

FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Mostly fair and cooler with considerable cloudiness and showers today, fair and cooler tonight, Wednesday continued cool.

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Wallace Suppressed News, Editor States

Publisher Of Indianapolis Star Charges State Department He Placed Ban On Reports

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. — Eugene C. Pulliam, editor and publisher of the Indianapolis Star, charged tonight that it is common knowledge in the State Department that when Henry Wallace visited Russia in 1945 he ordered his staff to suppress all reports unfavorable to that country.

"The orders to the staff were that no matter what they saw of concentration camps or suppression of freedom they were not to be revealed if unfavorable to Russia," Pulliam said.

The publisher, who returned yesterday from a tour of 20 countries in Europe and the Near East, said the "time has come when President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall should tell the American people what they know" of Wallace's trip.

"In all the embassies and legations Wallace's suppression of the truth is common talk," Pulliam said. "The State Department has not told the American people because they are afraid if they antagonize Wallace he will wreck their chances for reelection in 1948."

The Indiana publisher also attacked the partition plan for Palestine which he said would result in "immediate civil war in the Holy Land."

"Giving Jaffa to the Jews is a perfect example of the ill-advisedness of the plan. There is not a Jew who wants Jaffa, which has been Arab for years. Some partition plan might work although I doubt it, but this one certainly will not work."

Truman Plans To Make Early Statement On European, Domestic Food Problems; New Storm Moving Toward Fort Myers

East Coast Areas On Alert Warning

Weather Bureau Advisory Says Blow May Increase In Intensity

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—Florida braced its weary weather defenses for another tropical storm due to strike the Tampa-Ft. Myers area tonight with 50 to 60-mile-an-hour winds — not a hurricane but strong enough to play havoc with the already battered citrus crop.

The Miami Weather Bureau added a grim note to its reports on the new blow by warning that after it crosses into the Atlantic near Jacksonville tomorrow morning "it may increase in intensity."

This might mean a dangerous blow for Atlantic coast residents who were mindful that last week's hurricane was only half through when it crossed Florida and then went on to blast the Gulf coast states with even greater fury.

The entire Florida peninsula was put under alert, from Cedar Keys on the West coast Southward and the entire East coast northward to Fernandina just short of the Georgia line.

At 8:30 p.m. EST the Weather Bureau located the storm center 60 miles West Southwest of Fort Myers, Fla. It was moving Northeastward at an increased rate of speed—up to 13 miles per hour. Stronger winds were 50 to 60 miles an hour. The Weather Bureau said it was expected to reach the coast between Fort Myers and Tampa about midnight EST and cross the peninsula, moving in a Northeasterly course. It was expected to reach the Atlantic in the vicinity of Daytona Beach.

"It is emphasized that this storm is not of hurricane force and there is little chance of it

Veterans Administration Hospital Survey Team To Inspect Sites Here On October 10

A local committee, which has promoted sites near Wilmington for the proposed veterans' neuropsychiatric hospital of 1,000 beds to be constructed in Eastern North Carolina in 1949 at an estimated cost of \$15,000,000, will make final plans this morning for their meeting with the veterans' administration survey team tentatively scheduled to arrive here on Oct. 10 during their tour of proposed sites, John H. Farrell, secretary of the Wilmington chamber of commerce said yesterday.

The committee has determined upon a policy of keeping the location of the local sites secret for the time being, Farrell said, for fear of causing real estate inflation. The VA survey team, now visiting the proposed sites, includes J. E. McMurrer, real estate advisor, C. T. Thompson, medical consultant, and J. P. Haynes, construction engineer.

Congress has appropriated \$365,000 for the site of the hospital, the Star learned from Washington last night. A VA official said that approximately 750 persons would be employed on the 400 acre tract, over which the several buildings of the

hospital are to be spread. In addition to psychiatrists and nurses a ground crew, janitors, and other workers will be employed.

Plenty of farm land is wanted on the site, as the occupational therapy of agricultural pursuits is considered highly beneficial in the treatment of psycho-neurotic patients. The ideal site would also include a river, lake, or beach convenient for water sports, it was disclosed.

Cities in the eastern part of the state lay claim to preference for the location of the hospital because they are near the coast and because

a similar hospital of 900 beds will be built at Salisbury in the western Piedmont.

