FORECAST:
WILMINGTON AND VICINITY: Fair and slightly cooler today and considerably cooler tonight; Sunday partly cloudy with little temperature change.

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Reign Of Terror Grips Arabian City Of Aden Over Arab Strike; U. S. Bans Arms Shipment To East

Lovett Hits Russian Acts

Acting Secretary Says Moscow To Blame For Strikes In France

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5—(AP)—Acting Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett asserted today that Soviet Russia is promoting the strike riots in France and Italy in an attempt to "frighten" the United States ino abandoning its European aid plans.

He told the Senate Appropriations committee that the strikes, ostensibly led by native French and Italian Communists, actually appear to be "an extension of Soviet foreign policy."

Thus for the first time he tied officially to the Kremlin the wave of work stoppages and disorders that have swept France and Italy since Congress convened in mid-November to consider an emergency relief grant for those two states and Austria.

"You can't ignore it," he said of the strike wave, "when it comes at a time when the Congress meets, committees go to work and the council of foreign ministers meets in London."

He urged the committee to appropriate the money needed to carry out the United States' emergency winter relief program.

"At some point, we've got to make up our mind if we can go into this thing (foreign aid) and not get frightened out by this sort of demonstration," he said.

Studying Bill

The committee is studying legislation to finance the $597,000,000 relief program authorized by the Senate Monday.

The House, Meanwhile, wound up debate on its own version of the aid bill—a $590,000,000 program embracing China as well as the three European states—and is expected to vote on it Monday or Tuesday.

Strong sentiment appeared to developing in the House Republican bloc for drastic restrictive amendments and perhaps a deep cut in the size of the program, which would have to be ironed out in conference with the Senate.

Rep. Bartel . Jonkman, R.,

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FEDERAL JURORS INDICT WRITERS

Eight Men Face Possible Jail Terms Of Two Years, Two One Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 — Ten Hollywood writers and directors were indicted by a federal grand jury today for alleged contempt of Congress stemming from their refusal to tell a House Unamerican Activities subcommittee whether they were Communists.

Assistant U. S. Attorney William Hitz said the defendants, including some of the highest-paid scenarists in the movie colony, would be arraigned here either Dec. 19 or Jan. 2, with prospects that formal trials will start in January.

Eight of the accused men were indictedon two c ontempt counts, making each liable to two years in jail and fines of $2,000 if convicted. They had not only refused to answer the Communist question but would not tell the House investigators if they were members of the Screen Writers Guild.

The other two, Writer John Howard Lawson and Director

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The Weather

FORECAST

North Carolina and South Carolina—Fair, slightly cooler Saturday, considerably cooler east and central portions Saturday night. Sunday, partly cloudy with little temperature changes.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm yesterday:

TEMPERATURES

1:30 am 53, 7:30 am 56, 1:30 pm 72, 7:30 pm 63. Maximum 72. Minimum 48. Mean 60. Normal 51.

HUMIDTY

1:30 am 95, 7:30 am 80, 1:30 pm 60, 7:30 pm 80.

PRECIPITATION

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 am 0 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.)

	High	Low
Wilmington	4:28 am	11:38 am
	4:57 pm	— — pm
Masonboro Inlet	2:35 am	8:43 am
	2:51 pm	9:14 pm

Sunrise 7:04, Sunset 5:03; Moonrise 1:07 am, Moonset 1:44 pm.

River stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 am Friday, 12.0 feet.

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EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD Pat Wall of Savannah, Ga., is shown with the Moses Trophy that she won when she was named National Leadership Champion at the 1947 4-H Congress in Chicago. She also won a $200 scholarship. (International)

HOSPITAL BATTLE AT STATUS QUO

Both Sides Standing Pat; Nurses Reiterate Faith In Mrs. Noell

Staff nurses at James Walker Memorial hospital here yesterday reported that every effort is being made to influence them to abandon their membership in their nurses association and abandon the security program of the association, but they assert they stand united in their determination to work "only where their association is recognized."

