

Wilmington and vicinity: Generally fair today; Friday partly cloudy with no important temperature change.

Aid Program Nearly Ready

Lovett Expects Marshall Plan Can Be Submitted In Ten Days

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—(AP)—The Marshall plan for European recovery will be ready for presentation to Congress within 10 days, and will include proposals for outright gifts as well as loans to needy countries, it was disclosed officially today.

Undersecretary of State Robert A. Lovett told a news conference that administration leaders will reach final decisions next week on a number of still-unsolved questions, including:

- 1. The amount of money Congress will be asked to appropriate, and how it should be divided between repayable loans and direct grants-in-aid.
2. Whether foreign aid should be handled by an existing government department, or a new agency created especially for the purpose.

Marshall In Charge He said that Secretary of State George C. Marshall is returning to the capital tonight, after six weeks of the United Nations Assembly in New York, to take personal charge of the conferences which will climax months of preparation.

Borrowing a phrase from collegiate fraternity-hazing, Lovett described the forthcoming week of decision as "Hell Week" for administration officials.

He said that one big problem is already out of the way. The administration's proposals for emergency or "stop-gap" aid to France, Italy and occupied areas have been put in final form and will be formally submitted to the Bureau of the Budget Friday.

While a number of major decisions remain to be made on the long-range recovery program, he said, a speeded-up time-table has been fixed under which full details on the Marshall plan will be ready for presentation to the White House on Nov. 7, and to the Senate and House Foreign Relations committees on Nov. 10.

CORONER TO HOLD INQUEST TONIGHT

Official Probe Into Death Of Brunswick Sheriff Set For 8 O'clock

An inquest into the mysterious circumstances surrounding the sudden death last week of Brunswick County Sheriff John White will be conducted tonight at 8 o'clock in the courthouse at Southport by acting coroner G. C. Kilpatrick.

A number of witnesses including Dr. F. M. Burdette, who performed the autopsy on White's body; Dr. M. H. Rourke, White's personal physician; Mrs. Burt Jacobs, at whose home in Shallotte White died on Wednesday afternoon, and her mother, a Mrs. Robinson; and Captain Edward I. Conway, the Wilmington Maritime fleet, now held under \$5,000 bond on an open charge of murder—will be heard.

Coroner Kilpatrick said last week that White died of a hemorrhage at the base of the brain. Acting Sheriff John G. Caison has said that the late sheriff had complained of severe headaches since arresting Captain Conway on a reckless driving charge the Monday before his death. Deputies reported that Conway scuffled with the sheriff as he was arrested.

Conway has maintained that he did not touch the Sheriff. Dr. Rourke has been quoted as saying that Sheriff White came to him for treatment for a pain in the side of the neck, which he said he first noted when getting hitting at a peculiar angle from out of his car on Monday with his foot.

Meanwhile, a number of citizens of Brunswick county have expressed themselves as displeased with a decision of the county commissioners on Monday of this week in naming Walter M. Stalaland, a man with a prison record and one who was forced out of office as Brunswick recorder during a

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The Weather

FORECAST: South Carolina and North Carolina—Generally fair Thursday, followed by partly cloudy weather Friday, no important changes in temperature.
PRECIPITATION: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.6 inches.
TIDES FOR TODAY: (From The Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey).
Wilmington: 10:50 a. m. 4:32 a. m.
Masonboro Inlet: 10:12 p. m. 5:13 p. m.
Sunrise 6:30, Sunset 5:22; Moonrise 7:13, Moonset 7:13.
River stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at 1 a. m. Wednesday Missing 7.1.

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WHO KNOWS what personal message of farewell passed between these two as "Chuckie" Datz, 3, of Chicago, kissed his pet, "Quack," goodbye. The boy received the duckling as a gift last Easter, but now that winter is coming and there's no place indoors for the pet, "Quack" is going to someone who can care for him. (International)

'BLITHE SPIRIT' CAPTURES CROWD

Thalian Players Handle Coward Comedy In Faultless Manner

The current Thalian Association season was opened last night in the New Hanover High School auditorium with Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" before the largest audience that the Thalias have had in many a moon.

The play reading committee who selected this comedy handed the Thalias a decidedly difficult assignment from every point of view—acting, lighting effects, special effects and lots of other things of the theatre. These difficulties seemed to stimulate them, as all credit must be given for last night's performance. This credit has to be spread around all the way from the directors on down the line.

The Association was most fortunate in having for the title role, Ruth Caplan, whose interpretation of the behaviour of a disembodied spirit was splendid in every detail, and whose diction was most refreshingly clear and vivid. How she managed to glide silently and gracefully around the stage like quicksilver is her secret, but it was the audience's delight last night. Her grey costume and makeup lent verisimilitude that was uncanny and eerie.

