

**WEATHER**  
WILMINGTON AND VICINITY: Cloudy and continued cool and windy with intermittent rain today and tonight, clearing Monday.  
NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA: Rain today and tonight, cloudy and continued cool and windy, followed by clearing slowly in west portion. Continued cool Monday.

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## New Sheriff Of Brunswick Takes Oath

B. J. Holden, Assistant Court Clerk, Officiates

### ISSUES STATEMENT

#### New Official Thanks People, Promises Good Work

SOUTHPORT, Nov. 1.—Walter M. Stanaland, Shallotte veteran, was sworn in as sheriff of Brunswick county late Friday afternoon. He took the oath before assistant clerk of court, B. J. Holden. He started his tenure of office immediately, succeeding the late Sheriff John White, according to an official announcement Saturday. Immediately after the ceremony, Stanaland through attorney Alton Lennon and Isaac C. Wrights issued a statement in which he expressed his appreciation for his appointment.

In a signed statement the new sheriff said: "I wish to express my thanks for my election as sheriff of Brunswick county, and I assure the commissioners and citizens of the county that I will endeavor to serve them as sheriff to the best of my ability, and in a way to bring credit to the county. I shall try to perform the duties of the office without fear or favor, and will try to properly enforce the law. I will appreciate your help and call on all good citizens to help enforce the law."

## WIFE RENOUNCES ILL WAR HERO

### Malaria Victim Tries Suicide As Way Out

DETROIT, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Johnny Yaksich, a hero in war and a failure in peace, fought a lonely battle tonight to stay in a world that had proved too tough for him.

Yaksich, who singlehandedly wiped out a Japanese machine gun nest to win the Navy Cross, lay on a hospital bed, a self-inflicted bullet wound in his stomach.

Racked by recurring attacks of malaria and "war nerves", unable to work and faced with divorce, the 25-year-old ex-Marine shot himself with a .45 calibre pistol yesterday.

## The Weather

FORECASTS UNTIL 7:30 P.M. SUNDAY  
For Wilmington and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness today and tonight, followed by occasional light showers Sunday. Lowest temperature tonight 50 degrees, highest Sunday 65 degrees; moderate to fresh northerly winds. For North Carolina: Mostly cloudy, with scattered showers Sunday, beginning in west portion; not much change in temperature.  
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm yesterday:  
TEMPERATURES  
7:30 am 56, 1:30 pm 62, 5:30 pm 58, Maximum 63, Minimum 48.  
Humidity 55, Normal 61.  
HUMIDITY  
1:30 am 78, 7:30 am 87, 1:30 pm 64, 7:30 pm 82.  
PRECIPITATION  
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm: .05 inches. Total since the first of the month 0 inches.  
TIDES FOR TODAY  
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)  
Wilmington  
12:24 am 6:36 am  
7:45 pm  
Masonboro Inlet  
10:02 am 3:44 pm  
10:24 pm  
Sunrise 6:32, Sunset 5:19; Moonrise 4:38 pm, Moonset 10:41 am.  
River stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at 4 a. m. Sat. 16.3 feet.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Weather Bureau report of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 pm in the principal cotton growing areas and elsewhere:

CITY	HIGH	LOW	R.F.A.L.
Albany	63	48	.00
Albany	53	43	.00
Atlanta	51	45	.00
Boston	55	42	.54
Chicago	55	47	.00
Charlotte, N. C.	55	47	.00
Denver	55	32	.00
Key West	86	74	.02
Los Angeles	70	53	.00
Memphis	70	53	.00
Meriden	70	53	.00
Montgomery	84	75	.02
New Orleans	64	58	.02
New York	70	53	.00
Richmond	56	45	.06
Richmond	59	34	.06
San Francisco	60	54	.00
St. Louis	78	51	.00
Savannah	60	54	.24
Seattle	59	47	.01
Wilmington	57	47	.00

## Trumans' Bridal Gift To Elizabeth



THIS ENGRAVED bowl with cover is the wedding gift of President and Mrs. Truman to Princess Elizabeth of Great Britain and Lt. Philip Mountbatten. It is made of lead crystal and is entirely hand-blown. The bowl is 10 inches high and is engraved with five sets of characteristic riders and figures on a merry-go-round at a country fair. The bowl was designed by Sculptor Sidney Waugh, and was made by Steuben Glass of New York. (AP Wirephoto.)

