

FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy and mild today followed by increasing cloudiness tonight; Tuesday partly cloudy and mild.

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EX-WAC URGES SOUTH TRAIN

Burgaw Girl Would Have ACL Add Friendship Unit For Seaboard

The suggestion that the Friendship Train, now only 48 hours from New York be routed along the eastern seaboard from Florida to Maine was advanced here last night by a former WAC Captain.

Miss Eleanor Harrell of Burgaw, expressed her views to the Star and a telegram was immediately sent to Drew Pearson, originator of the Friendship train from California to New York. Miss Harrell's idea was to have the Atlantic Coast Line railroad run a similar train from Miami at various points in the south.

The telegram was signed by Miss Harrell and Roy J. Cook, Star staff writer and said in part: "Suggest arrangements be made with Atlantic Coast Line officials to run Friendship Train from Miami to New York."

Miss Harrell, who recently has been discharged from the WAC said she could not understand why the south was not taking any part in supporting the Friendship train. "The south is one of the best places in the nation for growing foodstuffs and I believe that many cars could be loaded in North Carolina alone," she said.

Cites Food Waste

"It is possible to cement relations with the other nations of Europe that our government is unable to do with an idea such as Mr. Pearson has," the former WAC captain said.

She pointed out that enough food is wasted in America every day to feed hundreds of thousands of starving Europeans. "I feel sure that every one in the south wants to help in this great movement," she added.

Miss Harrell suggested that other railroads in the south should take up the idea and perhaps millions of pounds of additional foodstuffs could be obtained to supplement the large

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PRESIDENT URGES PAYDAY SHARING

Truman Says Practice Would End Financial Troubles Of Agencies

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—President Truman said today that regular sharing of paydays by Americans would end the financial troubles of privately supported religious, educational and character building agencies.

"Such a systematic setting aside of income would contribute much to the moral fibre of every citizen thus participating," Mr. Truman said, "and through the service made possible by such voluntary contributions the welfare of the nation would be greatly strengthened."

The President's views were transmitted in a letter presented at the opening of a three-day conference of the National Stewardship Institute of the Golden Rule Foundation. Such systematic giving is one of the objectives of the Institute.

Mr. Truman said the percentage of giving to church and charity institutions requiring voluntary aid has declined while national income "has reached unprecedented heights."

This sharing with such agencies, "which I am informed was 5.3 per cent in 1932, is currently reported to be 1.6 per cent during this time of our highest prosperity," the President noted.

Declaring he is "deeply concerned" by reports of the lack of progress in support of these institutions, the President observed:

"We cannot hope to be worthy of the continued blessing of providence if our prosperity is used selfishly for our own personal gratification without a more appropriate increase in the voluntary, systematic support of these institutions 'upon which the integrity of the nation is based.'"

Mr. Truman likened the problem to that of the nation's

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The Weather

WEATHER FORECAST
SUB FORECAST
South and North Carolina—Partly cloudy and mild Monday; increasing cloudiness Monday night and Tuesday with rain beginning over west Tuesday. Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.
TEMPERATURES
1:30 a. m. 47; 7:30 a. m. 46; 1:30 p. m. 52; 7:30 p. m. 54.
Maximum 62, Minimum 44, Mean 53 Normal 56.
HUMIDITY
1:30 a. m. 83; 7:30 a. m. 86; 1:30 p. m. 87; 7:30 p. m. 84.
PRECIPITATION
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.—inches.
Total since the first of the month ending 7:30 p. m.—inches.
From the Tide Tables published by the Coast and Geodetic Survey.
Wilmington
1:00 p. m. 8:19 p. m.
Moonset 6:47, Sunset 5:07, Moonrise 12:11 p. m., Moonset 8:57 p. m.
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HUNDREDS ENJOY SHERRILL SERMON

Bishop Of Episcopal Church Ends Mission Series At St. James Sunday

The Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States, preached an evangelistic sermon to a capacity throng of worshippers Sunday morning at St. John's Episcopal church.