The VA survey team is scheduled to visit Greenville, Kinross, Seven Springs, Goldsboro, Wilson, Rocky Mount, Wendell, Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Durham, Burlington, Greensboro, High Point, Winston Salem, Asheville, Gastonia, Charlotte, Monroe, Rockingham, Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Laurinburg, Maxton, Fayetteville, and Elizabeth City.

They are expected to make their recommendation shortly after they complete their tour on October 16.

President Hears Committee Report

Recommendations Of Cabinet Group Will Be Kept Secret For Time

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—President Truman, faced with pleas for emergency aid for Europe and with soaring prices at home, will make a statement on world food problems "in a few days," the White House disclosed today.

The announcement, was made by Eben Ayers, a White House press secretary, after a cabinet food committee gave the President its recommendations on what to do about helping the hungry abroad.

The recommendations were kept secret for the time being, Ayers said the President will study them and then make his decision.

The cabinet committee's talks with the President was one of a series of foreign policy conferences held at 16 European nations asked \$19,330,000,000 in U. S. aid for a four-year recovery program based on the Marshall Plan.

It coincided, too, with British support and Yugoslavian criticism of the United States in the United Nations General Assembly at New York.

Hector McNeil for Britain praised the Marshall Plan but Yugoslav Foreign Minister Stanoe Simic in his speech that the United States is trying to isolate Russia and her Eastern European followers behind "a dollar curtain."

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, talking to reporters after the food committee saw Mr. Truman, said there was no discussion during that conference of calling a special session of Congress to act on emergency needs of Western Europe.

However, there remained the possibility that the subject came up in other conferences Mr. Truman.

Fifteen Women Selected For Jury Duty In County

THREE EXPLORERS LOST ON FLIGHT

British Trio Were Enroute East Coast Of Graham Land

LONDON, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—Three British Antarctic explorers have been missing since Sept. 15 when their single-engine monoplane disappeared on a flight to the bleak, unexplored East coast of Graham Land, the Colonial office announced today.

The men, who were seeking a suitable base for a joint British-American expedition, left their British main base at Marguerite Bay Sept. 15. Wireless contact was lost when they were near their destination.

An American plane provided by Commander Finn Ronne of the U. S. expedition, searched the area for 30 minutes but was forced to return to base without sighting the British plane after its fuel ran low. A ground search also was made.

The Britishers were identified as W. H. Thomson, the pilot, Meteorologist B. Stonehouse and Surveyor R. L. Freeman.

Radi Fades

The announcement said that the low power of the explorers' radio may have been responsible for its fading.

The lost trio had 10 days rations and could stretch them somewhat longer, the Colonial said.

The British light plane was to

ARMY ROBOT SHIP FLIES ATLANTIC

Mechanical Pilot Computes Distance, Winds, Lands Perfectly

LONDON, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—Col. James M. Gillespie and a crew of 11 fliers and observers sat by with "absolutely nothing to do" as a U. S. Army robot plane under his command completed a historic, 2,400-mile flight across the Atlantic today — a flight directed by a mechanical brain.

"We just pushed a button in the transport at Stephenville, Newfoundland, took off and landed here at Brize Norton," a Royal Air Force base in Oxfordshire, Gillespie said in an interview.

"The brain did all the work." Over Brize Norton the brain dropped the C-54 Skymaster's landing gear and flaps and made a perfect landing. Not a hand touched the controls in the flight from 5:15 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) Monday to the time of the landing at 5:20 a. m. (EST) today.

The brain, on which the flight division at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, has been working for

Retail Food Prices Soar Here After Wee Declines

Some Items Among Staples, Hit All-Time High At Local Markets

By BERNICE JENKINS
Star Staff Writer

Retail prices of food staples, meat, eggs and butter—the prices which hit the shopper directly in the pocketbook—bounced up again in Wilmington yesterday following a week-end of specials and super specials on those items at many local markets.

A survey of large retail outlets, including two large chain supermarkets and two important home-owned stores, yesterday revealed that prices on several of the important food items have actually hit all-time highs at this writing.

W. W. Guyton, operator of Guyton's Food store at 502 Castle street, had a solution to the problem of skyrocketing prices when approached yesterday.

The groceryman, who declared that his meat and butter prices were at cost and actually below during the week-end on a few items had the answer in one word: "production."

"Produce more meat, more eggs, more butter and more grains," he said, "and flood the

BATTLE OF WORDS ENLIVENS SESSION

Russia, Western Powers Continue Charges At UN Assembly Meeting

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—The battle between Russia and the Western powers raged hot and heavy in the United Nations today. Each side accused the other of imperiling the very existence of the United Nations and promoting the danger of war.

