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Wilmington and vicinity: Clear to partly cloudy with little temperature change today and tomorrow.

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Sheriff Dies Mysteriously

Brunswick County Officer, John White, Succumbs Near Shallotte

Mystery surrounded the sudden death yesterday afternoon of Brunswick County Sheriff John White at Shallotte.

Acting Coroner G. C. Kilpatrick last night said that he had not received a report from an autopsy performed on the body as to whetehr or not the sheriff died of natural causes.

Acting Corner Kilpatrick, serving in the stead of Coroner John G. Caison, who automatically succeeded White as sheriff upon the latter's death, gave the Star this information at 11:50 p. m., last night in a telephone conversation.

In a conversation almost two hours earlier with Dr. F. M. Burdette, of Southport, who said he performed the autopsy, the Star was told that the information as to the cause of death would have to come from the acting coroner.

Dr. Burdette said he did not feel free to give information as to the cause of White's death.

A rumor from a local law enforcement agency last night said that Sheriff White suffered an injured neck while arresting a

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IRANIAN MAJLIS VOIDS OIL PACT

Parliament By Secret Ballot, Upsets Caravan Agreement With Russia

TEHRAN, Oct. 22. —(AP)— The Iranian Majlis (parliament) declared null and void today the agreement negotiated by Premier Ahmed Qavam in 1946 which would have given Russia the right to explore for oil in Northern Iran.

The secret vote was almost unanimous among the deputies present — 102 for and only two against.

Qavam declared from the speaker's platform before the secret ballot that the resolution proposing to reject the agreement "is not to Iran's advantage and we must not deal with the problem in haste."

Earlier, in presenting the history of his negotiations with the Russians while their troops were occupying Northern Iran he said.

"We hereby proclaim that we are friends of Russia no matter what the Majlis decides. We hope to have good political and economic relations with Russia in the future."

Forbidden By Law

The parliament resolution declared that granting of oil concessions to foreigners or taking foreigners as partner in an oil agreement was forbidden by law. Instead, the resolution proposed that a search for oil in Northern Iran be conducted by government agencies, and if oil is found that the government discuss its sale to Russia.

The parliament decided also that the government should start discussions with the Anglo-Iranian Oil company in the South on the question of obtaining more profits for Iran.

TAX SYMPOSIUM WILL DRAW EXPERTS FROM NEAR, FAR SATURDAY

A number of authorities from this and other states will address sessions of the eighth annual symposium on Accounting and taxation at the University of North Carolina and Duke university today through Saturday.

This was announced here yesterday by Robert C. Platt, of Wilmington, member of the symposium committee. The three-day meeting, which is sponsored by the North Carolina association of Certified Public accountants, will open at 2 o'clock this afternoon in Gerrard hall at the university, following registration at 11 this morning in the Carolina inn.

State Association President Sidney H. Shaw of Rocky Mount, will preside.

The Weather

FORECAST:

North Carolina and South Carolina—Clear to partly cloudy with little temperature change Thursday and Friday.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 a. m Yesterday.

Temperatures

1:30 a. m. 61; 7:30 a. m. 58; 1:30 p. m. 82; 7:30 p. m. 69.

Maximum 82; Minimum 57; Mean 69; Normal 64.

Humidity

1:30 a. m. 85; 7:30 a. m. 89; 1:30 p. m. 33; 7:30 p. m. 83.

Precipitation

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. — 0.00 inches.

Total since the First of the month — 3.84 inches.

Tides For Today

(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey).

	High	Low
Wilmington	4:19 a.m. 4:51 p.m.	11:33 a.m.
Masonboro Inlet	2:03 a.m. 2:40 p.m.	8:17 a.m. 9:10 p.m.

Sunrise 6:24; Sunset 5.29; Moonrise 2:26 p. m.; Moonset 12:07 a. m.

River stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 a. m. Wednesday 12.8 feet

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Britain Will Quit Buying U. S. Leaf

Bevin Hints Government Has Now Decided To Halt Purchases For An Indefinite Period; Takes Shot At Soviet

LONDON, Oct. 22 —(AP)— Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin hinted tonight that Britain had decided to halt the purchase of American tobacco for an indefinite period. Subsequently a Board of Trade spokesman said an official announcement on the subject might be made tomorrow.

Speaking to his constituents in Wandsworth the foreign secretary described himself as a heavy smoker and added:

"I am conscious I gave got to behave myself because we have had to stop buying tobacco. That doesn't mean you have to stop smoking as we have a lot in stock and we will go on using it."