Bishop Sherrill expressed great pleasure at his trip through the southland, telling his congregation that his pleasant trip, his first official visit to the South, was both highly "satisfactory and uplifting."

He appealed for more young men in the seminaries to train for the important responsibility of filling the pulpits of the church. He also appealed for more women to enter into church work.

Head of the Episcopal missions as well as the church at home, the bishop urged support of the foreign missions of the church, stressing the part that the spread of the gospel across the world must play in the solution of the world's distressing problems.

Many foreign missions have discovered that the people are anxious to have their native ministers employed in the missions. He cited the Philippines and China as two countries where the demand for native pastors is urgent.

Bishop and Mrs. Sherrill arrived in Wilmington Sunday morning in company with C. McDaniel Davis, president of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, from Tampa, Florida, where the bishop was making official visits. They will be guests of Bishop and Mrs. Thomas H. Wright during their visit here.

STATE FARM LAND PRICES RATE TOP

Agricultural Economics Bureau Reports Sharpest Rise In Nation

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—North Carolina farm land prices showed a sharper rise in the last 35 years than any other state in the country.

The North Carolina farm land price index, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported, shows a gain of 207 points above a base of 100—the price level in the 1912-1914 period, used by the bureau in comparing average prices for each state.

For the United States as a whole, the farm land price index is now 162—North Carolina thus is 145 points above the average.

Twenty-eight states are at or above the 1920 peak. North Carolina's 307 today compares with 223 in 1920. Other top figures are Kentucky, 262 against 200, California, 244 against 177, and Tennessee 238 against 200.

Average farm values for the nation are actually only eight index points below the record inflationary peak of 1920, the bureau reported.

Catty Canary Comment Charges Color Conniving

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 16.—(AP)—The folks who follow the twitter and trill circuit—the bird fancier show judges—disclosed today that it's not the cage that's gilded—the bird may be touched up a bit as well.

And that's the sort of thing a seasoned bird judge must watch for. Somebody may be slipping him a tinted canary as a genuine expensive headhead.

The judges don't want to be catty about it, but they take no chances. They bathe the birds in lemon juice. If the red fades the verdict is:

"Color fed."

Dewey Choice Of Governors

Republican Chief Opponent Shows Taft Running Second

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—(AP)—A poll of the nation's 25 Republican governors produced scattered but apparently convincing evidence today that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York is highly favored over Sen. Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, for the 1948 GOP Presidential nomination.

The trend was unmistakable despite the fact that Dewey, who won the nomination but lost the election to the late President Roosevelt in 1944, has not disclosed whether he will be a candidate when the Republican national convention opens in Philadelphia June 21. Taft, however, announced his candidacy Oct. 24.

Only seven GOP state executives were willing to make a choice, openly or anonymously, between Taft and Dewey now—seven months in advance of the convention.

But six, representing the East, mid-West, and far West, said without reservations that if the contest narrowed down to the New York governor and the Senate Republican Policy committee chairman, they would favor Dewey. Taft's lone supporter was his own Ohio governor, Thomas J. Herbert.

The United Press sent each of the 25 GOP governors 10 questions covering issues as well as likely candidates in next year's Presidential campaign. The governors were given the privilege of submitting unsigned replies, but most of them shied away from discussing candidates even with anonymity.

Dewey Refuses

Dewey refused. So did Gov. Earl Warren, of California, who announced last Thursday that he would be willing to go before the convention as his state's "favorite son" candidate. Gov. Dwight H. Green, of Illinois, who has been mentioned as a possible vice-presidential nominee, also declined.

Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll, of New Jersey, went beyond a mere "no comment." He said "there is no particular point in having a national convention for the purpose of selecting a nominee for President if all of the decisions are going to be made prior to the convening of the convention." And he added "some of the avowed candidates appear intent upon talking themselves out of any chance of their being selected."