British Minister of State Hector McNeil told the 55-nation General Assembly that if Russia continues her present world policies the organization will be destroyed and "the unstable peace of the world will crumble and crash" with "hideous consequences."

Foreign Minister Stanoe Simic of Yugoslavia declared the United States had been following policies "in conflict with" the United Nations charter. These, he said, have "sharpened international relations and . . . point to a growing danger of a new conflagration."

Simic assailed the Marshall Plan for European recovery as a device to raise a "dollar curtain" across Europe, isolate the nations of Eastern Europe and create an American-dominated "Western bloc."

More Accusations

Still another round of accusations was fired at the Western nations by Dmitri Manulsky, foreign minister of the Soviet Union and fiery "old Bolshevik." He renewed the Soviet charge of "warmongering" in the United States, which Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky set off on the assembly floor last week.

Manulsky charged that the

FLORIDIANS URGE STORM INSURANCE

Senators Pepper, Holland Propose Federally Financed Companies

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—Senators Pepper and Holland, Florida Democrats, proposed today the formation of a federally financed, non-profit corporation to insure local governments and private citizens against "disasters," such as hurricanes.

The Floridians urged Senators from Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana—all raked by the same hurricane that lashed across Florida last week — to join them in sponsoring legislation to create such a corporation.

Pepper said in a telegram to his colleagues that he and Holland have requested President Truman to designate one of his special assistants "to coordinate with various federal agencies to see what can be done to give prompt relief to our stricken areas."

Pepper said in a statement the federal government should pay all overhead of the proposed disaster insurance corporation and premiums should be kept "to the very minimum."

Pepper and Holland proposed that the Southeastern Senators urge the President to include in any call for a special session of Congress recommendations to aid sufferers of the latest hurricane.

Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.) said, meanwhile, that President Truman has called upon various federal agencies to report to him what immediate assistance can be rendered.

MURDER, ROMANCE ON RIVER BRIDGE

Span Over Savannah Scene Of Wedding, Brutal Bride Slaying

SAVANNAH, Ga., Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—The Savannah river was a rendezvous today for love and marriage at one bridge and for jealousy, murder and suicide at another.

Near Anderson, S.C. on the Upper river, 19-year-old William Houpt and Beverly Wildman, 17, both of Atlanta, wanted to get married and had gone to South Carolina for the ceremony. But Rev. E. C. White explained that a new state law required a 24-hour wait.

But the preacher suggested that the couple get a license in Georgia and he would marry them on the Savannah river bridge, he standing in South Carolina while the bride and groom stood a few feet away in Georgia. The ceremony thus was performed.

Murder At Bridge

In Savannah, Army Capt. John E. Curtis remarried his divorced wife, Nona Lee. While they had been separated, Mrs. Curtis kept company with Dennis J. Counihan of the Chatham county police homicide squad.

Hearing of the marriage the jealousy-crazed Counihan ambushed the couple as they left town for Wisconsin—at the Savannah river bridge just North of the city.

When they drove up he stopped them, pulled Mrs. Curtis from the car, snatched a purple wedding orchid from her coat and fired four shots into her body. Counihan then killed himself, fellow officers said. Curtis and the couple's two-year-old son were witnesses of the murder-suicide.

TOBACCO PRICES WAVER ON MARTS

Middle Belt Leaf Brings Good Returns; Eastern Stronger, Border Weak

By The Associated Press

Gains of from \$1 to \$3 per 100 pounds were recorded on Middle Belt tobacco markets yesterday while prices were steady to slightly stronger on the Eastern Belt, the Federal and State Department of Agriculture reported.

Demand was "considerably weaker" on Border Belt marts and a larger majority of grades were off from \$1 to \$6 for last Friday's prices.

On the Middle Belt, most leaf, smoking leaf and cutters advanced from \$1 to \$3 while lugs, primings and nondescript were \$5 to \$3 recorded. Fair orange leaf at \$45, fair orange smoking leaf at \$51 and fair lemon lugs at \$47 were up \$3, and good lemon leaf at \$55, fine orange smoking leaf at \$58, low orange cutters at \$57, and low orange primings at \$25 advanced \$2. Fair lemon primings dropped \$3 to \$44.

Bulk of the Middle Belt offerings consisted of common to good leaf, fair to fine lugs and low to good primings.

