

PLANES COLLIDE KILLING CREWMEN

Seven Navy Men Lose Lives When Bomber, Fighter Tangle At Norfolk

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 16.—A patrol bomber and a fighter plane collided 100 feet in the air today as they taxied in for landings at the Norfolk Naval Station, killing six of the bomber's crewmen and the pilot of the single seat fighter.

DAVIS PLANS

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would appeal to federal court. It was not known whether an injunction will be sought to prevent Piedmont from beginning operations.

COMMITTEE OKAYS

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a section that would have permitted voluntary agreements "providing for the marketing of livestock and poultry at weights and grades that represent the most efficient utilization of grain."

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employees, which the company estimated will add \$31,400,000 to its annual operating bill.

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DIPLOMATIC WAR

united for economic purposes, and that some sort of provisional political unification for German "Trizonia" must be worked out.

Foreign Minister Bidault insisted strongly at a press conference that France will join the United States and Great Britain in a unification plan. He cited France's conditions — in great part constituting a guarantee against future German aggression — and easy agreement is forecast.

Accompanying Marshall at the French Embassy dinner — the first major conference in the diplomatic war which has now started — with Germany the front line of action — were the key members of his Big Four delegation.

Immediate developments in the East-West diplomatic battle are expected to be:

1. — The United States and Britain will get France to agree to the economic unification of Germany.

2. — Thereafter the three powers will work out some sort of provisional political regime for the three merged zones.

3. — Marshall will do his utmost to speed up the plan for European recovery, both to get Europe on its feet and to prevent further encroachment of Communist influence.

4. — Russia will seek desperately to wreck the Marshall Plan, realizing fully that its success means the end of its post-war bid for dominance in the West.

AIR SHOW

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banks, are expected for the luncheon and the ceremonies at the hill.

Ceremonies at the pylon, beginning at 10:30 A.M., will follow a traditional pattern. The Elizabeth City High school band will play while the crowd is assembling. Then grandchildren of the three Coast Guardsmen who aided the Wrights on Dec. 17, 1903, will place a wreath at the foot of the monument.

Homer Norton Resigns Texas A & M Position

COLLEGE STATION, Tex., Dec. 16. — (AP) — Homer H. Norton, who guided Texas A & M college football destinies to glorious heights and later to despondent depths, resigned today as head coach after 14 years.

His resignation will become effective Sept. 1, 1948, and Texas A & M authorities said a "satisfactory settlement" had been reached on his contract, which would not have expired until Sept. 1, 1950.

ARMED SELECTED HORSE OF YEAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. — (AP) — Armed, six-year-old star of the Calumet Farm, was proclaimed "Horse of the Year" today in a poll conducted by the Turf and Sport Digest, attaining the honor he barely missed last year when he was voted runner-up to Assault.

Of the 173 racing writers who participated in the poll, 151 of them cast their ballots for the Calumet gelding While Citation, a stablemate, received eight votes. Styrmie seven, Bewitch four and Assault three.

Peanuts team up well with a good many foods. They are delicious in cole slaw or sprinkled over creamed onions or creamed eggs and they are a must for curry.

The Weather

Table with columns: Station, High, Low, Precip. Includes cities like Wilmington, Raleigh, and various regional locations.

CHARLOTTE SEEKS

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say where such a quantity could be obtained.

Charlotte's oil shortage, however, apparently was not much worse than that of many other communities throughout the state.

In Raleigh, all fuel oil wholesale tanks were reported empty today. The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Lester Rose, sent telegrams to Senators Hoey and Umstead and Rep. Cooley asking them to take whatever action they deemed necessary to relieve what might be a desperate situation.

About 1,500 persons signed a telegram sent to President Truman tonight by Charlotteans asking for his aid in the situation.

Among the other Tar Heel towns which have applied to Washington officials for help are Greensboro, Durham, Salisbury, Shelby, Boiling Springs, Statesville, and Kannapolis.

The situation is due to get some attention on Capitol Hill tomorrow when a conference of North Carolina Congressmen, called by Rep. Doughton, dean of the delegation, will discuss the shortage with government officials.

CONCILIATORS FAIL

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"small recurring payments" to some 9,000 employees because the payments "if granted throughout the entire system would amount to only a 7-10ths of a cent an hour increase for each worker."

The union president said the company again refused an offer to arbitrate the dispute.

When the meeting broke up, Government Conciliator H. Ross Colwell pleaded with both sides to remain available for last minute settlements until the strike deadline.

Strike Hour Set The CTU, the Telegrapher Workers Union and the Telegraph Employees Union have set their coast-to-coast walkout against Western Union for 6 a. m. next Tuesday — two days before Christmas. The strike, involving union demands for a 15-cent hourly wage boost, will affect the entire country except in New York city where the 7,000 Western Union employees are represented by a CIO union.