Former Gov. Harold E. Stassen, of Minnesota, who was the first, and for many months the only, avowed candidate for the nomination, was named by three governors of states West of the Mississippi as their top choice. One of these executives said that if Stassen were eliminated and a decision lay be-

GUERRILLAS LOSE 85 MEN IN RAID

Defenders Of Greek Town Also Announce Casualty List Of 74 People

ATHENS, Nov. 16.—(AP)—Thirty guerrillas were killed and more than 50 wounded yesterday when a band estimated at 400 attacked Yeraki, about 20 miles Southeast of Sparta in the Southern Peloponnese, Press dispatches said today.

Thirty-five gendarmes and armed villagers were killed, 32 wounded and seven missing in the same attack.

Yeraki, defended by only a small force, was captured after the defenders ran short of ammunition. Relief forces hurriedly dispatched from Sparta and other places fought their way through, dislodged the guerrillas and put them to flight. Heavy losses later were inflicted on the retreating guerrillas by fighter aircraft.

Along The Cape Fear

LEBANON CHAPEL—William Lord deRosset's pictorial and historical "New Hanover County and Wilmington, North Carolina," published in 1938 tells the following story of the founding of Lebanon chapel, a mission of St. James church:

"Nearly one hundred years ago when the mode of travel was by horse and buggy, upon roads narrow, deep in sand through dense forests, at a distance of about 10 miles from the then village town of Wilmington you reached the Eastern shores of the Sound waters. Invigorating, cool and bracing were the ocean breezes, with their healing aroma of salt air. Many families made at this inviting spot their summer homes—free from the poisonous mosquito and other summer pestilence. A journey of greater distance was prohibitive.

"Many large and beautiful estates were built along the Sound waters, by the rich and the well-to-do. Here were gaiety, happiness and hospitality reigned supreme upon the relaxation of soul and body a realization presented itself—a place of worship must be provided and consecrated to the glory of God.

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Truman To Ask "Tough" Program For Control Of Runaway Prices; U. S. May Win Battle Against Veto

Nation To Press Drive In Assembly

Dulles Tells Gromyko, American Aims To Soften Negative Power

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Nov. 16.—(AP)—The United States appeared certain tonight of winning its campaign in the United Nations General Assembly for a year-round study aimed at softening and limiting the Big Five veto power in the UN Security Council.

American Delegate John Foster Dulles told Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko yesterday in a private conference that the United States was going to press its drive in spite of Russia's vehement opposition to any tampering with the veto.

Dulles served notice that the United States would ask for elimination of the veto power in all cases brought to the security council under the "specific settlements" chapter of the UN charter as well as in the admission of new UN members.

That would leave the veto in operation only in cases involving actual threats to peace or aggression—instances in which sanctions or military operations might be required.

In the private meeting Gromyko was understood to have underscored Russia's determination to keep the veto power as is and to defy small-country assaults on it.

Subject To Veto

Any alteration of the UN charter's veto provision would itself be subject to veto, making impossible any actual alterations at this time whether the Assembly requests them or not. The Western powers were believed to feel, however, that concerted pressure might cause Russia to reduce its recourse to the veto and perhaps ultimately to agree to modifications.

CAFE EXPLOSION TAKES HIGH TOLL

Five Lose Lives, Fifty Injured When Blast Rocks Restaurant, Bar

NAMPA, Ida., Nov. 16.—(AP)—Five persons were dead and several of the 50 injured were near death today after a terrific explosion demolished a Chinese restaurant and an adjoining bar in this small town last night.

The blast, which came in the early evening when both establishments—the "Forbidden Palace" restaurant and the "Alibi Bar"—were filled with Saturday night guests, originated in a gas cooking range in the restaurant kitchen, according to Fire Chief L. T. Lessinger.

Lessinger said it was a "miracle" that the death toll was not higher.

