

Wilmington and vicinity: mild today; Friday increasing and mild. Fair and cloudiness

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Farmer Will Remain Busy

Secretary Anderson Sees Four Full Years Of Activity Ahead

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—(AP)—The Marshall plan to help Europe means full steam ahead for the American farmer for four years.

That's the way it looks to Secretary of Agriculture Anderson. He boils it down this way:

1. At least four more years of full use of the nation's agricultural "plant."

2. Continued strain on our grain producing areas and further delay in needed shifts from grain to grassland and livestock type of agriculture.

3. At the end of the period, a self-supporting European market for American food products considerably larger than could otherwise be expected.

These results Anderson predicted on funds being supplied to finance foreign aid at the requested level under the Marshall plan for economic recovery in Western Europe. His views were given in a speech prepared for a dinner of agricultural officials attending a department conference.

Other Headlines

Food and grain also made these headlines:

1. Heads of the three big grain exchanges, at Chicago, Kansas City, and Minneapolis, asked Congress leaders in a letter to investigate grain trading and the grain situation in general. They criticized the government grain buying program.

At Tulsa, Okla., Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said that everything the exchanges' letter covered had been under investigation but that he will promise "further hearings" by the joint committee which he heads.

Chairman Wolcott (R-Mich.) of the House Banking committee told reporters he does not "anticipate at this time" any such inquiry by the House group.

"Any investigation of the grain exchanges," he said, "would be incidental to consideration of any program the President outlines to Congress having to do with prices or credits."

Wolcott is vice chairman of the joint committee on the economic report but he made it clear he was discussing only the program of his house committee.

Mass Campaign

2. The Citizens Food committee, created to persuade Americans to save 100,000,000 bushels of grain to help Europe, announced a "mass promotion" campaign to show people why they "must help feed the hungry" and how to do so. Its program is planned to

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ERWIN INTERESTS SIGN WITH UNION

Durham Cotton Mills Agree To Nine Per Cent Wage Increase Now

CHARLOTTE, Nov. 5.—(AP)—The Erwin Cotton Mills and the Textile Workers Union of America (CIO) reached agreement on a nine per cent wage increase today, following a pattern set last night by the Big Dan River Cotton Mills in Virginia and leaving only two textile chains still in negotiation with the union.

R. Roy Lawrence, Southern TWUA director, said here that negotiations were continuing with Cone Mills in Greensboro on the subject of wages and contract renewal, and with the Lowenstein interests in Rockingham, Rock Hill, S. C., and Huntsville, Ala., on the subject of wages only.

The Erwin Cotton Mills, with headquarters in Durham, and the union announced agreement on a wage increase of nine per cent for the company's 5,000 employees effective next Monday. The agreement followed last night's announcement by the TWUA and the Dan River Cotton Mills of Danville, Va., of the same wage increase terms for some 11,000 employees.

Lawrence said that a strike deadline set for tomorrow was

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The Weather

FORECAST: South and North Carolina—Fair and mild Thursday and Friday, not so cool Thursday night, Friday increasing cloudiness and scattered light showers West portion followed by cooler West portion Friday night.

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

TEMPERATURES

1:30 a. m. 56; 7:30 a. m. 54; 1:30 p. m. 62; 7:30 p. m. 68; Maximum 68; Minimum 53; Mean 61; Normal 59.

HUMIDITY

1:30 a. m. 65; 7:30 a. m. 68; 1:30 p. m. 70; 7:30 p. m. 76

PRECIPITATION

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.0 inches.

Total since the first of the month 70 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY

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

Wilmington ——— 3:39 a. m. 10:57 a. m. 4:21 p. m. 11:40 p. m.

Masonboro Inlet — 1:44 a. m. 7:51 a. m. 4:02 p. m. 10:54 p. m.

Sunrise 6:36; Sunset 5:15; Moonrise 11:02; Moonset 2:06.

Waves range at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 a. m. Wednesday. Report Missing.

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Byrnes Says Russia Violating Pledges

Former Secretary Of State Tells Bishops Japanese Still Prisoners Despite Solemn Covenant Of Potsdam Declaration

WINSTON-SALEM, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Charging that Russia has violated "a solemn pledge," J. P. Byrnes said tonight it is "immediately" estimated 828,000 Japanese.

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Senator Claims Hughes, Company Owe \$5,919,921 More Income Tax; Dewey Endorses Marshall Program

Governor Fires Salvo At Russia

New Yorker Claims Moscow Now Counting On U. S. Failures

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey declared tonight "we have only one choice on the European aid question."