Superintendent John Rankin at the hospital yesterday said that the board of managers has no comment to make on the public statement issued by the James Walker staff nurses Friday and that the management of the hospital is standing pat and contemplates making no further move "today or tomorrow."

Nurses of the staff told a Star reporter that physicians of the hospital staff have been approaching them in private conversations in an effort to induce each nurse individually to cancel her resignation. The staff doctors have met with no success in this effort, the nurses report. They issued the following statement yesterday:

"The board has failed to break our organization, Mr. John Rankin, superintendent, has failed to influence us to give up our security program, now the staff physicians have been privately trying to influence members of the nursing staff in confidential conversations to desert their organization.

Demand Fair Deal

"We are determined to carry out our resignation unless we receive a fair deal as a professional organization.

"Until the association's security program was announced, eight months of individual efforts resulted in securing only a few staff salary raises of $10 per month. After our program was announced the salary raises of which the board speaks in its official statement were granted.

"The board states: "the board has declined to deal with Mrs. Noell because it knows no reason why she is qualified to act as the sole representative of our graduate nurses. Mrs. Noell is a

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SUC TURNS DOWN RAIL RATE PLEA

WSSB, ACL Sought 139-Mile Charge For 39-Mile Haul

RALEIGH, Dec. 5 —(AP)—Application of the Winston-Salem Southbound railway company for rates based on round-about routing from Gravelton to South Albemarle was rejected by the State Utilities Commission.

The petition sought a 139-mile charge for the 39-mile run, and the commission observed, "all the railways in the state would have wanted to do the same thing."

The application of Winston-Salem Southbound and its co-applicant, Atlantic Coast Line, was to base rates on mileage of an alternate route on grounds that revenue obtained from the direct-line operations was inadequate.

Demands Soviet Price

Marshall Asks Molotov To State How Much German Unity Is Worth

LONDON, Dec. 5 —(AP)—U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall challenged Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov point blank today to state Russia's price for German unity. Molotov replied with a new attack upon the Western powers' policies in Germany.

The sharp exchange came as the Four-Power Foreign Ministers, in their tenth meeting for treaty discussions here, tackled the thorny issue of Germany's economic future without agreement — indeed, without sign of concession or compromise between the East and the West.

In a long speech Molotov accused Britain and France of "actually hindering" the economic recovery of Western Germany, claimed greater efficiency in the Soviet occupation zone, and repeated his charge of a Western plan to set up a separate regime over Western Germany. Ernest Bevin, Britain's sharp-tongued foreign secretary, lashed back. He labeled Molotov's arguments "the limit." He termed Molotov's contentions "a miserable way to treat the facts."

Bevin Blunt

Bevin said bluntly that Molotov's remarks were designed "to convince the Germans that they have but one friend — the Soviet Union."

Marshall demanded that the council "leave generalities and engage in discussion which will enable (it) to make some progress."

Informants reported the course of today's meetings as: The American diplomatic chief had laid down his own specific proposals in a formal paper that favored the establishment of a provisional government reflecting the "free will" of the German people and functioning "without outside interference" except for allied security measures.

But he said first must come agreement on such common principles as basic freedom for the individual; abolition of zonal boundaries; free flow of persons, ideas and goods throughout all Germany, and clear determination of the economic burdens the German people are to bear.

He asked Molotov to be "precise" regarding the creation of conditions which would make a central German government "a living reality and not a pretense."

Seeks Answer

Still later, he asked Molotov if Russia still was insistent upon its demand for $10,000,000,000 in reparations from Germany as a condition to that country's economic and political unity.

He didn't get a direct answer either to the request for pre-

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LUNCHROOMS GET DRY FRUIT GIFT

Approximately 1,750,000 Pounds Going To Schools Of State

RALEIGH, Dec. 5— (AP) —Aproximately one and three-fourths million pounds of dried fruits will be distributed by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture to school lunchrooms and eligible institutions in the state, Jay P. Davis, marketing specialist of the State Department of Agriculture, announced here today.