Government spokesmen repeatedly [illegible] that Brit[illegible] would [illegible] tobacco [illegible] full extent of [illegible] has not been announced.

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Discussing the meeting in London next month of the Big Four Foreign Ministers, Bevin said a "terrible respondibility" faced this conference which will consider peace terms for Germany and Austria.

Without referring to the Soviet Union by name, Bevin said Britain had stood alone against Nazism when "treaties of friendship existed between Hitler and others." he added:

"When they turn on us now and accuse us of being Fascists and the rest of it, I hurl the lie back at them."

Egypt Considers Martial Law To Corner Cholera

Scourge Now Taking Toll Of Hundreds Of Lives Every Day

CAIRO, Egypt, Oct. 22—(U.P.)—The Egyptian government is considering a declaration of martial law for the entire country to help stamp out the scourge of cholera, which now is counting its victims in the hundreds daily, high quarters said today.

The decree would be aimed directly at doctors, soldiers and policemen who accept bribes to permit travel out of quarantine areas and against profiteers who are taking advantage of the government's tremendous needs for supplies to hike prices prohibitively.

Drastic penalties also would be invoked against peasants who, through ignorance and fear of officials, attempt to hide evidence of cholera and secrete bodies in places where they will spread the infection.

Virtual martial law already is in effect in the two hardest hit provinces, Dakahlieh and Gharbieh, in the Delta area, and orders issued from health officials in those areas command highest priority and are executed with military speed.

Ignorance is one of the great-

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TOOTHY STORY

ORANGE, Tex., Oct. 22. —(AP)— Twin girls — one with two teeth, the other with one tooth — were born today to Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Moore of Orange at a hospital, here.

Dr. Oliver C. Seastrunk, who delivered the babies in a caesarian birth, said that while children infrequently are born with teeth, he knew of no other recorded instances in which both twins were born with teeth.

One infant weighed five pounds, the other one ounce less.

COMMUNIST BLAST "RILES" COMMONS

William Gallacher Refuses To Join Motion On Princess Engagement

LONDON, Oct. 22— (U.P.)—Amid angry roars from the House of Commons, Communist member William Gallacher refused today to join other parties in congratulating King George on his daughter's betrothal and scoffed at descriptions of the forthcoming marriage as a "love match."

The rotund little Communist, one of two in the House, reminded parliament that the Duke of Windsor lost the throne because he fell in love.

Laborites, Conservatives and Liberals in Commons and a unanimous House of Lords passed motions expressing pleasure at Princess Elizabeth's engagement and impending wedding. These were forwarded to the King.

Gallacher said he "disassociated" himself from the motion. He ranted about "lavish expenditures" in connection with the wedding, and ignoring roars of disapproval, said he believed the royal family was being accorded too many special privileges.

"I am very sorry that I should have to talk upon what

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MAIL ORDER FIRM TO OPEN OFFICES

Montgomery Ward Plans Catalogue Branch On Market Street

Plans of Montgomery Ward and Company to establish a catalogue order office here were disclosed yesterday as officials of the large Chicago mail order firm announced that it had leased a two-story building at 113 Market street for the new enterprise.

Negotiations for the building, carried out through the Willetts Realty company, were begun last May shortly after a representative of the company's Real Estate division begun a site survey.

The five-year lease, which will become effective January 1, was signed a few days ago with P. R. Smith, owner of the structure.

The building, now occupied by the La Mode Dress shop, is approximately 97 by 23 feet. Its two floors have approximately 4,400 square feet of space.

Plans of the Chicago company are to open the catalogue order office shortly after the first of the year. There facilities will be available, together with trained personnel, to assist shoppers of the Wilmington area in placing mail orders for merchandise.

The Wilmington office, officials reported, is one of several being established in the jsoutheastern part of the United States.

HOUSE OF LABOR WILL PLAN MOVE

Three Wings To Launch Vigorous Political Drives In 1948

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22—(AP)—Three wings of the house of labor—the Railway Brotherhoods, AFL and CIO—will hold important meetings before the end of the year to plan their political activities in '48.

It seemed likely today that all three groups will change their political methods in some way.

The meetings are planned as follows:

1. Presidents of 20 unions of railroad workers will meet here Nov. 12 and consider setting up a new and more vigorous political program. Rail unions have long been active in political campaigns but have had no separate political organization to coordinate their efforts.

2. Presidents of 100 AFL unions will meet here Dec. 5 to work out the details of a new organization to be known as Labor's Educational and Political League (LEPL).