Fortunately, there was no fire following the blast although the explosion itself badly burned many persons, 34 of whom were still in hospitals. A number of persons were trapped in the

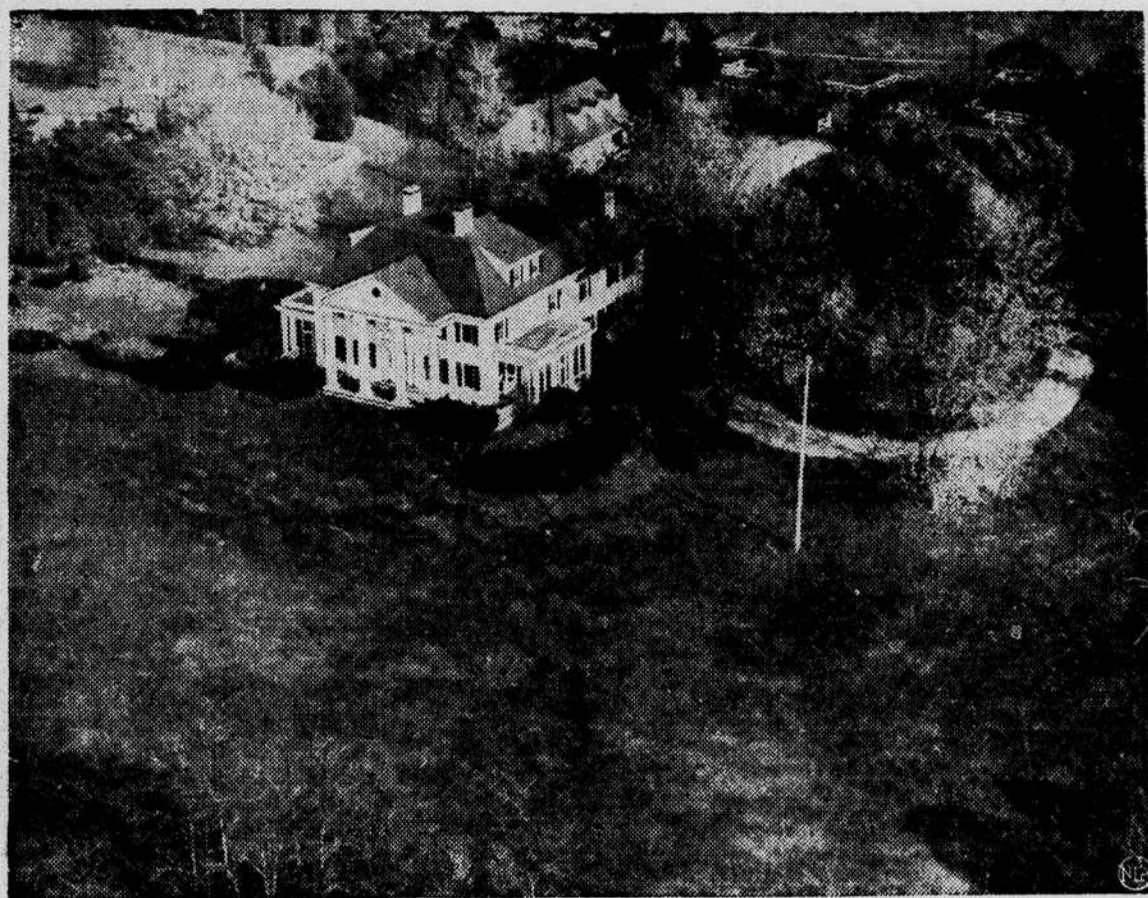
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THIS AIRVIEW shows the Huntington, N. Y. home of Maj. Gen. Bennett Meyers, whose securities transactions are under investigation by a Senate Committee in Washington. Meyers purchased this home after his retirement, following the end of the war.

NEW CHARGES HIT STEEL INDUSTRY

Federal Trade Commission Files Amended Complaint Of Conspiracy

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—(AP)—The Federal Trade Commission filed new charges against the steel industry today to support its accusation that major producers fix prices in an "unlawful conspiracy" to throttle competition.