The food contribution, Davis said, is a part of approximately ten and one-half million pounds of dried fruits being distributed in nine Southeastern states. The fruits were acquired by the U. S. Department of Agriculture through price supporting operations in the West.

The North Carolina allocation otaling 1,733,970 pounds—twenty four and one-half carloads—includes 394,230 pounds of dried peaches, 67,500 pounds of dried apples, 637,740 pounds of dried prunes, and 634,500 pounds of dried raisins.

Other USDA food contributions to the state in recent months have included green beans, sweet potatoes, dried eggs, and irish potatoes.

Surplus Material To Be Controlled

State Department Takes Action As Middle East War Quickens

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 —(U.P.)—All shipments of American arms and ammunition to the strife-torn Middle East were halted by the State Department today because of the Arab-Jewish disorders.

The ban extends not only to exports by private arms makers in the United States but to all American guns and ammunition held abroad, including surplus and lend-lease equipment in American depots overseas.

Word of the arms embargo came on the heels of a State Department announcement that U. S. diplomatic and consular agents throughout the Middle East have been alerted to protect American lives and property against possible violence such as the mob attack on the U. S. Information Service office in Baghdad yesterday.

Shipmenst Halted

The department said licensing of arms or munitions shipments to the trouble zone has been halted for the present "in view of the current disorders."

The ban affects Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Trans-Jordan, Iraq and Palestine, which have been swept by rioting and in a few instances by anti-American outbreaks, since the recent United Nations decision to partition Palestine between the Arabs and Jews.

Department spokesmen emphasized that the licensed arms trade to the Middle East up to now has been on a very minor scale, amounting to only about $7,000 for 1946 and the first 10 months of 1947.

During that 22-month period, Lebanon was the biggest listed buyer of American arms and ammunition, taking a total of $2,820, followed by Saudi Arabia with $2,406, and Egypt with $1,440.

Iraq was the only other of the

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TWO MORE WHITE WOMEN ASSAULTED

Attacks By Negro Takes Place Only Fifteen Minutes Apart

The fourth and fifth Wilmington white women to be attacked by a strong-arm Negro purse snatcher within a week were assaulted last night in the downtwon area of Third street with the robber escaping with one pocketbook containing $11, police reported.

Failing in his first attempt as the victim fell on her purse and screamed for help when struck from behind, the Negro apparently decided to try again and knocked down his second victim 15 minutes later and only three blocks away from the first attack, the reports showed.

Miss Elsie Lewis, 215 Ann street, reported that she was hit from behind with "possibly a brick" and that the attacker snatched her pocketbook containing $11. She was walking north on the west side of Third street toward the Bell Telephone company offices, where she is employed, when the assault occurred, she said.

She told police that someone stepped out of a dark alley running west from Third street and struck her. She was treated for a cut on the left side of the face, "caused by some sharp edge, pos-