Meet In December

3. The 11-man executive committee of the CIO Political Action Cimmittee will meet"in December or sooner," a spokes-

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Time For Action On Marshall Plan At Hand, Secretary Tells Forum; Byrnes Asks Quick German Treaty

Former Secretary Scorches Molotov

Fraternal Bodies Hear Proposal For Action Without Russia

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 22—(AP)—Former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes proposed tonight that the United States, Britain and France act "now" to call a full-dress German peace conference regardless of the attitude of Russia.

Byrnes, in effect, predicted failure of the Big-Four Foreign Ministers conference in London next month. He argued that Russia had proved its unwillingness to cooperate in a generally acceptable German peace settlement and asserted the three Western nations would have to call a German conference of victor nations a year from now anyway.

"If they are going to do it a year hence," he said, "why not do it now?"

The former secretary outlined his views on the next peace-making moves in an address prepared for a meeting of South Carolina fraternal groups here under Masonic sponsorship. His words followed in general, but in more detail, the pattern proposed in his book "Speaking Frankly." In this he suggested the United States and the other powers make peace without Russia, if Russia will not cooperate. He added that if Russia presisted then in holding Eastern Germany, the other allies if necessary should use measures of "last resort" under majority sponsorship of the United Nations Security Council.

Up To Nations

"There is no suggestion," he said here, " as to whether such collective action should be persuasion, economic pressure or military action. That would be

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DESTROYER GYATT ARRIVES FRIDAY

2250-Ton Navy Ship Will Visit Wilmington For Celebration

The U. S. S. Gyatt, a destroyer, will arrive in the Wilmington port Friday morning at 10 o'clock in preparation for the Navy Day celebration, October 27, according to George Carey, Navy Day celebrations committee member.

The Gyatt was asked to appear at the Wilmington port after word was received that the U. S. S. Stribling had been ordered to another port for the Navy Day celebration.

Being the latest type destroyer after having been commissioned in July, 1945, the vessell is one of the 2250 long ton hull class. Her armory consists of five inch guns, torpedoes, depth charges, and numerous 20 mm and 40 mm guns. She is manned by 10 officers and a crew of 257, though her wartime complement is 21 officers and a crew of 350.

Serving aboard the ship from Wilmington is Herbert H. Pierce, seaman second class of 819 Orange street. Also the ship has nine other crew members from North Carolina.

The ship will hold open house on Saturday from 1 p. m. to 4 o'clock, Sunday from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m., and 1 p. m. until 4 p. m., and Monday from 9 a. m. until 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. until 4 p. m. The Gyatt will leave the local port Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock.

LOCAL PGA GOLF TOURNAMENT IS ASSURED. Fred Willetts, Sr., president of the local PGA committee is showing other members of the committee the 125th pledge signed in the drive to raise $12,500 to sponsor a pro golf tournament here next year. Shown above, seated, left to right—Jack Newman, Willetts, Robert Dannenbaum; standing: James E. L. Wade and Allan Marshall. (Staff Photo by Roy Cook)

Professional Golf Tourney Assured For City In 1948

Willetts Announces $12,500 Goal Has Been Reached; More Sought

"Wilmington will have a National Profesional golf association tournament next year." Fred Willetts, Sr., president of the local PGA committee announced yesterday afternoon.

Willetts said the $12,500 goal set by the local group to sponsor the tournament here in 1948 had been reached. "However," he added, "We cannot stop here, We must have at least $2,000 more to assure the success of the tournament." He urged local individuals to pledge for a share in the organization before the deadline, which has been set for next Monday night.

"The outlook for sports promotion in Wilmington is even brighter than we first thought." Willetts said. He pointed out that the drive to raise funds was "a big success" and urged the canvassers not to "let up now, we must raise at least $2,000 more." he said.

Plans were made yesterday to hold the organizational meeting next Monday night at the Cape Fear club at 7:30 o'clock. At this meeting, Willetts said, a permanent organization will be formed and definite plans

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MOVIELAND REDS ROUNDLY SCORED

Robert Taylor, Actor, Panicks Hearing By Un-American Committee

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22—(AP)—Screen lover Robert Taylor panicked the House hearing on Hollywood Communism today with a 25-minute denunciation of movieland Reds that brought the feminine members of his audience to their feet shrieking for an encore.

