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## CAB Sets October 29 For Airline Hearing

### Piedmont President Announces That Only Oral-Arguments Will Be Entertained On Wilmington Feeder Line Route

The Civil Aeronautics board has set Oct. 29 as the date for hearing oral re-arguments by Piedmont Aviation, Inc., and Piedmont Airlines for the franchise State feeder routes between Wilmington and Louisville and Cincinnati. Tom Davis, of Winston-Salem and president of Piedmont, announced yesterday. He said the hearing would be conducted in Washington, beginning at 10 a.m. Each airline will be allocated an hour for arguments and no new briefs will be permitted. Davis was unable to "even estimate when CAB will hand down a decision following the arguments. It could be, he added, anytime from a few days to six months. Several months ago, CAB awarded the franchise to Pied-

mont, a Winston-Salem company, on a temporary basis. State airlines, whose quarters are in Charlotte, immediately protested. Early this week, CAB issued a supplementary opinion in which it granted State re-argument and reconsideration of the original decision favoring Piedmont. From the time it was first awarded certification, Piedmont has been busy preparing to place the routes into operation. Regular flights were scheduled to begin two or three weeks ago but the fact the case had not been "cleared" kept Piedmont's planes on the ground. If it is favored again by the federal agency, then operations are expected to begin shortly afterwards, it was said.

## Byrnes Answers Critics With Secret File Notes

### BRAZIL TO BREAK OFF WITH RUSSIA

### Severance Of Diplomatic Relations Expected Within 72 Hours

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Oct. 17.—A high government source said today that Brazil will break diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia as a result of Moscow's failure to apologize for an attack in the government newspaper *Izvestia* upon President Eurico Gaspar Dutra. *Izvestia* recently declared that Dutra was subservient to the United States, and made other attacks offensive to the Brazilian Army and government. The Moscow Literary Gazette in another article said President Dutra was a "crab with claws" who followed the lead of "the United States horse with hooves."

Foreign Minister Raul Fernandes announced on Oct. 14 that the Brazilian government had asked Soviet Russia for an explanation of these comments in the Soviet press. The high informant said an official announcement of the break in relations could be expected within 72 hours. Well-informed diplomatic sources said other American nations may adopt a similar attitude. See BRAZIL on Page Two

### HARRIMAN URGES SHIP DISPOSAL

### Commerce Secretary Would Send Surplus Bottoms To Foreign Nations

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Secretary of Commerce Harri- man recommended tonight that the United States send more of its surplus merchant ships to foreign nations to reduce their need for other types of aid. Harriman, who heads a 19-man citizens committee named by President Truman to see what aid can be "safely and wisely" given Western Europe under the Marshall plan, said also that: 1. Foreign shipping should be given a competitive chance to carry more of America's overseas trade, thus earning dollars to pay for goods obtained from the United States. 2. American ship owners should not expect subsidies to cover all the additional costs of operating vessels under the American flag, although they should be given "financial equality with their foreign competitors."

## The Weather

FORECAST: South Carolina—Partly cloudy and mild Saturday and Sunday. North Carolina—Partly cloudy with scattered showers Saturday and Sunday. Slightly warmer Saturday. Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 12:30 p. m. yesterday: High 75; Low 52. Humidity 65%. Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. .151 inches. Total since the first of the month .84 inches. TIDES FOR TODAY: From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. Wilmington: High 7:30 a. m.; Low 1:30 p. m. More WEATHER on Page Two

# Stalin Seeks Settlement Of Political, Economic Issues With United States Now; Bakers Of Nation Join Food Saving Drive

## Program To Save Huge Wheat Pile

### Leaders Of Industry Estimate 3,000,000 Contribution Monthly

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(U.P.)—The nation's 35,000 bakers joined the voluntary food conservation drive today by adopting an 11-point economy program designed to save up to 3,000,000 bushels of wheat a month for European relief. The bakers were the third big segment of America's grain-consuming industries to mobilize behind the Food-For-Europe campaign launched 12 days ago by President Truman and Chairman Charles A. Luckman of the citizens' food committee.

Representatives of the brewing industry agreed last night to cut the use of corn in beer-making by 25 per cent, turn back 200,000 bushels of wheat and rice to the government, and stop using feed barley and grain sorghums. A grain-saving of 1,000,000 bushels a month is anticipated. Whiskey-makers previously had volunteered to go on a 60-day distilling holiday, starting at midnight Oct. 25, which is expected to save anywhere from 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 bushels of scarce grain. Supply Adequate The brewers said their contribution would have no noticeable effect on the quality of the beer supply. The distilling See PROGRAM on Page Two



PRESS OFFICIALS MEET HERE—Key figures at the dinner session of the Eastern North Carolina Press association at the Friendly Cafeteria last night are, left to right: Don Eck, general editor of the North Carolina Press association; Mrs. Resch; Mayor E. L. White; President Henry Belk of the Eastern North Carolina association; Mrs. Belk; Star-News Publisher R. B. Page; Mrs. C. A. Eury; Mr. Eury, of New Bern, chairman of the committee on youth training; J. Walter Webb, general manager of the Star-News.