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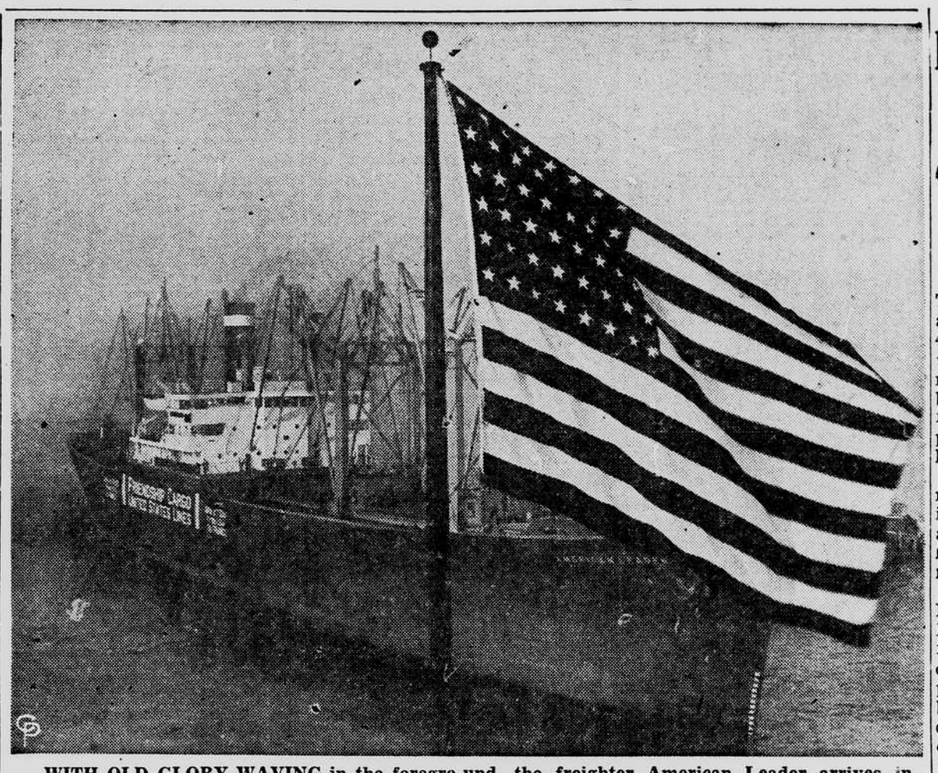

WITH OLD GLORY WAVING in the foregro und, the freighter American Leader arrives in New York from Philadelphia, laden with 3,000,00 0 pounds of food collected in the Quaker City for France's needy. The ship will pick up an addition al 5,400,000 pounds in New York and then sail for France. (International)

Mayor E. L. White Welcomes Members Of Hi-Y Boys Here

By ROBERT MILLER
Star Staff Writer

One hundred and fifty-two delegates representing 25 cities in the 29th Annual North Carolina Hi-Y Older Boys' Conference of the Interstate Young Men's Christian Association were welcomed to Wilmington by Mayor E. L. White at the opening session of the three-day conference held last night in the Great Hall of St. James Episcopal church.

"I'm overjoyed at this opportunity to say welcome to our city and because of such organizations as the Hi-Y, we, the older generation, can look with confidence to the future of America," said White.

In praising the work being done by the various organizations in North Carolina, White said, "the very fact that you are here tonight at this conference is proof enough that you possess that attribute so cammendable in young men, leadership; and never in the history of our country have we needed more such leadership."

Paul L. Peterson, Boy's work secretary of the YMCA in Kannapolis, presided over the session and introduced H. M. Angel, of the Cone Memorial YMCA in Greensboro who delivered the

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COLUMBUS DID NOT GO TOO FAR, OXFORD UNION DECIDES

OXFORD, Eng., Dec. 5. —(AP)— The Oxford Union, which started as a debating society in 1823 when the colonial revolt still rankled, last night approved the existence of the Western Hemisphere.

The ballot was 186 against, to 184 for, on this resolution: "In the opinion of this house, Columbus went too far."

Samples of the debate:

From an American, Morris B. Abram of the University of Chiiago and Oxford's Pembroke college: "England's dislike for America might be due to the fact Columbus discovered a land of turkey and tobacco, both of which are now in such short supply here today."

From an Englishman, Peter Kroyer of Christ Church College: "There are those who say that, instead of the Puritans landing on Plymouth Rock, it would have been more appropriate if the Rock had landed on the Puritans."

ROBBERS COOPERATE WITH VICTIM; TOSS HIM BACK ONE COIN

SEATTLE, Dec. 5—(AP)— "Now I'm broke. How'll I telephone the police?" shouted John Dozier, as two men sped off in a car after robbing him of his wallet on a Seattle street early thi morning.

One of the - - leaned from the window and flipped a nickle back to the victim.

Dozier telephoned police that two men menanced him with a revolver and took his wallet containing $14.85.

Police blockade nearby streets, but the pair escaped.