Aldyth Carrell and Robert Redmayne as Mr. and Mrs. Condomine, made a convincing couple of married folk who spoke their minds in no uncertain fashion. They were keenly alert to Mr. Coward's lines, and handled them intelligently. Frances Edmonson and Clifford J. Watts as Dr. and Mrs. Bradman added clear and resonant voices to their acting abilities, with the result that they gave sterling performances.

Difficult Role Elizabeth Pearsall had a difficult role entrusted to her care in the character of Madame Arcati. See BLITHE on Page Two

FORMER RECORDER WILL SERVE TERM

Joe Dawson Loses Appeal From Sentence Before Supreme Court

RALEIGH, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Joe Dawson, former judge of the Kinross Recorder's court, must serve a three to five-year prison sentence for involuntary manslaughter, the Supreme Court ruled today.

The court found no error in Dawson's conviction in Lenoir Superior court last April. The trial grew out of an automobile accident near Kinross on Oct. 13, 1946 in which Robert Bruce Johnson, Navy chief petty officer, was killed and his wife was seriously injured.

In the case, the court overruled contentions by defense attorneys that Judge Q. K. Nimocks had erred in his charge to the jury and in admitting evidence that Dawson had been drinking at the time his car collided with Johnson's machine. "The state's evidence tends to show that the defendant had been drinking prior to the time of the collision, and was drunk at the time of the collision and for some time thereafter."

Wrote Associate Justice E. B. Denny.

HALLOWEEN MARDI GRAS TO HAVE PUMPKIN MOTIF

WINCHESTER, Ind., Oct. 29.—(AP)—The county courthouse square will be jammed with pumpkins Halloween night, but they won't be there to scare people. They'll be for sale to raise money to support Randolph county's campaign against rheumatic fever—called the "have a heart, save a heart" campaign. Every farmer in the county has been invited to contribute a pumpkin to be sold at the Halloween Mardi Gras, and the

DECISION IN AIRLINE CASE TO BE DELAYED

Counsel For Piedmont Ridicules State's Claim That CAB Erred In Awarding Certificate To Winston Firm

MORNING STAR Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Final decision in the Civil Aeronautics Board hearing today in the cases of State Airlines and Piedmont Aviation, for the right to serve Wilmington and intermediate points to Cincinnati, Ohio, may not come for the next two or three weeks. Meanwhile, counsel for Piedmont Airlines, Inc., of Winston-Salem, branded as "utterly unrealistic" and "of no merit whatever" the claims of State Airlines, Inc., of Charlotte, that the Civil Aeronautics Board erred in awarding to Piedmont a series of "feeder" air routes, one of which would connect Louisville and Cincinnati with Wilmington. Phil Schleit, Washington attorney for State, told the CAB in an oral argument that the Charlotte concern was "the only legally-qualified applicant" for the routes, because, he contended:

- 1. Only State applied for almost exactly the routes granted Piedmont, which had not proposed so extensive a system.
2. State had no adequate legal notice that Piedmont would be a competitor for the routes. Hence did not challenge the Winston-Salem firm in earlier hearings.
3. Piedmont should have been excluded from consideration for the same reason that South East Airlines, of Gastonia, and other applicants were ruled out in the original Southeastern

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FLUE-CURED LEAF MARKETS MAY REOPEN ON MONDAY

BORROWS WAY OUT CINCINNATI, Oct. 29.—(AP)—A federal prisoner walked out of U. S. District court today to make a telephone call and never returned.

And to make matters worse, the prisoner, John A. Combs, 25, of Norwood, O., borrowed the nickel to make the call from an assistant U. S. district attorney, William Dammarell. Court was adjourned for 30 minutes while deputies searched for Combs, who was charged with violation of the national motor vehicle theft act. When the deputies returned empty handed, Judge John N. Druffler ordered Combs' \$1,000 bond forfeited.

U. S. BRITAIN SIGN NEW TARIFF PACT

One Hundred Trade Agreements Will Be Ratified By 23 Nations

LONDON, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Britain announced today a new Anglo-American tariff agreement embodying "concessions" on both sides and called for a reinvented campaign to sell British goods in the United States.

Boards of Trade President Harold Wilson told the House of Commons that tariff pacts also have been concluded with 14 other countries during six months of international trade negotiations just ending in Geneva, Switzerland. Details, he said, would be disclosed about Nov. 18.

ENGINEER BLAMED FOR SHIP BLAST

Death Of 19 Persons Laid To Negligence Of Island Queen Officer

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 29.—(AP)—The explosion and destruction by fire of the excursion steamer Island Queen at Pittsburgh on Sept. 9, when 19 persons died, was attributed to negligence on the part of the chief engineer, the St. Louis Coast Guard office disclosed today in releasing the report of Capt. Ross Willson, St. Louis, marine inspector and head of the investigating board.

