the league

year beyond the hopes of some of the most ardent fans in the Cape Fear valley. At Lumberthe limit in their seven game ton, where experts shook their series in the semi-finals this heads ominously, predicting the But that's the story we heard last night. Six of New Hanover High school's cheerleaders don't of the cheerleader returned.

High school's cheerleaders don't of the cheerleader returned.

High school's cheerleaders don't of the cheerleader returned. Meanwhile, the Dunn-Erwin games being rained out. Ap- not be legal. High school's cheerleaders don't of the cheerleader leading to the latest have a ride to Norfolk Friday, Straightening his shoulders, he have a ride to Norfolk Friday, Straightening his shoulders, he latest the latest held validity of the marriages development in court actions nave a ride to Nortolk Friday, Straightching his shoulders, he armony field at Lumb lied wantity of the marriages berton for the six games the in Camden county, N. C., by and without a ride, there will be dismissing a test case brought no cartwheels and yelling from Wilmington fan offers us a on the Cape Fear, were drop- Cubs played at home during the dismissing a test case brought The record attendance in the

uated like Sanford, approxi-

### Secretary Urges Little Assembly

Marshall Blasts Russia In U. N. Speech;

U. S. Cuts Grain Tonnage For Europe

United States Seizes Initiative With Plan To Curb Veto

NEW YORK, Sept. 17—47 —Major developments today at the United Nations As-

Secretary of State Marshall, in a slashing attack on Russian policy, advanced a bold plan for a curb on the big power veto and creation of a "little assembly" commission to keep the

Soviet Chief Delegate Andrei Y. Vishinsky hurriedly cancelled plans to speak today, but said he would reply to Marshall tomorrow for after tomorrow."

An authoritative source said the United States has asked Britain to defer immediate withdrawal of British troops from troubled Greece. The London government has said it cannot afford to finance the troops.

The Steering committee set up a special 55-nation committee to consider the Palestine question.

The United States officially tossed the problem of Korean independence to the

sembly with a bold new plan to cials announced last night. United Press Staff Correspondent rebuild the deadlocked U.N. LONDON, Sept. 17. — (U.P.) — peace machinery.

the prevalence of infantile great Britain is doomed to deparalysis.

Thirteen cores of the great Britain any atomic war unss she manages to remain

# **ATTORNEY CLAIMS**

in maintaining a world peace Queens County Official Orders Inquiry Into Fatal Plane Crash

Bradford Wiggins Named the European continent, Mott lines experimental plane which centering between Fort Laudercrashed Aug. 8, killing him and two others of the five crew men aboard, was drunk when he was permitted to take off from La-Guardia field, a district attorney charged today. Queens County District Attor-

ney Charles P. Sullivan made the charge in announcing an investigation to determine who was responsible for allowing Japanese Refugees Take dred, a drop of \$2.38 from the Capt. Walter A. Davidson, 34 Wantaghn N.Y., to take the controls in an intoxicated conflition. Sullivan said the autopsy per-WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 -(U.F) formed after the non-passenger President Truman reported to- DC-3 crshed into Bowery Bay night that 1,680,000 government off LaGuardia Field showed "three-plus alcohol" in Davidthe city toxicologist described

as a "large amount." "The examiner's report shows the pilot was drunk at the time of the take-off," the "How district attorney said. plane without being noticed by crests, burst through levees and responsible authorities."

Alexander O. Gettlec, Sullivan tops and dikes. said, showed contents of oneplus in the brains of the other the first and second brigades and two killed in the crash, Co-pilot the First Division artillery to Walter R. Zundel, 28, and Me locate stranded families and vilchanic Howard Hickey, 35, both lagers while the Eighth Engineer of New York city. The District Squadron and the 302nd Reconstant attorney said Gettler described naissance troop (armored) left this as a "small amount." **Survivors Summoned** 

Two survivors of the crash, Chester Ball, 24, and James Till, 25, both of New York, and the dia when the plane took off See ATTORNEY On Page Two | juring 185.

legally seized by Yugoslav auth- Beach and nine persons were orities in the Trieste area, Lt. missing, casualties were few. John C. Dwyer (above), an army doctor from Chicago, was being lease. He was fishing in the Isheld despite appeals for his reonzo River with Sgt. William Smith, Waycross, Ga., when taken prisoner.