FLYING SANTA PLANS LONG TRIP

Edward Snow Will Carry Yule Gifts To 340 Lighthouses On Coast

BOSTON, Dec. 5—(AP)—Flying Santa Claus is loading his pack and his gasoline tanks for the longest Merry Christmas mission he has ever flown.

Edward Rowe Snow, now pilot of the yule flights started 20 years ago, said today that this year he has set a course of 4,750 miles and has the names of 1,000 persons on

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LIGHTNING SETS OFF GAS BLAST

One Man Killed, One Hurt When 462,000 Gallons Burns On Coast

EL SEGUNDO, Calif.. Dec. 5 —(AP)— An explosion, set off during a severe electrical storm, touched off more than 462,000 gallons of gasoline in a storage tank at the Standard Oil Co. refinery today, kliling one man and injuring another.

Three hours company officials pronounced the fire under control, although the flaming fuel was still billowing black clouds of smoke high into the air.

Company workers, all especially trained in this type of fire fighting, prevented the flames from spreading to adjacent tanks, some of them holding as much as a million gallons of gasoline. They expressed belief that lightning caused the blast

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FOARD RELEASES VETS PROGRAM

Ex-Service Men Will Honor Rededication Week This Evening

Charles Foard, Legion post commander here, yesterday released the program for the Veteran's Day rededication week to be held in Legion stadium this evening.

The program includes:

Assembly of military units at

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TRAFFIC REPORT ON PORTS LOOMS

Chairman Page Says Survey Will Be Completed Early In 1948

RALEIGH, Dec. 5 —(AP)—A report on the possibilities for increasing water-borne traffic through the ports of Morehead City and Wilmington will be completed in about a month, R. B. Page of Wilmington, chairman of the State Ports Authority, said today.

Page said the authority members met here this week to consider a preliminary draft of a report prepared by Federick P. Harris and Company, New York City engineering firm.

Costs of the survey will be paid from a $90,000 allocation from the Federal Works administration for post-war planning

The report contains a revenue and tonnage survev of the state. It was praised by J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh, Ports Authority counsel and former governor, as "the most comprehensive ever made of traffic and facilities for a North Carolina port."

British Airborne Troops Take Over

Over Two Score Killed In Fighting; Palestine Toll Mounts

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5. — (AP) — The toll from five days of riot and battle as the Arab world's 40,000,000 Moslems violently protested the partition of Palestine mounted close to 100 today with belated reports of a reign of terror in Arabia's Aden where 44 persons wee said to have been killed.

Meanwhile in Jerusalem's five-mile smoke-blackened "front" in the border area of Tel Aviv and Jaffa and Palestine's death roll, by Associated Press count, mounted to 48.

Elsewhere, in Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon Arabs faced Holy Mecca and prayed to Allah for help against partition. Most of them then turned to peaceful pursuits on the Moslem sabbath, but in Aden, the British colony on the Arabian coast, serious disorder prevailed.

The British Colonial office said the trouble started Tuesday after a partial Arab strike erupted into an invasion of the Jewish "crater" quarter which resulted in the deaths of 44 persons 25 Arabs and 19 Jews.

Troops Flown In

The British flew 300 troops into the town from Khartoum and two companies of infantry were dispatched from the Suez Canal to support a naval landing party which was attempting to restore order. A curfew was clamped on the area.

Reports from North Africa told of outbreaks in a new quarter when the Arabs of Derna in Libya stormed Jewish metalsmith shops with guns, clubs and hand grenades. A number of shops where American soldiers once bought souvenies were leveled.

Twenty - thousand Egyptians gathered at Al Azhar mosque in Cairo and broke through police lines at a threatening moment after hearing a fiery priest call for a holy war. But further demonstrations were curbed by the leaders.

A government ban curbed further demonstrations in Bagdad, Iraq, where a mob had sacked a U. S. Information office.