The ladies? did more than applaud the handsome young actor. They chased him out of the committee room, down the

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WHOLESALE RAIDS FOLLOW "BREAK"

Chilean Police Begin Roundup Of Known Communist Leaders

SANTIAGO, Chile, Oct. 22—(AP) — Chilean police began a wholesale roundup of Communist leaders today following the diplomatic break with Soviet Russia and Czechoslovakia which the government explained was made necessary to protect the nation's control over its own labor affairs.

Police announced that 200 Communist leaders had been seized and that warrants had been issued for 300 more accused of instigating a "rebellion" among Chilean coal miners.

Valparaiso police reported 50 Communist leaders arrested there.

The newspaper Diario Ilustrado said four members of the party's central committee were among those arrested. It added that police were seeking all 45 members of the committee, which was charged officially with ordering the "rebellion" in the Schwager coal mine where dynamite was used yesterday in an effort to thwart troops sent into the pit to remove sit-down strikers.

HIS SHARE

IOLA, Kas., Oct. 22. —(AP)— Sheriff John Page said a parcel addressed to an inmate of the county jail would be held for him until his release.

The sheriff said the package contained a hacksaw, a rasp, a straight-edged razor, a one-half inch bit, a leather punch, a clock, a pair of house slippers and eight quarts of strawberries.

He said the assortment was sent to the jail by the prisoners' wife in settlement of a divorce she is obtaining.

SAW MILL OWNER CUTTING VICTIM

Father Of Nine Children Charged With Slashing George Shooter

George Shooter, prominent Bladen county farmer and saw mill operator and Lumberton tire dealer, was in "serious" condition and fighting for his life at James Walker Memorial hospital last night, following an affray yesterday in which he was slashed across the chest by the 54-year-old father of nine children at Raymah, Bladen county officers reported.

J. D. Crisp, a tenant on Shooter's farm at Raymah, 19 miles below Elizabethtown on Highway 87, was being held in jail in Elizabethtown pending outcome of Shooter's wound, Deputies C. C. King and Archie Sutton, who investigated, reported.

Shooter was rushed to the hospital by an unidentified witness of the cutting after he had lain on the ground some 10 minutes. officials here reported last night. They said that he had a 12-inch cut across his chest which was some two inches deep and two inches wide. The left lung was cut, according to this informant.

Undergoes Surgery

Attaches at the hospital said that he had undergone surgery in an attempt to save his life. Although he was brought to the hospital at 4:05 p. m., after the cutting occurred at around 3

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ORDER OF ARROW CHIEF TO SPEAK

Robert H. Heistand Will Be Guest At State Meeting Of Organization

Robert H. Heistand, national chief of the Order of the Arrow, a fraternity organization of the Boy Scouts of America, will be the guest at the annual state meeting of the order to be held October 24, through the 26, at Morrow Mountain State Park, near Albemarle, it was announced yesterday by Ray Sweazey, Scout executive.

Heistand was formerly national treasurer of the order before he was made national chief. He was educated at Augusta Military academy, Fort Defiance, Va.; Elizabtehtown College, Pa.; St. Stephens college, N. Y..

Before entering scouting as a Scout executive in Lebanon Heistand served with the A.E.F. in World War I. Later he went to executiveships in Allentown, Pa.; Columbus, Ohio; and is now at Baltimore, Md.

Invitations to attend the encampment of the Scouts and Scouters have been extended to Rucker Newberry, national treasurer; several of the past chiefs, Ernie Schmidt, Frank Dix; and also area advisors and other notables and delegates from lodges in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

The Klahican lodge of the Cape Fear council of the Boy Scouts of America, will have representatives from its nine counties.

Representing the local Lodge will be Ray W. Sweazey, J. M. Thomas, chapter advisor; J. D. Barnes, lodge chief; Gene Risley, chapter chief; Ronald Ely, John C. Fordham, James Trawick, John Weeks, Jimmy Thomas, and other Scouts from Lumberton, Fayettville, and Tabor City.

Final Draft Will Be U. S. Program

Speaker Lauds Care In Preparation Of Data For Congress

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. — (AP) — Secretary of State George C. Marshall said tonight the "Marshall Plan" was not a plan but a suggestion and "when it is completed it will truly be a program of the United States government and not of any one department "or agency."

"I do not believe any project of our government has ever received more careful study and prepartion than has this problem of the reconstruction of Europe," Marshall said before the New York Herald Tribune Forum.

"And I am certain that no governmental effort has ever enjoyed such complete cooperation on the part of all the agencies concerned.