"and that is wisely to aid those who stand with us in the world in the hope that they will rise again as bulwarks of the institution of human freedom."

In his first public pronouncement on the Marshall plan, the titular Republican party leader and prominent possibility for the 1948 G. O. P. Presidential nomination gave full endorsement to an aid-to-Europe program, asserting "we have no choice."

But, interspersing his prepared speech with sharp criticism of the Roosevelt and Truman administrations on foreign as well as domestic affairs, Dewey emphasized he believed reconstruction aid should be advanced "for business purposes" and administered on a business-like basis.

"It is time," he said, "we got business men into a business job."

Banquet Speech He underlined this principle by delivering the talk before the 30th annual banquet of Forbes Magazine, held at the Waldorf Astoria hotel to honor 50 men selected as the nation's foremost business leaders.

The governor also aimed many salvos at the Russians, charging they "are counting confidently on our failure" and "they believe that their great allies, misery and starvation, will bring Communist revolutions the world over."

Picturing the alternative to a successful American aid program for Europe, he said: "If, as a mere 140 million people, we found ourselves in the midst of a conquered world, from France to China, we should find ourselves under the control of an aggressive dictatorship arrayed against us."

Dollar Germs "In terms of dollars, such a condition would cost us in national defense alone a great deal more than any program of aid to Europe and it would cost us that annually for years to come."

"In terms of living standards, we should sink to a level not seen by any living person in this country. In terms of our liberties, I find it difficult to see how we could avoid a degree of economic control which would cut the very heart out of our system."

By The Associated Press Generally improved prices were reported on flue-cured tobacco markets yesterday by the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture.

Leaf grades, which had shown consistent declines since the markets reopened Monday after a sales holiday, moved up \$1 to \$2 per hundred pounds on the Eastern Belt. Most cutters and orange smoking leaf were up \$1, and nondescript advanced \$1.25 to \$4.25. Lemon smoking leaf and lugs were down \$1 to \$2.

The quality of offerings was lower than on Tuesday, but "still held very good considering the length of the season." Sales were lighter and most markets completed auctions by noon. Sales Tuesday totaled 7,860,014 pounds at an average of \$45.29, a drop of \$1.44 from Monday.

Cutters Unchanged Leaf, smoking leaf and lugs, which lost ground Tuesday, were the leading gainers on the Middle Belt. Most of these grades were up \$1 to \$3 and common \$4. Most nondescript grades orange smoking leaf advanced were off \$1.50 to \$3. Cutters were unchanged.

Although prices were irregular on Old Belt markets, there were more gains than losses. Gains were from \$1 to \$3 mostly, but

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Navy May Close Testing Range At Camp Davis In Near Future

Shortage Of Funds Causes Department To Seriously Consider Curtailment Of Guided Missile Experiments Including "Ram Jet Flying Stovepipe" At Former Army Base

By FRANK VAN DER LINDEN Morning Star Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Because of a shortage of funds, the Navy is considering closing its East coast testing range at Camp Davis, near Wilmington, where it is testing guided missiles such as the "ram-jet flying stovepipe."

The ordnance bureau is making a survey of "areas in which economies can be effected with the least harm to the nation and the navy," the navy said late today in response to a query.

As guided missiles have been hailed as the weapons of the future, it is unlikely that the navy will reduce its research in that field any more than absolutely necessary.

The tests now being conducted on both the East and West coasts, could be consolidated, a navy spokesman said.

The final decision about the future of Camp Davis will be made by the secretary of the navy on recommendations from the ordnance bureau, which supervises research, he stated.

The East coast testing range was placed at Camp Davis because the Army's former anti-aircraft artillery base afforded plenty of room for firing the new missiles out to sea without danger to lives and property.

The navy has been operating the guided missiles base at Camp Davis since June of 1946. No announcement of any decision to move the base reached him, Lt. Ben Baxley, commander of the base, said tonight.

The base has operated with a comparatively small Navy personnel, most of the men employed in the guided missile research being civilian technicians, Baxley said.

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BISHOPS TO STUDY PHILIPPINE CASE

Petition Presented To Protestant Episcopal Church Of America

WINSTON-SALEM, Nov. 5.—(AP)—The Philippine Independent church's request for a limited union with the Protestant Episcopal Church of America was referred today to a committee for study and a report back Friday to the Episcopal church's House of Bishops, meeting here at St. Paul's Episcopal church.