Beirut, Lebanon, ancient capital of the Phoenicians, also was the scene of a peaceful demon-

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PROFESSER WINS MAYFLOWER CUP

Dr. Robert E. Coker's "This Great Wide Sea" Judged State's Best

RALEIGH, Dec. 5—(AP)— Dr. Robert E. Coker, Kenan professor of zoology at the University of North Carolina, tonight was judged winner of the Mayflower Cup for his book, "This Great Wide Sea," which was judged as the best book written by a North Carolina author during the past year.

The Coker volume won over 25 other entries in the contest.

Presentation of the honor was made by Ralph Coit of Greensboro, governor of the Mayflower descendents in North Carolina, at the concluding session of the State Literary and Historical Association.

The cup is given annually by the society and the association.

Tonight's meeting climaxed a series of meetings by the state's seven cultural societies which began sessions here Tuesday.

Meeting here this week were the State Literary and Historical Association, The North Carolina State Art Society, The North Carolina Society For The Preservation of Antiquities, The North Carolina Folk Lore Society, The Archaeological Society of North Carolina, and The Executive Committees of the North Carolina Symphony Socieoy and The North Carolina Society of County Historians.

Governor Cherry presided at tonight's session of the State Lit-

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Doggie Dan Drifts Down Charleston Way On Foot

CHAPEL HILL Dec. 5—(AP)—Dan has been gone for several months, but he's just turned up in Charleston, S.C.

Dan is Chapel Hill's famous dog who has followed the various athletic teams in their practices and workouts and who was almost adopted by the Navy Pre-Flight school here during the war. At that time he deserted the home teams to follow the sailors.

Although he is owned by Dr. and Mrs. Lee Wiley, Dan, until his disappearance this fall, was almost community property. He was known by everyone, students, faculty and townspeople alike. At mealtimes he haunted first one restaurant and then another.

A thoroughbred English Setter, his real name is Bowler Boy's Danny, but to Chapel Hillians, he's just plain "Dan" who, ap-

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Along The Cape Fear

SEAL SALE SAILING – If everyone in Wilmington showed the interest in the annual TB Christmas Seal sale as one little old lady, there would be no question of the unlimited success of the campaign, Miss Lucy Nash, secretary of the association, pointed out Friday.

This lady walked four blocks from the post office to the TB association's headquarters in the health department building to buy four Christmas seals to place on a package which she was mailing.

"I have 200 of them that I got through the mail at home," she explained, "but I forgot to bring any down with me, and I simply couldn't mail my package with no seals on it."

WING SCOUTS--At their regular weekly meeting Wednesday Wing Scout "Amelia Earhart" Troop No. 2 of the Senior Girl Scouts, were photographed in the first scenes of a motion picture they are making to show their various activities. The pictures taken Wednesday show the girls washing planes at the Wilmington airport, a project they requested to be included in their service routine.

The complete film will picture all of the activities of the girls through the fall and winter. Visits to other airports, a trip to the weather station, investiture ceremony, awarding of wings, social activities, and the solo flight of one member who is taking flying lessons, will be part of the film. High light of the film and of the playground of the girl scouts will be pictures of the trip to Winston-Salem where the girls will meet other Wing

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Singer Who Slings Mean Skillet Seeks Romance

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 —(U.P.)—"I just can't get a man," wailed one of the Metropolitan's most operatic eyefulls today.

'My love life is one continual frustration," delectable dark-haired and dimpled Blanche Thom sighed.

"I'm just condemned to the fate of mezzo-soprano. I always play the part of a scheming villainess and the blankety blank-faced innocent coloratura always walks off with the man."

"On the stage, I mean," she added hastily.

But these unrequited love roles try more than the singing star's soul. There has been equal consternation in critic's row.

When the statuesque and shapely singer appeared in Aida clad in a very brief top and

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And So To Bed

A member of the Boy's Hi-Y Conference here was discussing the conference of the Girls' Hi-Y conference being held in Rocky Mount.

Paul Peterson, of Kannapolis and who presided at the conference, suggested a committee to send a telegram to the girls.

One delegate spoke up and said, I had rather be there."