The Coast Guard said Capt. Willson's investigation, held in Pittsburgh the day after the disaster, disclosed that Chief Engineer Fred Dickow of Cincinnati, who was one of the victims, was welding a loose deck stanchion on a metal brace running from deck to ceiling, in the vicinity of fuel oil bunkers containing approximately 27,000 gallons of fuel oil.

ALONG THE CAPE FEAR

DEVELOPMENT OF DRAMA—The development of drama in Wilmington is one of the most interesting stories in the cultural history of the Cape Fear valley. In 1768 Governor William Tryon wrote from Brunswick to the Bishop of London recommending for ordination orders a talented young actor named Giffard, who gave as his reason for desiring to enter the ministry, "that he was most wearied of the vague life of his present profession, and fully persuaded he could employ his talents to more benefit to society by going into holy order and superintending the education of youth in this Province." The records indicate that Giffard and his company offered performances of a high order. The governor concluded his letter: "If your Lordship grants Mr. Giffard this petition, you will take off the best player on the American stage." COLONIAL THEATRE—There is evidence that Wilmington enjoyed theatrical performances during the Colonial period. James Iredell in 1787 refers in a letter to "our players," which is presumed to connote a company of players here. There are records of plays presented here as early as 1797. Thomas Godfrey came to Wilmington in the spring of 1759. Archibald Henderson in his introduction to "The Prince Of Parthia," says that a conspicuous instance of the neglect of our native drama is afforded in "The Prince Of Parthia" published more than a century and a half ago. Although there was no scarcity of biographical and encyclopedic references to Thomas Godfrey, nowhere was significance attached to the fact that this noteworthy beginning of American drama was made in Wilmington. It was here the first American tragedy was completed and from Wilmington the manuscript of "The Prince Of Parthia" was dispatched to Philadelphia, Godfrey's native city for its first production. The Philadelphia production of the native tragedy was the first native epic of the American stage, Henderson points out, and ironically adds that it is in Wilmington where "Godfrey sleeps, unsung in an unmarked grave." Since Henderson wrote his complaint, the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames of America have erected a granite monument in the corner of St. James graveyard, where Godfrey is buried.

UNITED STATES DENIES "INVOLVEMENT" IN ALLEGED ROMANIAN CONSPIRACY; SCREEN WRITERS DEFY COMMITTEE

Contempt Charges Feature Hearing

Chairman Thomas Promises Real Fire Works Are Due Today

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—(UP)—Four more prominent Hollywood movie-makers defied the House Un-American activities committee today and were charged with contempt of Congress for refusing to say whether they are or had been Communists. That raised to eight the number of movieland luminaries who have chosen to risk jail rather than divulge their political allegiance.

Today's reluctant witnesses were Writer Samuel Ornitz, Directors Herbert J. Biberman and Edward Dmytryk, and Writer producer Adrian Scott.

The Congressional CED-hunters wasted no time in citing them for contempt and in producing Communist party membership cards alleged to have been issued to each.

Only two of six witnesses called at today's hearing proved willing to talk about Hollywood Communism and their own political beliefs.

President Emmett Lavery of the Screen Writers Guild, who was listed by the committee as one of the "hostile" witnesses, refuted any possible suspicion that he was connected in any way with the Communist party. He said he was a Democrat and opposed to Communism, but didn't like the tactics employed by the committee in its investigation.

Equally willing to talk was Dore Schary, RKC executive in charge of production, who also registered his opposition to Communism but scoffed at the idea that the Reds have gained a major foothold in Hollywood. Communist efforts "to dominate any organization or guild (in Hollywood) have been defeated," he said.

MRS. T. J. PRESTON TAKEN BY DEATH

Widow Of Grover Cleveland Dies At Son's Home In Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Mrs. Thomas Jex Preston, Jr., widow of President Grover Cleveland, died unexpectedly here today at the home of her son, Richard F. Cleveland. She was 83.

Cleveland, Baltimore attorney and civic leader, said his mother had come to Baltimore from her home in Princeton, N. J., to help him celebrate his fiftieth birthday.

Last night, she joined in a celebration at her son's home. She died about noon while sleeping, her son said. Mrs. Preston married President Cleveland at the White House when she was 22 and he was 49 years old. Five years after Mr. Cleveland's death in 1908, she was married to Thomas Jex Preston, Jr., a retired professor of archaeology.



PRINCESS ELIZABETH of England walks through a lane of blind people during her visit to the picturesque city of Durham. There she visited Durham Cathedral and the new St. Mary's College, under construction. The Princess is accompanied by Col. R. Chapman. (International)

DEMOCRATS TO MEET IN PHILADELPHIA, PA.

WRONG CAP-FIRE ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 29.—(AP)—Abe Alianeli 5-2, took a lighted candle with him when he went under his house today to turn off a water pipe.