Wide Less Range

Fair orange lugs, which dropped \$6 to \$36, led the Border Belt declines while losses of \$5 were felt by good orange smoking leaf at \$50, and fair orange smoking leaf at \$45. Best thin nondescript dropped \$4 to \$12

FIRST FALL DAY TO BRING FROST

Nation's Vital Corn Crop Menaced As Gold Snaps Sweep West

By The Associated Press

The nation's vital corn crop, already slashed to the lowest production level in 11 years by weather vagaries, faced its first frost danger of the season last night and a new tropical storm moved toward Florida.

The Weather Bureau forecast that the arrival of fall Tuesday would be marked by light to heavy early morning frosts in Wisconsin, upper and lower Michigan and the important corn belt sections of Northern Illinois, Northern Indiana and Eastern Iowa.

However, a rapid return to near normal temperatures was in prospect for the corn belt. A cold wet spring, floods late summer drought and heat have cut deeply into production prospects. The Agriculture Department reported that as of September 12 only about half the crop was safe from damage by a killing frost.

The season's coldest weather moved across the Northern plains states, the Great Lakes region, and the upper Mississippi valley and Ohio valleys Sunday night and Monday. Frost was widespread Monday morning in Northern Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota with freezing temperatures recorded in Northern Iowa.

Warmer weather developed in the Rockies and rain fell Monday in most Atlantic states from the Carolinas northward. Normal temperatures and clear weather prevailed on the West coast.

AMERICANS LOSE LIVES IN FLOOD

Eighth Army Men Report Deaths Of Four Enlisted Men At Tokyo

TOKYO, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—U. S. Eighth Army intelligence reported today that four American enlisted men were killed in motor accidents attributable to the Japanese flood, two others were missing, and three officers were injured.

Names of two of the dead have been announced. They were Pvt. Allen P. Hampton of Lego, W. Va., and Billie Horton of Mt. Vernon, Ill., who were drowned Wednesday. Other names were withheld pending notification of relatives.

The officers were identified as Maj. Andrew R. Cheek of Stockdale, Tex., Capt. S. A. Fredman of Los Angeles, and First Lt. Robert Buckman of Chicago, all injured slightly while on flood duty.

Death Toll 2,000

Japanese deaths have been un-

TORNADIC WINDS PASS OVER TAMPA

Three Houses Knocked Down In Seffner Suburb, Lamps Upset

TAMPA, Fla., Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—A small tornado jumped across Hillsborough county tonight causing damage in two suburbs of Tampa but state police said no injuries nor fatalities had been reported.

Three houses were knocked down in the Seffner suburb, according to police, trees were uprooted over a four-block area in the North Seminole Heights area.

Residents of the section said the tornado came very suddenly and acted in a freakish manner. Mrs. H. R. Dudding, whose house was slightly damaged, said the whirling wind whipped two lamps off a table and set them down on the floor without breaking them.

Rugs were rolled up by the winds in another house and a swing was blown out of the front yard of another home.

The Tampa Weather Bureau said the tornado was part of the "unsettled condition" preceding the storm which is expected to hit the coast between Fort Myers and Tampa about midnight EST.

Heavy rains and winds of from 30 to 40 miles per hour followed the tornado.

ONE STORE STILL HAS PREWAR TAGS

Shamokin, Pennsylvania Butcher Sells Sirloin Steak At 39 Cents

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—At least one store is still offering meat at prewar prices and sometimes cheaper.

It's a small establishment in the main business section operated by 49-year-old, 250-pound Dick Rickert.

Advertising regularly, he offers such bargains as sirloin steak at 39 cents a pound, chuck roast at 39, bacon at 48 and on one occasion at least—lamb chops at 14 1/2.

And the bargains draw a steady stream of customers to the little shop where Rickert waits on all of them himself.

The merchant explains he doesn't buy the "best grades" of meat. His goods, he says, are "wholesome" but fall into the lower classification such as "utility and commercial." And he looks for bargains himself and cuts his meat economically.

"I'm doing this to keep my customers," declared Rickert.

CONGRESSMAN CLARK SPEAKS TO ROTARY, JAYCEES HERE TODAY

Seventh District Congressman J. Bayard Clark of Fayetteville is slated to address the Wilmington Civic groups in their meetings tomorrow.

Congressman Clark will speak before the Wilmington Rotary club in their meeting at the Friendly Cafeteria Tuesday at 1 o'clock. He will address the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce at their dinner meeting this evening at 6 o'clock, also at the Friendly Cafeteria.