The petition from the Philippine church was presented by the Right Rev. Norman S. Binsted of Manila, Bishop of the Philippines, and asked to use the prayer book of the American Episcopal church; have their applicants for the American church, the ministry trained by the American Episcopalians and con-

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FRANKLIN COUNTY DRYS LOSE CASE

State Supreme Court Refuses To Order Closing Of ABC Stores

RALEIGH, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Franklin county dry forces lost in the State Supreme Court today their attempt to have ABC liquor stores at Louisville and Franklinton closed as public nuisances.

The Supreme Court, in an opinion written by Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy, upheld the action of Superior Court Judge G. K. Nimocks in dismissing petitions of the drys for court orders to close the stores.

The drys asserted that acts passed by the General Assembly authorizing elections at Louisville and Franklinton on the opening of city-operated liquor stores were unconstitutional and they sought to have the stores padlocked as public nuisances.

Stacy said that the court was not deciding on the constitutional question because "the courts will not determine a constitutional question, even when properly presented, if there be also presented some other ground upon

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Along The Cape Fear

FROM PRIVATE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS—The story of the naming of the Hemenway school and some of the early history of Tilestone school as recollecting by C. C. Chadbourn, already has been recounted in this column. The first change of sentiment in New Hanover to favor free education was reported in the decade of 1870 to 1880. Prior to that time local historians record that persons usually designated as the "socially prominent" and "well to do" entirely ignored and disregarded the free public schools.

Prior to that time the free public school was associated with an attitude of public reproach. In sharp contrast the "pay school" was considered to bear with it a mark of personal distinction.

But in this decade the idea of including high school subjects in the public school curriculum gradually began to take shape and the Wilmington school progressed toward a complete high school curriculum in the public free school system although at Raleigh and elsewhere in the state there was considerable opposition to the high school being included in public school systems.

Williams Calls For Payment Now

Tax Angle Enters Senate Inquiry Into War Profits At Capitol

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Senator Williams (R-Del.) told the Senate War Investigating committee today that Howard Hughes and his companies should be called on to pay \$5,919,921 more in taxes for the wartime period of 1942-46.

Williams, a member of the committee, said a "careful study" of accounts of the Hughes corporation and Hughes showed that they had had profits of \$15,526,000 during the wartime period after all taxes were paid.

Williams said that only \$1,000,000 had been paid to Hughes from these profits and the balance was retained as undistributed profits by the Hughes Tool company.

The Senator said a study of company records and actual tax returns of Hughes and the company indicated a "tax deficiency of \$5,919,921."

The tax angle entered the Senate inquiry in late afternoon after Chairman Ferguson (R-Mich.) of the subcommittee turned over questioning to Williams. Ferguson said that Williams and the committee staff had made a detailed study of this matter.

Auditor Testifies Sworn as a witness to explain tax details was Carmine Bellino, auditor for the committee who said he is a former certified accountant for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Williams, in a prepared statement, recalled the "sworn testimony" by Hughes that for the war period neither Hughes nor his companies "made a profit as a result of the war."

At the time of this testimony, Hughes explained that there had been a "small profit" but it would have been much larger if he had not engaged in war contracts.

Williams said he based his "tax deficiency" term on a federal statute that taxed wartime corporation profits which were not distributed to stockholders.

Earlier the committee had heard:

1. Ralph R. Graichen, an Air Force engineer, testify that Elliott Roosevelt, who recommended government purchase of Hughes photo reconnaissance plane, was not qualified to do so.

Wilson On Stand

2. Charles E. Wilson, former vice-chairman of the War Production Board, say that he thought plans to build such a photo plane so late in the war were "silly".

3. Wilson also stated that "out-

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COURT WILL RULE ON CLOSED SHOP

Attorneys For AFL, State Argue On Constitutionality Of New Law

RALEIGH, Nov. 5.—(AP)—The State Supreme Court today heard Attorney General Harry McMullan defend and attorneys for the American Federation of Labor question constitutionality of the state's anti-closed shop law.

After hearing the arguments, the court took the case under advisement and probably will hand down its opinion within two weeks. If the court upholds the act, the defendants are expected to carry their appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

The law, which was passed by the 1947 legislature, bans the closed shop, union shop, maintenance of membership shop, and check-off of union dues, and is being tested in two cases arising in Buncombe county.

In one, an employer was charged with forcing a worker to

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And So To Bed

A Lake Forest housewife last night was listening to one of those "Guess the name of this song" programs on a local radio station. She commented to her husband, "One of these days I'm going to get a telephone call to guess the name of the song and I'll bet I miss it."

She hardly had finished the sentence when the phone rang and it was the announcer. He asked the usual: "Are you listening to the radio, and what's the name of the song we are playing?"

You guessed it. She couldn't name the song, and thereby lost Fifteen Bucks.