## SOUTHERN KRAFT AGENT MISQUOTED

### James M. Ross Declares Company Does Not Plan Expansion Here

Asserting that he had been misquoted in a Wilmington newspaper report Friday afternoon, James M. Ross, mill agent for Southern Kraft division of the International Paper company at Georgetown, S. C., asked the Star to correct an impression that his company planned any "expansion of the pulp industry in Wilmington."

"While we bought some land up there just as we buy everywhere else, we bought it for future pulp wood requirements," Ross explained. "I did not say we would cut it immediately — as a matter of fact no plans have been made to cut the wood in this tract of land. We are building a dock to facilitate the loading of barges but we do not anticipate any large increases in our immediate volume of business. We have about 250 people employed in Wilmington and adjoining counties, and that is as large an operation."

## PRICE AVERAGES ON LEAF DECLINE

### Border Belt Markets Report Lower Bids For Offerings Friday

By The Associated Press. Price averages for grades for most all flue-cured tobacco was steady to lower yesterday, the Federal-State Departments of Agriculture reported. Prices were down from \$1 to \$2 over Thursday's sales on the South and North Carolina Border Belt, with good quality lemon leaf and smoking leaf the only grades offered in heavy volume that remained firm. Few grades showed increases, and these were slight. Quality was lower on the Eastern North Carolina Flue-Cured Belt, with more low and fair grades being offered and less of the better grades. Bulk of sales consisted of low to good leaf, fair and good smoking leaf, low and fair cutters, and lugs. Declines, occurring more frequently for the better offerings, ranged from \$1 to \$2. The Middle Belt, after post- See PRICE on Page Two

## Addresses, Reports Feature Press Meet

### WHAT A LIFE!

OMAHA, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Bill Billotte, Omaha World-Herald reporter, and a police detective met on an emergency call during the noon hour. "Didn't get to eat half my lunch," griped Billotte. "What are you beefing about?" countered the detective. He removed his hat and displayed half a haircut.

## WOMEN AWARDED \$21,500 IN SUIT

### Superior Court Jury Finds Against Queen City In Accident Case

The jury in New Hanover Superior court at 10 p. m. Friday filed back into the court room after two hours of deliberation to award three Wilmington ladies a total of \$21,500 from the Queen City Bus company for damages alleged to have been sustained through the negligence of a bus driver in an automobile collision at Third and Market streets on September 4, 1945. The jury found damages for the plaintiffs as follows: Mrs. Mavis Smith — who since filing suit has become Mrs. H. S. Abernathy — \$1,000. Mrs. Margaret Tiencken, \$15,000. Mrs. Gertrude Harper, \$5,500.

## PIEDMONT GROUP SUPPORTS FRITZ

### Classroom Teachers Ask Assembly To Deprive Board Of Power

CHARLOTTE, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Strong support of R. L. Fritz, Jr., ousted Caldwell county school official and champion of higher salaries for the state's teachers, was voiced here today by the South Piedmont District of the North Carolina Education Association. Classroom teachers of the district, comprising the main strength of the South Piedmont district, unanimously adopted a resolution disapproving the State Board of Education's action in revoking Fritz' teaching certificate. The resolution asked that the General Assembly amend the law so as to deprive the State Board of what was termed the "implied power" under which the certificate was revoked. The teachers also took a stand on further increases in their salaries. Other resolutions favored minimum beginning salaries of \$2,400 a year for four-year-college See PIEDMONT on Page Two

## FLORIDIANS KEEP EYE ON NEW BLOW

### Latest Tropical Disturbance Reported North Of Puerto Rico

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 17.—(AP)—A new tropical storm probably reaching hurricane force within the next 12 to 18 hours was centered in the North Atlantic 180 miles North of Puerto Rico and 875 miles East Southeast of Miami late today. The storm, the fourth within a month, contained winds of 50 miles an hour in squalls extending outward for 100 miles in a Northern semi-circle, the Weather Bureau said in a 4:30 p. m. (EST) advisory. Wearily, South Florida kept an eye on the storm. The Weather Bureau said it was "too early" to tell what path it would take as it comes closer to the United States. Heavily flooded areas of Dade and Broward counties are beginning to lose some of their water after five days of bright sun, but residents are fearful of what might happen should there be another deluge such as marked last Saturday's hurricane.