Before the negotiations started, Adolph Brungs, president of the Western division of the CTU, said he was "not optimistic about the meeting" because the "company has refused to make any offer at all and refused to submit to arbitration."

INSPECTION TRAINING RALEIGH, Dec. 16. — (AP) — Supervisors and inspectors hired by the Department of Motor Vehicles for the mechanical inspection program to go into effect during January will receive further training here. The 40 supervisors of inspection lanes reported here today for more training and the 18 inspectors will report on Dec. 29.

STAR GAZER

Star Gazer horoscope section by Clay R. Pollan, listing signs like Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces.

POSTOFFICE LOSES

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you might think of the next time you step up and mail a letter: In the colonies, the post office business was limited principally to seacoast towns. Post masters then had an additional chore. They peeked in the mail to make sure nothing was being said that was anti-British.

A private contractor, not the government, carried on the business for a while. But this grew so profitable the British crown bought it back, for 1,664 pounds sterling.

Paul Revere, along with his other chores, was a mail rider. One Williams item seemed especially appropriate for today's hearing.

In 1790, the Post Office Department took in \$31,706.27 and spent \$26,207.76, leaving a tidy profit of \$5,498.51.

GILLETTE TAKES

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ture, it received an appropriation which made it possible to employ an Executive Director and establish headquarters in Wilmington, Mr. Page said.

GOP SENATORS

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tee would seek out for themselves the names of all important traders, including any in the legislative branch of the government. This source said the joint resolution asked by Anderson would be introduced in Congress only as a "last resort" after the committee had first tried to obtain the names by other means, such as polling commodity brokerage houses or serving a subpoena on Anderson.

House Plans Probe

House Republican leaders meanwhile agreed to press dual investigations into commodity speculations and black market operations. Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., R., Mass., announced after a GOP steering committee meeting that a green light would be given to resolutions sponsored by Rep. August H. Anderson, R., Minn., and Rep. W. Kingsland Macy, R., N. Y., calling for the inquiries.

Martin said House Republicans felt the investigations would "bring out facts the people are entitled to know and possibly act as a deterrent to people who are doing things they shouldn't."

Anderson told reporters the "loose talk" which he denounced had stemmed principally from Stassen.

In his letter to Bridges he included what appeared to be a broad hint that some congressional names might be involved.

HOSPITAL

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additional \$400,000 would have been supplied by the State and Federal governments, according to officials here. The county's portion of the total expense for the hospital was set at 21.2 per cent.

No location for the hospital had been named; and according to observers, the site of the hospital had been a sore spot in the campaign.

Those who voted in the election today favored the issue overwhelmingly, but the large number of registered voters who failed to go to the polls caused its apparent defeat, it was said.

The voters were also deciding whether an increase of the county's ad valorem tax rate of 10 cents on the \$100 would be made to pay for the cost of equipment and operation of the hospital.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley

YOU GO 'ROUN GIVIN' FOLKS A COL' SHOULDER AN' YOU SHO' GWINETER FIN' HIT'S A COL' WORL'!



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JURY SEES AUDIT

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payments totaling \$613.23 were made to Mrs. Fritz.

3.—Testimony by one witness, Mrs. Dorothy Smith Goins, a former Hudson teacher but now a Charlotte resident, that she had endorsed questioned checks "x x x" with the approval of Mr. Robinson (the county superintendent) was ordered stricken from the court record by Judge Allen H. Gwyn who ruled it incompetent, because Mrs. Goins had not herself heard Robinson approve that procedure.

4.—Robinson testified that he permitted Fritz to hold school fiscal records, including payroll sheets, after Paul Reid, Controller for the State Board of Education, had written Robinson inquiring about alleged irregular payments at the Hudson school. The payroll sheets were returned from "five to seven days later by Fritz with notations explaining certain payments, Robinson said.

In nine indictments against the president of the North Carolina Education Association, the State charges that he "conspired" with four certificate holders in using their names on vouchers in the procurement of funds.

Proceeds from the vouchers, the indictments charge, were "x x x" procured and retained by the said R. L. Fritz, Jr. x x x"

None of the certificate holders involved is under charge, and two of them were called as State's witnesses today. A deposition by a third one was introduced by the prosecution.

Testimony by three certificate holders, Mrs. Goins, Mrs. Beatrice Swanson, and Mrs. Man L. Downs, (whose deposition was read), was to the effect that they had endorsed checks drawn for them for periods during which they were not employed by the school.

It is these checks that the State charges were improperly handled in an attempt to "defraud" the State. The defense maintains that they were used to pay regular teachers for extra work and "not a penny" was retained by Fritz.

Records Introduced A record of the county board of education hearing was introduced by the prosecution. It quoted testimony by Mrs. Downs to the effect that Fritz had visited her at one time to ask whether she had "the right angle". The hearing record showed that Fritz had denied asking her that question.