Along The Cape Fear

LAST DUEL ON THE CAPE FEAR — The true story of the last duel fought in this section reached this column today through the courtesy of Mr. C. C. Chadbourn of 415 S. Front street. The duel was fought with cowhides and proved to be a thrilling affair in which a short man, who was long on courage and fast on his feet, whipped his large opponent to the point of submission. In the words of the contributor, the affair is pictured as follows:

"Today there are few, if any, survivors of either participant—the duel took place way back in the dim and distant past, and as the circumstances are known probably to only two people now living, the sensibilities of no one can be offended by releasing the story at this time.

"Both participants have long since gone whether there is no duelling. The present generation has to spend too much time dialing even to talk about duelling. As so often happened in duels of that time, honor was

satisfied and both parties to the duel lived to a ripe old age and died a natural death in bed.

DAVID AND GOLIATH SEQUENCE — "One of the parties to the conflict was an undersized gentleman with little avoidpoups but with plenty of courage; the other was a fine looking six footer. The cause of the duel was an alleged insult to a lady friend, really a protégé of the small sized citizen.

"The other gentleman, contrary to expectation, refused to apologize and told his adversary he was willing to fight about it. This was virtually a challenge and gave the little man the right to the choice of weapons. He chose what was known in those days as cowhides. The choice was accepted and each man provided himself with a brand new cowhide.

"With seconds, but no doctors, they went to the west side of the Cape Fear river. Nearly 100 years before that one of the

The Weather

FORECAST: South Carolina, North Carolina: Mostly fair and cooler interior; considerable cloudiness and showers coastal areas Tuesday followed by fair and cooler. Tuesday night and continued quite cool Wednesday.

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

TEMPERATURES: Wilmington 76; 7:30 a. m. 76; 1:30 p. m. 76; 7:30 p. m. 72; Maximum 85; Minimum 74; Mean 80; Normal 72.

HUMIDITY: Wilmington 60; 7:30 a. m. 67; 1:30 p. m. 64; 7:30 p. m. 60.

PRECIPITATION: Total for the 24 hours . . . 2.70 p. m. . . . 1.00 inch since the first of the month 6.99 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey):

HIGH LOW

Wilmington 4:00 a. m. 11:16 a. m. 4:38 p. m. 11:58 p. m.

Masonboro Inlet 1:43 a. m. 8:00 a. m. 2:34 p. m. 9:00 p. m.

Sunrise 6:01; Sunset 6:36; Moonrise 1:41; Moonset

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Tiny Toad Rids Village Homes Of "Pesky Pests"

BY ROY COOK
Star Staff Writer

Emerson once wrote, "If you build a better mousetrap the world will beat a path to your door."

But, what if you devise a better means for catching flies?

Many insecticides for killing the house fly have been devised and tried out. Even large stringers filled with a sweet honey-like substance have been hung from ceiling to snare the unfatigued common variety fly. Suspecting common variety fly, added to the long list of "fly traps." Out in Maffitt Village some of the residents tell the story of the little toad who snaps up flies, roaches and other household pests, with the polliwog exception of little Junior.

According to the story told by one resident of the village there is a small toad that has made a habit of hanging around the small grocery store on the boulevard. During the afternoon hours the toad hops, skips and

Gray Squirrel With Jag, Runs Postman To Cover

WILMETTE, Ill., Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—A little gray squirrel, perhaps intoxicated, delayed the U. S. mails today.

Mailman Anthony Hermes, was making his rounds when the squirrel tried to climb up his trousers. Hermes swung with his mailbag and slapped at the squirrel. But the squirrel returned after each brushoff.

Hermes ran into an alley and crossed a lot, the squirrel after him. He ran into a bowling al-

ley and slammed the door in the squirrel's face.

He reported his experience to Postmaster Lea Orr. Fearing the squirrel might be rabid, Orr notified police who made an unsuccessful search for the animal.

Hermes disclosed the rabies theory. He said fruit from pear trees in the neighborhood were lying around in advanced stages of fermentation.

The squirrel, he said, probably had consumed too much pear juice.

And So To Bed

At the county health office a line of patients was being processed for routine hypodermics administered as preventives against possible typhoid epidemics.

"Your name, please."

"Liza Williams."

"Your address."

"I lives in Leland, 'cross the river."

"Then you must get your shot in your precinct."

"What's that?"

"You must get your shot in your own precinct."

"I'll never do it. I want my shot right in my arm just like anybody else."