"There has been constant reference to a Marshall Plan," he said. "The reference to me personally was unfortunate, but

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TOBACCO PRICES MIXED ON MARTS

Eastern Belt Enjoys Higher Returns; Old Belt Bids Decline

By The Associated Press

Tobacco prices were higher on the Eastern Belt, generally firm on the Middle Belt and lower on the Old Belt yesterday the Federal and State Departments of Agriculture reported.

Practically all grades on the Eastern Belt felt the impetus of strengthened demand and showed increases ranging from $.50 to $6 per hundred pounds although most advances were in the $2 to $3 range. Medium and lower qualities scored the greater increases but a number of the top grades were $2 higher.

More nondescript and lower leaf grades appeared on the markets making the general quality of the offerings inferior to Tuesday's. The growers marketed a total of 10,270,913 pounds Tuesday for an average price of $46.95, off $1.10 from Monday.

Losses ranging from $.50 to $5 were felt on Old Belt markets as some leaf and smoking leaf grades reached new low levels for the season. Most of the declines were from $1 to $3, but several inferior grades dropped from $4 to $5.

Most grades were firm on the Middle Belt, but smoking leaf was off from $1 to $2 after registering gains the first two days of the week. There was little change in quality of the offerings and the volume of sales continued heavy.

The Border Belt reported that on Tuesday a total of 1,898,014 pounds were sold at an average of $37.37, a drop of $2.40 from Monday.

THREE NAVY FLIERS BELIEVED DROWNED AT SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22. —(AP)— A Navy torpedo bomber, flying with five other planes on a bombing practice mission, went into a spin and crashed into Southern San Francisco Bay late today. The Navy said the three fliers aboard were presumed dead.

Crash boats found the wreckage at the bottom of the bay but no trace of the bodies. The plane will be raised tomorrow.

The plane, part of Air Group 15 based at the Alameda Naval Air station, crashed in shallow water about seven miles South of the San Mateo bridge.

Names of the victims will be released when next of kin have been notified.

Modern John Alden Kisses His Priscilla; "Uncle" Firm; Atlanta Police Hold Man Who Mapped, Keyed Plans

Robert Williams, Et Al Had Different Line For Various Cities

By WILLIAM TUCKER
United Press Staff Correspondent

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 22—(U.P.)—A man who carried a road map, not merely to find out where he was but also who he was and what he was supposed to be doing there, was held by Atlanta police tonight on suspicion of cheating and swindling —a very strong suspicion.

He was booked as Robert A. Williams, that being the name he used in Atlanta. Other names he used in his travels included John Wm. Mason George W. Copeland, Walter

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Along The Cape Fear

BREAD PANIC IN 1859 — Glancing further into the December 24, 1859 issue of THE DAILY JOURNAL published in Wilmington, we see a story labelled "A 'Bread Panic,' " among the few news items on the editorial page. It reads:

"A baker in England stole a tombstone for the hearth of his oven. One of his customers finding a death's head on the bottom of his loaf of bread, ran in dismay to his deacon, fearing the end of the world was approaching. The latter was in equal trepidation, when on examining his own loaf, he found the marrow bones. In their alarm they had recourse to the parson, who could afford them no consolation inasmuch as "resurgram' was legibly set forth in bold relief upon his own loaf."

The Baltimore city fathers took it on the chin in the following item which appears without benefit of any heading:

" 'Yes,' said a kind mother, of one of our city churches, helping her little son to learn his Sunday-school lesson, 'Cain was a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth; he was so bad he thought every man would slay him. Where could wicked Cain go?'

" 'Why, mother,' replied

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Immigration Authorities Take "Pen Pal" Bride To Ellis Island

NEW YORK, Oct. 22—(U.P.)— A modern John Alden Today met and kissed the girl he married 61 weeks ago, but never saw until today, and then began a valiant struggle with the U. S. Immigration department so they could begin their honeymoon.

But it was back to Dreary Ellis Island tonight for pretty, red-haired Eileen Frances Green, 21, of Paddington, England, who married Barney Hagen, 31, of Billings, Mont., in Mexico City in August, 1946. Hagen had been represented by an attorney at the wedding ceremony.

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And So To Bed

The "And So To Bed" editor wasn't consciously snooping but he couldn't help but observe the merriment two girls were having — as they worked behind a local drug store soda fountain — over a letter.

The letter was from "Johnny", said its holder — to whom it apparently was addressed.

"Doesn't he write a beautiful hand?" said the attentive observer.

"Yum! You should see him!" said the addressee, and she went off smiling.