## FARMERS DECLARE FOR ALLOTMENTS

### House Committee Hears Plea For Continuation Of Price Support

ROCKY MOUNT, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Farmers of the Carolinas and Virginia told the House Agriculture committee today that they favor the refinement and continuation of the present farm program, including price support and acreage allotments where needed. Neville Bennett, a former speaker of the house in South Carolina, told the committee he objected to the Department of Agriculture's proposal for "modernization" of the parity formula. He said that adoption of a "movable base" instead of the base period now used would "give more to those who have and less to those who have not." Thomas J. Pearnsall, speaker of the North Carolina House, a farmer in his own right, was the first of more than three score witnesses to testify before the committee which is on a nationwide tour to learn from farmers what they want in the See FARMERS on Page Two

## FUEL OIL DEARTH HOLDS SHIPS HERE

### Peruvian Freighter Unable To Leave For Home Port Of Callao

The 300 ton Peruvian steamship *SS Reina Astrid* recently purchased from the United States Maritime commission encountered trouble in stormy seas off the mouth of the Cape Fear and has been lying in port in Wilmington for 12 days, unable to leave for her home port of Callao, Peru, for lack of fuel oil, C. D. Maffit, local agent for the vessel, reported today. "Why can't we let a stranger within our gates go home in peace and not feel he has been held up in an American port?" Maffit pleaded to anyone who would listen the length of the Eastern seaboard Friday. The situation for the Peruvian vessel is becoming desperate, Maffit contends, claiming that he has never witnessed such a maritime outrage in 62 years on the sea. Not To Blame The local agents of the fuel companies are not to blame, Maffit explained, pointing out that only the Texas Oil company here handles bunker "C" marine fuel oil which is required by the ship's engines. Because there is a shortage of oil, the Texas company has been unable to secure permis-

## And So To Bed

North Carolina Press Association President E. A. Resch apologized at the Eastern Press meeting here last night for getting lost on the way to the city. It seems that Mr. Resch and the four members he was bringing to the meeting drove around for a couple of hours on Manchester road at Fort Bragg before finally finding the right road to Wilmington. Each passenger on the ill-fated trip mentioned it as he was introduced to the assembly. National Editorial Association President Don Eck of Chicago tapped them as he said that on a recent invitation to meet in Rhode Island he was told he could be shown the entire state in five hours driving. "From that," he said, "I gather they could lose Rhode Island on the Fort Bragg reservation and never find it."

## Doe Doris Does Didoes; Dizzy Drinkers Disband

YONKERS, N. Y., Oct. 17.—(AP)—Three men were quietly taking the cup that cheers today in a Yonkers bar when Doris the doe entered — through a plate glass window. Doris, a 10-month-old female deer, then began a 15-minute rampage which turned a section of the city into a bedlam. She smashed through two bars and a garage before succumbing to a policeman's coup de grace in a show window. Where she came from nobody knows, but the populace first

## Along The Cape Fear

ENDING OF THE WAR—The entire garrison which had defended Fort Fisher numbered only about 1,900 men. The Federal forces which captured the fort lost 1,445 killed, wounded, and missing. Many of the Federal dead lie in the National cemetery in Wilmington.

suffering reverses all over the South during the brief period following the fall of Fort Fisher. Approximately two months after the fall of the fort, on April 9, 1865, the battered remnants of the Confederate army surrendered at Appomattox, Virginia.

General Hawley, who was appointed Provost Marshal General of Wilmington and the surrounding area, was succeeded by Colonel Frank. The latter gained the respect of the ladies of the city when he refused to interfere with their practice of decorating the graves of their Confederate dead.

Gradually the soldiers who survived the bitter contest returned to their Cape Fear homes from the scattered commands in which they had rendered distinguished service. They entered into the life of the towns and farms they had left with new aspirations, although the way was not the same and the new way of life was not to be easy.

Someone, however, sent a complaint to Washington about the activity of the ladies, which is reported to have provoked the telegram in reply: "What are those rebel women doing now?"

That the valley of the Cape Fear might once more hold her own in vision and accomplishment, it was necessary both conquerors and conquered to unite in reconstruction—for the nation they were building was destined to play a leading role in the world in which it was then but a fledgling.

## SHC To Spend Millions On Road Work In 1947-8

RALEIGH, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Appearing on a public-service radio program sponsored by the North Carolina Citizens' Association, State Highway and Public Works Commission Chairman A. H. Graham said that more than \$65,000,000 will be spent on Tar Heel roads and highways this year. "In 1946," Graham pointed out, "the Highway Commission spent \$49,173,292 on roads and highways." In 1947 total disbursements will be \$65,531,388—an increase of more than \$16,000,000. With direct jurisdiction over more miles of rural roads than any other state in the Union, North Carolina's mileage under constant state maintenance would extend two-and-a-half times around the world, Graham stated, noting that current emphasis in North Carolina is on construction and improvement of rural roads. Emphasis on rural roads, Graham said. Will of necessity See SHC on Page Two

## BUG MENACE PAYING DIVIDENDS FOR ONE OMAHA HOUSEWIFE

OMAHA, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Box elder bugs have descended in force on Omaha but one woman has found the answer. City Forester Frank Pipal said today she equipped her vacuum cleaner with the attachment designed for cleaning draperies. Then she siphoned up a bucket and a half of bugs from her porch and lawn. She fed the bugs to her neighbor's chickens. "Those chickens laid so well after eating those bugs," declared Pipal, "that her neighbor gave her a couple dozen eggs."