At Atlantic City hospital where he was treated for second and third degree burns of the arms, face and chest, he told officials he opened the wrong cap—the one on the gas pipe. Firemen estimated \$200 damage was caused to Alianeli's home in a fire that resulted from a flash explosion.

OREGON GOVERNOR BELIEVED KILLED

Wreckage Of Plane In Which Snell Was Passenger Sighted From Air

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Oct. 29.—(AP)—A plane which crashed in fragments over fog-bound Lake Mountain was identified by a license number today as the craft in which Oregon's governor, secretary of state, and state senate president vanished on a hunting jaunt last night. Oregon's acting Adjutant General Raymond F. Olsen said pilots flying overhead reported "the plane so badly damaged that no one could be alive." He said they saw no sign of life, and were able to read the license number on the wreckage.

Aboard the plane when it took off from here last night were Governor Earl Snell, 52; State Senate President Marshall Cor-

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SON FLIES NORTH TO FIND FATHER

Wesley Monson Starts Hunt For Lost Pan-Am Plane In Alaska Wilds

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Oct. 29.—(AP)—A pilot son today flew North to join a search for 18 persons missing on a Pan-American World Airways plane piloted by his father. Wesley Monson, co-pilot in a rare father-son commercial airline flying team, left Seattle to fly to Annette Island. It was from the Annette vicinity that pilot Alf N. Monson, veteran Alaska flier made his final ra-

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PRESIDENCY HAS NO LURE FOR PRESENT FIRST LADY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—(UP)—Mrs. Harry S. Truman expects to attend the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia next summer, but she doesn't want any delegates nominating her for the Presidency. In fact, she revealed today in written replies to a series of questions from newsmen, she not only doesn't want to be president but she wouldn't want her daughter Margaret to be president's wife, and if she had a son she wouldn't want him to be president. She answered "no comment" to 11 of the 30 questions submitted, but returned a flat "no" to a query whether she would ever want to be president. Apart from not wanting Margaret to be first lady, Mrs. Truman said her daughter's future was "entirely up to Margaret," who must decide for herself if she wants to be a career singer or a wife or both.

Charges "Hurled" In Trial Court

Indictment Alleges Diplomats Plotted With Maniu For Overthrow

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—(AP)—The State Department denied tonight that the United States government "was in any way involved in any conspiracy" in Romania, as charged at the current trial in Bucharest of political leader Julius Maniu.

The indictment alleged that Maniu discussed with American diplomats plans for the violent overthrow of the Communist regime in Bucharest. Maniu was leader of the National Peasant Party in Romania.

In response to inquiries about the case, the State Department made this comment: "The State Department denies the over-all assertion that this government was in any way involved in any conspiracy."

Meanwhile department officials said that approval had been given for proposed visits to this country by two former Romanian foreign ministers reported to be in Switzerland. The two are Grigore Niculescu-Buzeti and Constantin Visoianu. Both were foreign ministers in the latter half of 1944.

On another aspect of the Maniu trial, State Department officials said that the American ministers in Bucharest, Rudolf E. Schoenfeld, had reported here that after several weeks of persistent requests he had received permission to have members of the legation staff attend the trial. Three seats were assigned to the legation.

BIG CARGO PLANE FOUND IN HILLS

Bodies Of Three Occupants Of DC-3 Being Brought To Sylva

SYLVA, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Rescue teams were working tonight to bring out from the 4,000-foot Smoky Mountains near here the bodies of all three occupants of a big cargo plane found wrecked today after it disappeared from Charlotte almost two weeks ago. Two officials of the Civil Aeronautics Administration from Charlotte were at the crash scene starting an examination.

The DC-3 two-engine plane was found this morning in the mountainous Caney Creek region of Jackson county, 19 miles west of Sylva, by Sheridan Phillips, who was hunting bear. The discovery ended a search described by Capt. R. M. Howard of the Army Air Search Rescue Service, based at Pope Field, near Fayetteville, as the most extensive ever conducted by air in the Southeast.

The wrecked plane was identified by its registration number and by the remains of the baby chicks that were its cargo as the ship operated by Strato Freight, Inc., of Pittsfield, Mass., that left Charlotte for Gainesville, Ga. the rainy night of Oct. 16.

Strato officials identified the dead as Saul E. Kornish, Otis, Ind.; pilot; Robert Piper, Pittsfield, formerly of Oswatoma, Kans.; co-pilot; and Dwight Coulter, Pittsfield, a company executive.

And So To Bed

An ardent rodeo prize seeker was busily angling for a big one on the Atlantic Beach yesterday. His luck had not been too good, and all he had was one small mullet. One of those very talkative women sight-seeing on the pier buttonholled the fisherman, who was fully occupied in minding his own business and said, "Aren't you ashamed of yourself? A great big fellow like you might be better occupied than in cruelly catching this poor little fish." "Maybe you're right, lady," replied the exasperated angler, "But if this fish had kept his mouth shut, he wouldn't be here."