## Huge Navy 'War' Nears Off Coast

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Two long-range B-29 bomb groups, about 60 aircraft, will attempt to intercept and "bomb" a navy carrier task force now steaming in from a practice strike at the island of Bermuda.

This was announced tonight by the strategic air command. It and the navy officially described the impending engagement—probably on Monday and Tuesday—as a training operation. However, it may figure in the long standing argument between the bombing command and the sea service over the ability of heavy bombardment aviation to damage or destroy a large naval force.

General George C. Kenney, chief of the strategic air command, said his force was alerted last night. He reported that after a three and one half hour search by three B-29 reconnaissance aircraft from the 307th bomb group, operating from MacDill Field, Fla., the "enemy" task force was located in the dark and stormy Atlantic at 1:30 A. M., EST, today. It has been kept under continuous surveillance since then.

## WILLETTS BUYS STATION WGNI

### Sale Price Reported As Near \$80,000 Mark

Purchase of radio station WGNI here from General Newspapers, Inc., of Gadsden, Ala., by Frederick Willetts, Sr., prominent realtor and building and loan association executive, and his son was announced yesterday afternoon by the new owners of the property.

Willetts said the purchase price was "in the neighborhood of \$80,000."

They have taken complete charge of the station and filed necessary application for Federal Communications Commission approval of the transaction. Receipt of this will permit complete consummation of the deal.

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# Conservatives Win Support In England With 606 Gain; Labor Loses 633 In Voting

## Restaurants Defy Truman

### Association Head Says Will Disregard Meatless Days

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Nov. 1.—(AP)—Declaring that the "public will not be dictated to," a spokesman for the West Virginia Restaurant association said tonight that the state's restaurants will abandon their attempt to go along with President Truman's food-saving program.

H. C. Phillips of Charleston, general chairman of the 15th annual convention to be opened here, said the association tomorrow said the restaurant operators instead will "let the public ration itself."

Phillips said the group will resolve to end formally what attempts have been made to comply with President Truman's request.

## ANNETTE ISLAND CRASH GIVES UP 18 OF THOSE DEAD

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Search parties on Annette Island's snow-capped Mount Tamgas, hampered by a heavy gale and falling snow, worked today to recover the bodies of 18 persons from the scattered wreckage of a Pan American World Airways plane that crashed into the mountain last Sunday.

The Coast Guard reported in a statement that 12 of the bodies had been found near the wreckage, and that all could be identified.

## Man O'War Dies Body Embalmed

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 1.—(AP)—Man O'War, world's greatest race horse, set another record in death tonight, becoming the first thoroughbred to be embalmed in preparation for burial. The great animal died today at 30.

D. M. Lowe, Lexington mortician, said he used the same method and fluid used to preserve human bodies. But, he added, it took 23 bottles while an average of two is used for persons.

(A bottle of fluid, Lowe explained, is put up in concentrated form and when diluted equals about one gallon.)

Lowe said the operation required about two hours, only slightly longer than the average embalming time of humans. The big horse's eyes and mouth were closed and he "looked just like he was taking a nap."

Dr. William McGee, Lexington veterinarian who attended Samuel D. Riddle's famed thoroughbred, said he directed the preservative measure.

He added: "Mr. Riddle always ordered the best of everything for the horse. I know he wouldn't have wanted anything else."

McGee said it was the first time he ever heard of a horse being embalmed.

(See details on this greatest of all racing horses in sports section.)