Smith, the certified public accountant who was on the stand as the trial recessed for the day, said that his investigation showed that one check in the account, in the amount of \$123.75, had been dated Dec. 4, 1946, but had not been deposited until June 25, 1947. There was no allegation by the prosecution that the check represented a shortage. Smith said Fritz told him the check had been overlooked.

Mrs. Goins, the wife of the former assistant principal at Hudson, testified "the real reason I signed the endorsement was because the two immediate superiors of my husband said it was all right."

"What are their names?" the defense asked.

Mr. R. L. Fritz, Jr., and Mr. Luther B. Robinson, she replied.

But the prosecution objected to this line of testimony and Judge Gwyn then instructed the jurors not to consider her statements regarding county superintendent Robinson as a fact because she had not heard him approve the procedure.

Jurors Excluded The jurors were sent from the room several times as prosecution and defense lawyers clashed repeatedly over legal technicalities regarding the admission of evidence.

Robinson, under strenuous cross examination for more than three hours, was called upon frequently to explain the operation of his office. The defense questioning of Robinson, a prosecution witness, obviously was directed in an attempt to prove a defense contention that Fritz's handling of school funds had the approval of the county superintendent's office.

RUSSIA TO FURNISH

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and the formation of a Sino-Russian trading corporation to freeze America out of the Chinese market. The Russians would also be allowed to station troops in Manchuria.

2. A joint Chinese-Russian military command in the event of war, Sinkiang, Manchuria, North China, North Korea, and Inner Mongolia would be regarded as a "far eastern war area" with a Russian in supreme command and a Chinese deputy command.

3. Creation of a Chinese Communist Air Force, which might later be merged with the Red Air Force.

4. Formation of a China intelligence bureau by the Communists, which would be responsible for supplying information about China to the Soviet Union.

5. Formation of a Chinese expeditionary force of not more than 200,000 men, and a labor force of 1,000,000, to support Russia in the event of war in the Balkans or the Middle East.

6. Provision of Soviet technical assistance in military and economic fields, and Russian training and equipment of 11 army divisions.

NAVY

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ery at the Charleston, S. C., Naval hospital from the spring of 1941 through 1944, Captain Brown served aboard the USS Melville in the English Channel parts before, during and after the Normandy Invasion. Prior to entering the Navy he was in private practice in Hendersonville for 10 years. He did hospital work in California.

Wake Forest Native Commander Norris, a native of Wake Forest, graduated from the Wake Forest college and Temple university medical school before doing his internship in the Navy.

He was attached to the first marine division for two and one-half years, leaving the division on Guadalcanal after being wounded in action. He served at the Philadelphia Naval hospital from April, 1943, until November, 1943. He was with the bureau of medicine and surgery from November, 1943, until April, 1945, working in tropical medicine.

Aboard a heavy cruiser from April, 1945, until January, 1946, Commander Norris did duty on Guam from January, 1946, to February, 1947. He took a graduate course in internal medicine at Bellevue hospital in New York city from April, 1947, until October, 1947.

Instead of drying the outside of shoes by rubbing, which may roughen the wet leather, pat with a soft cloth. When the inside moisture is absorbed, remove the stuffing and let shoes dry slowly away from heat.

City Briefs

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Vegetable and bulb growers in the southeastern part of North Carolina are asked to bring in soil samples to the Vegetable Research Laboratory before January 6th if they wish their samples to be tested by the technicians who will be doing this work at the laboratory during January.

The joint committee named to attempt to get the Veterans Administration hospital for Wilmington will hold a meeting Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the Woodrow Wilson hut.

One of the season's best football games will be shown the members of the Civitan club at their weekly luncheon meeting to be held this afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Crystal restaurant.

Frank Oppenheimer, manager of the France Neckwear Company, will speak to the members of the Kiwanis club on "How Neckties Are Made On A Commercial Basis." The club members will meet at 1 o'clock in the Friendly cafeteria banquet room.

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Chief J. Ludie Croom was aboard when I arrived but he would not comment about the boat, other than the terse remark, "I don't like it."

"How much will it cost to make that craft into a good fire boat?" I asked the chief. He shrugged his broad shoulders and said, "I would not like to comment."

From a landlubber's viewpoint, I would say it will take at least \$5,000 to put the former army air transport command vessel into any sort of shape.

As we understand it the division plans are to raise the decks, or what is called the decks, and the cabins, wheel house and control rooms. In fact, the top of the craft must be completely overhauled and rebuilt. It may take six months to get the boat "river worthy."

The old Atlantic will be held in reserve until the "new" boat is put in condition. The owners of waterfront property may rest assured that their property will be protected, at least until the "new" boat is put in commission.

SHD LOSS, \$200,000

FAYETTEVILLE, Dec. 16. — (AP) — Fire which swept through the 200-foot brick veneer State Highway department district motor vehicle shop here yesterday completely destroyed the building and its contents for a loss estimated at \$200,000.

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COLD WAR

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