In an amended complaint against the American Iron & Steel Institute and its 101 steel-producing members, it accused them of using the current shortage of steel to "further their plans to restrain and lessen competition."

Chief target in both the original Aug. 18 complaint and the amended order is the industry's

REYNAUD SEEKING TO FORM CABINET

Independent Party Leader Would Succeed Ramadier As French Premier

PARIS, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Paul Reynaud took steps tonight toward forming a new French cabinet to succeed the troubled government of Socialist Premier Paul Ramadier an authoritative informant said.

Following a conversation with the premier, Reynaud said he now felt he could negotiate with various political groups. He added that French newspapers have speculated recently that he would be the nation's next premier.

Reynaud, the head of the Third Republic's last government, said an "important

U. S. GOODS BUILD CHILDREN'S CITY

Six Hundred Italians To Be Sheltered, Educated, Million Fed Daily

ROME, Nov. 16.—(AP)—The chief of the United States relief mission to Italy said today that \$80,000,000 lire (\$228,570), derived from the sale of American relief goods: turned over from the Italian government, has been given to an Italian religious organization to build a village for homeless children.

Richard W. Bonneville, head of the mission, said the money came from proceeds piling up from the sale of more than 100 shiploads of post-UNRRA special relief sent to Italy from the United States.

The village, to be built by the Piccoli Apostoli in Fossoli, will shelter and educate 600 children. Proceeds from the sale of American relief goods also supports a feeding program for 1,000,000 children.

DEATH PLAYS CARDS

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 16.—(AP)—Death sat in at the card party Mrs. Annie Meehan, 71, had for three old friends last night.

Mrs. Mary J. Hughes, 67, collapsed and died a few minutes after she sat down at the card table. An hour later, Mrs. Meehan dropped over dead.

VIOLENCE TAKES LIVES OF EIGHT

Death Rides Highways Of North Carolina During Week-End

By The Associated Press
Death rode the highways of North Carolina during the weekend and at least five of the eight persons dying during the period from violence lost their lives in traffic accidents.

Two brothers, Conrad Ramsey, 21, and William T. Ramsey, 18, were killed Saturday when the car in which they

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Huff Puff Chew Stuff Pleases Gay Parisians

Paris, Nov. 16.—(AP)—Andrew J. Paris, America's bubble king, hit this town like a ton of chicle yesterday and made Parisians blow bubbles all the way from the low-down dives of Montmartre to the Ritz hotel.

His pockets bulging with bubble gum, Paris did Paris from one end to the other. "They love it," he said triumphantly, pausing to blow a triple bubble—which is two smaller bubbles within a big bubble and is no easy thing to accomplish.

Paris, the boy wonder of 28 who cornered the chicle market in Mexico and brought bubble gum back to the kids of America during the lean war years,

came here to sell his huff puff chew stuff to the French. But when he found out that the French were hard pressed for dollars and couldn't spare any for tiems like bubble gum, he decided to see the city instead.

He checked into the Ritz and chewed bubble gum between courses of lush Fole Gras and spaghetti with pork chops. He gave bubble gum to the waiters, maids, valets, bellboys and bartenders and none of them knew how to blow a bubble.

"Easy," said the dapper young man. "Here is how to do it" and he stood in the Ritz lobby, fingered his \$10 hand-pointed tie nonchalantly: d blew

DECOMPOSED BODY FOUND AT BEACH

Oscar M. Abernethy, 48, Retired Attorney Had Been Dead 10 Days

Oscar M. Abernethy, 48-year-old retired attorney, was found dead in his home at Kures Beach Sunday afternoon, Sheriff F. Porter Davis said last night.

The badly decomposed body was discovered by George B. Applewhite, a real estate man, who was taking a prospective customer to look at the Abernethy house.

The body was removed to a funeral home where Dr. A. H. Elliott, city-county health officer, conducted an autopsy to determine if Abernethy had met with foul play.