## Probable Winner—And Cherry



DR. ELLIOTT MOTLEY, left, Charlotte, gazes lovingly at the rod and reel which he won in the Fall Fishing Rodeo entries for the \$5,000 first prize money, and Gov. R. Gregg Cherry, right, who has announced his intention of coming to Wilmington for the annual SENCBA banquet. Cherry will award the top prizes. (Photo by Hugh Mort.)

## Cherry To Award SENCBA Prizes

Governor R. Gregg Cherry will award prizes to the Southeastern North Carolina Beach association sponsored Fall Fishing rodeo winners at the annual rodeo banquet, a SENCBA spokesman reported last night.

A definite date for the banquet has not been set, pending a study of the governor's schedule of appearances, but John Hardin his secretary told SENCBA Cherry would be able to attend the banquet here within two weeks.

Meanwhile, SENCBA judges were to complete study of entries in the \$15,000 rodeo by Thursday night. Dr. Elliott Motley, Jr., of Charlotte looms as the \$5,000 grand prize winner.

His catch of a seven foot, inch sailfish was still leading. Should Dr. Motley win the top award, the 1,000 boat captain's prize will go to Capt. Hulan Watts, Southport party boat skipper, from whose craft the fish was caught.

SENCBA voted last week to hold the banquet at the Ocean Plaza hotel at Carolina Beach after director Frank Collier said the hotel would be available for the program.

The governor would award all major prizes, it was said. Weekly awards will be made prior to the banquet. State officials, sports writers, and other North Carolina notables will be invited to attend, the SENCBA official said.

## TEN THOUSAND SYRIAN TROOPS AT PALESTINE

HUNETRA, Syria, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Ten thousand Syrian troops, participating in army maneuvers, camped tonight within sight of the Palestine border.

All day their small tanks and armored cars carrying 20-mm guns zigzagged across plowed fields and rock-strewn heights looking down on the fertile fields of Jewish settlements.

## 5,000 ARMENIANS TO LEAVE THE U. S. FOR SOVIET HOMES

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—(AP)—One hundred and fifty three Armenians, most of whom came to this country three decades ago, tonight left for the "home of our forefathers."

Szot I. Chepurnykh, Soviet vice consul in New York, said they were the first contingent of about 5,000 Armenians expected to leave the U. S. under a world-wide repatriation program being conducted by the Armenian Republic of the U.S.S.R.

## Judge Flops As Cupid In Case Of 16-Year-Old Bride And Vet

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 1.—(AP)—A judge attempted to smooth the way for true love today, but his efforts were side-tracked when the parents of a bobby-soxer refused to let her see her 19-year-old bride-groom, even in the company of a chaperone.

District Judge Gustavus Loevinger had looked with sympathy on the youthful elopers, handsome ex-soldier Don Atchison and pretty, blonde Carol Jean Hygin, 16, both of St. Paul, although they lied about their ages when they were married at Stillwater, Minn., Sept. 15.

"They haven't disgraced anyone by their marriage," he said. Loevinger, hearing a request for a restraining order to keep Carol at home and Atchison's counter arguments, ruled that the young husband could date his wife tonight, provided her parents didn't object.

He advised Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hygin, that it might not be a bad idea to accept the youth as their son-in-law.

## Liberals Remain Even; Reds Lose Nine In Balloting

### Figures Are Nets; And Are For Town Council Seats; Churchill's Party Claims 'Overwhelming' Victory

LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Winston Churchill's Conservatives claimed an "overwhelming" victory early today over Prime Minister Attlee's Labor party on the strength of nearly complete returns from yesterday's municipal elections in England and Wales.

Both parties in heated campaigning had called the elections a test of popularity for Attlee's government, which replaced Churchill's after a landslide parliamentary victory more than two years ago. The voting apparently was the heaviest for any local elections in upward of 10 years.

## YOUNG DEMOCRATS RAP REPUBLICANS

### Hoover Taft, N. C. Club, Urges Organization Now

SOUTHERN PINES, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Hoover Taft, president of the North Carolina Young Democrats club, told the club's executive committee tonight that "it is up to us to organize" and see that the wishes of the people are regarded.