### DISASTER GROUP **STAYS ON ALERT**

Red Cross Committee Still On Duty Although Danger Here Past

Satisfied that all danger of the by hand after all pumps and Florida hurricane visiting these engines failed, and the little vesparts is past, the New Hanover sel was shipping water in heavy NEW YORK, Sept. 17—— Red Cross disaster committee seas. An unidentified Secretary of State Marshall, today nevertheless remains on was rushing to her aid. Red Cross disaster committee seas. An unidentified vessel making a slashing attack on the alert just in case the storm Russia, seized the initiative to- should take a turn in this di- was limping toward Cuba on day in the United Nations As- rection before it expires, offi-

"Weatherman Paul Hess says there is absolutely no reason to

from the office of Ken Noble. Chairman Gardner Greer thanked the press, radio, weather buerated in the preparations to PILOT WAS DRUNK organize against possible storm

damage here. "Should the worst have devel oped," Greer's statement said, such cooperation would have insured a minimum of confusion

and property loss." Alarm here began to subside when the hurricane hit the coast

of the lower Florida peninsula, dale and West Palm Beach. As

#### See DISASTER On Page Two U. S. TROOPS AID IN RESCUE WORK

Off In Assault Boats; Deaths Mount

TOKYO, Thursday, Sept. 18 -(P)— U. S. troops in assault boats were rescuing thousands of Japanese from the flooded Kanto plain East of Tokyo today as landslides to the North reportedy pushed casualty estimates in the typhoon disaster past the 3.300 mark.

Flood waters from the North, bearing bodies of victims on their and the plain to the East, where The official report by Dr. refugees were trapped on house-

The First Cavalry Division sent for two big gaps in the shattered

levees. The newspaper Yomiuri reported, meanwhile, that landslides from Mount Akeegi, in

### BASEBALL PAID OFF Night Court Relieves Minds Of "Gretna Green" Pairs

RALEIGH, Sept. 17- (U.P)-The lower court ruling that S. M. North Carolina Supreme Court Etheridge was lawfully authorleaders go cheeriess. In fact, it's and when we got through, you stream of the four contenders the saddest story heard since couldn't tell us from the football and the farthest from the river. 60,000 paid admissions during knots of 2,608 "Gretna Green" some 16 miles from the cape the regular season in spite of couples whose wedded bliss was and April 1, 1947, while filling an unusually large number of threatened by a chance it might his father's unexpired term at

The state's highest court upby one worried couple to deter-by one worried acting justice county.

J. G. Etheridge, who resigned

monies between March 19. 1945 South Mills. N. C.

The test case was the latest "marriage mill" in Camden

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Palm Beach. But although one DECLARED to have been il- man was electrocuted at Palm One man was shot to death

in Miami and six others were arrested in what police termed 'widespread looting' of stormbattered stores. At 7:30 p.m. (E.S.T.)-eight hours after it slammed inland from the Atlantic ocean-the

hurricane howled over Fort Myers and out into the Gulf of Mexico. State police reports from Wauchula, 80 miles to the North, said 100-mile winds whipped Fort Myers and were continuing at 8:30 p.m. Two vessels were believed in distress off the Florida Gulf coast. Seven crewmen of the 40foot schooner Pilar were bailing

A 106-ton banana boat, Rita,

one engine, but radioed the See FLORIDA On Page Two

## In a statement issued earlier from the office of Ken Noble,

reau, and all others who coop- Middle Markets Report Increases; Border Prices Remain Steady

> Prices for the third des of sales on Middle Belt tobage markets were steady to slightly higher yesterday, the redeal and State Departments of Agriculture reported.

Fair and good lemon point led the advances with gains of \$4 and \$5 per hundred pounds respectively. Nondescript was off from \$.50 to \$2.75 and other grades were firm. The quality of the offerings was not as good as on the first two days of sales. The agriculture agencies re-ported that on Tuesday a total of 3,346,723 pounds brought an

opening day. Meanwhile, on the Eastern North Carolina Belt, prices were unchanged to lower with clines ranging from \$.50 to \$5.00. Sales were heavy but the quality of offering was low with the bulk consisting of common to good leaf and nondescript.

The price average Tuesday tell to a new low for the season with 10,723,823 pounds bringing an average of \$37.79, a drop of \$1.76 from Monday. The decrease was attributed mainly to the "larger proportion of low quality offer-

On the Border Belt, prices See EASTERN On Page Two

### And So To Bed

One of the most amazing of the countless storm storid related here during the hurricane alert was told by Ken Noble of the publicity firm here which bears his name. Noble recalls that his

brother was on duty on \$ destroyer in the Pacific during a tremendous typhooin-Velocity instruments on the staggering little ship recorded their limit wind velocity -170 miles per hour. Caught with two companions by a mountainous wave, Noble was washed overboard. Almost before he could realize the desperateness of his plight, Noble was lifted on the crest of the wave on to the deck of an airplane carrier some 600 yards from the destroyer.

Noble managed to cling to a gasoline hose on the deck until the carrier rolled clear of the deluge, then he scrambled to safety. His unfortunate companions were dashed against the steel hull of the carrier and disappeared from view. Ken Noble regards his brother's safe landing on the deck of the carrier as little short of a miracle.

The Wilmington Pirates ex-

baseball was successful this

The Cubs, a new team in the Weed circuit was registered at legally.

The record attendance in the Weed circuit was registered at legally. See CAPE FEAR On Page Two | The court's opinion upheld a