Dr. Elliott, in company with Sheriff Davis, conducted the autopsy and reported that the body, although badly decomposed, did not have any marks of violence.

Dr. Elliott said he had been dead at least 10 days or two weeks. He lived alone in the house it was reported. Mrs. Abernethy has been separated from her husband for nearly five months and was reported to have been visiting in Florida.

EAL PILOT CRASH LANDS DC-3 SHIP

Captain Sets Plane Down In Field Without Injury To Passengers

DETROIT, Nov. 1.—(AP)—A Cleveland-bound Eastern Airlines two-engine plane was forced down tonight about five miles East of Willow Run airport, shortly after taking off on a scheduled flight.

An airlines official said the plane, a DC-3 piloted by Capt. Thad J. Royall, made a "skillful landing" without injury to any of the 19 passengers aboard.

The official said that shortly after the takeoff Capt. Royall messaged that a "runaway prop-

And So To Bed

This morning we have a sequel to a So to Bed report in the Star a few days ago which told of a Duke alumnus losing his overcoat when an old chum pawned it in Raleigh to obtain bus fare home.

In the course of a few days, the coat was recovered and all was forgiven. Last night the two "old pals" happened to meet again.

"Hello, buddy," said the coat pawn, "Let's go to the Duke-Carolina game this week-end."

"How are we going to get in," asked the other, his interest aroused.

"Oh, that's easy, old pal," was the answer. "You just get us two tickets and bring along your overcoat and we'll be all right."

President Calls Special Meeting

Talks With Advisers Before Address To Congress Session Today

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—(UP)—President Truman will ask the special session of Congress tomorrow for a "tough" program to curb the high cost of living, it was disclosed today after he held a closed-door conference with high economic advisers.

The President called an extraordinary Sunday White House meeting before completing the draft of his message which also will call for quick action on a \$597,000,000 emergency aid program for hardpressed Western Europe until the full-scale Marshall plan is approved.

The parley dealt primarily with methods of stopping inflation, according to Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross. It was convened at 10 A. M. EST, and lasted three and one-half hours.

To Hold Lid

Another source, who defined Mr. Truman's program as "tough," said the President is expected to propose that he be armed with "hold-in-reserve" authority to re-establish price controls and rationing if such stringent measures are necessary to keep the lid on the inflation kettle.

Mr. Truman will personally address a joint session of the Senate and House in the House chamber at 1:30 P. M. EST. His speech, between 4000 and 5000 words, will be broadcast by all the major networks.

His primary objective is to obtain quick legislative sanction for his emergency relief plan for France, Italy and Austria—a program nearly ready for the Congressional mill and for which

NAVY GUN THEFT CHARGE UP TODAY

Former U. S. Wartime Functionary, Three Others To Go On Trial

AUGUSTA, Ga., Nov. 16.—(AP)—An alleged aerial gun running plot involving Navy machine guns reportedly "destined for Venezuela" is scheduled for an airing in federal court here tomorrow.

Four men, one a U. S. wartime functionary, and slated for trial on conspiracy charges growing out of the theft of 25 guns from Bush Field, near here, on April 14.

While FBI agents investigated, the State Department in Washington kept Venezuelan authorities advised. The four men were arrested on April 22, 23 and 24 and most of the weapons recovered.

Then on May 8, M. A. Falcon-Briceno, charge d'affaires of the Venezuelan embassy, asserted the arms were "destined for Venezuela." He said "one American and some Venezuelan exiles" were involved.

Falcon-Briceno did not name the men and left for the federal trial whatever elaboration may be made.

Top Defendant

Foremost of the defendants is Carl John Eisenhardt on whose 400-acre estate near Ellicott City, Maryland, the FBI reported, 21 guns, an assortment of gun parts and two cases of ammunition were recovered.

Eisenhardt was identified by the FBI as president of Pan American Transport, Inc., a charter air line, and a former

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