"The people do not want Republican reaction," Taft declared. "They want Democratic action. We need to get the spirit of organization. Our party has slipped from the leadership which it should have in this country."

Edward Parler of Lancaster, a ranking member of the South Carolina Young Democrats, was a guest speaker.

He advocated backing the Truman policy and the Marshall plan to aid starving Europe.

"Our nation escaped the horrors of war," Parler said, "and is now enjoying the most prosperous period in its history. We should therefore not hesitate in helping our allied friends if we wish to establish a permanent peace."

Taft announced that W. A. Leeland McKeighan of Pinehurst had been appointed a director of the Democrat club. Fred Campbell of Waynesville was named organizer for the Young Democrats club in Western North Carolina.

## NEW STORM DEATH MIAMI, Fla., Nov. 1.—(AP)—Joseph Evans, 49, who suffered a fractured spine when he fell from a tree during the Sept. 17 hurricane, died today in a Miami hospital making the toll 23.

## Artist Robbed \$31,000 Jewels

### PEBBLE BEACH, Calif., Nov. 1.—(AP)—Surrealist Galvalore Dali drew color pictures for the cops today, not to hang on the police station wall but to aid them in solving the burglary of his cabin where thieves last night stole \$31,200 worth of jewelry and furs.

The sneak thieves who pried open a side window of the eccentric painter's cabin on the grounds of Del Monte Lodge got away with serpent and lizard bracelets, brooches shaped like cats, grapes, flies, and bees, his wife's fur coats — everything but a limp watch.

The excitable Dali, "devastated at this loss", stayed up most of the night sketching the jewelry designs from memory so the police could identify them if and when they show up through some "fence".

Lt. Gene Trenner of the sheriff's office said that the drawings would help a lot because the jewelry, most of it unique pieces, would be easy to identify.

Dali itemized the stolen articles today, fixing their total value at \$31,200. He said they included a \$4,000 serpent bracelet, a \$1,000 lapel pin shaped like a cat and with a large diamond, a \$400 lizard bracelet, an \$800 brooch with three grapes in a cluster, a \$400 collection of jeweled insects, 10 lapel pins shaped like various bugs and valued at \$5,000, an \$800 gold bracelet, a \$5,000 brooch with diamonds and rubies, a \$3,000 spray of gold flowers, a \$3,000 Chinese solid gold basket,

## RHODES SUES FOR \$100,000 Asheville, Hendersonville Accused In Son's Death

The cities of Asheville and Hendersonville and Henderson county today were named defendants in a \$100,000 suit brought by N. C. Rhodes, Wilmington, father and administrator of the estate of his college student son fatally shot at the Asheville-Hendersonville airport Aug. 7.

A complaint filed with the clerk of Henderson Superior court alleged that N. Cecil Rhodes 16, the son, a Mars Hill college summer student, was shot to death by J. R. Calton, a night watchman at the airport.

Calton is under grand jury indictment for murder. The criminal case against him is scheduled for the March term.

The complaint described Calton as an agent for the defendants, and alleged the shooting was "wrongful, unnecessary and felonious." The defendants were described in the complaint as owning the airport and operating it through an airport board that employed Calton.

The watchman told a coroner's jury he shot when Rhodes did not heed his order to keep away from a plane.

## LONG-UGHT CONVICT CAUGHT WITH FRIEND AND CRIPS NEW BILLS

BOSTON, Nov. 1.—(AP)—A long sought escaped convict, who packed two loaded pistols, was seized today, along with his ex-convict pal and two girl friends, in connection with two Boston payroll holdups that netted nearly \$140,000.

Detectives reported that between them the two men had \$2,745 in crisp new bills—money that might light the pair with Thursday's \$107,997 robbery at the B. F. Sturtevant Co. plant in Hyde Park and yesterday's \$29,248 robbery at the American Sugar Refining Co. Plant in South Boston.

## LIKE HONORS ROGERS FORT WORTH, Tex., Nov. 1.—(AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower will arrive here Monday night to participate in the unveiling of a statue of the late Will Rogers.