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> Registered Nurses

gerlee; Metts, Mary Louise;

Padgett, Virginia; Rhue, Iris

Zeta; Robinson, Jonnie Sudden,

Alfreda Braxton, Mrs.; Ward,

Ruth; Winberry, Martha; Wray,

Lumberton - Maxwell, Alice

Geraldine; Sanford, Bertha

Bernice; Shepherd, Lettie Eliza-

Fayetteville - Brown, Idea

Elizabeth; Carr, Mary Helen;

Grimes, Christine Elizabeth;

Hendrix, Nettie Jacqueline; Mc-Duffie, Ella Ruth; Maness, Cora

Elizabeth; Matthis, Edna: Mel-

Virginia; Raynor, Margie Gold;

Lisk Helen; Massey, Ernestine.

Kinston-Creech, Esther Ruth;

Upchurch, Frances M.

Raye; West, Tiffany Brice.

BENSON OFFERS

Offices Friday As

Well

morning, and that any employe

may do so by making arrange-

ments with their department

"To each and every one of

Benson's message follows:

forts during the year.

each one of you at heart."

The Weather

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(P)—Weather

Report of temperature and rain-the 24 hours ending 8 P.M., in the al cotton growing areas and else-

He Made It!



THE 'HUMAN FLY', JOHNNY WOOD, is shown waving to deadline originally for next an estimated 5,000 persons who yesterday twice witnessed him climb to the top of the Murchison building after he had reached it sent telegrams to President the top. The stunt was sponsored by the Jaycees in the interest of the tuberculosis compaign. A collection was solicited.

Human Fly Grosses \$500 For TB Drive es union - have plans with the CTU.

Crowds of approximately 8,000 persons witnessed the meeting the union demands "Human Fly" scale the side of the Murchison building on would cost \$19,000,000 a year, two separate ascents yesterday.

vin, Frances R.; Myers, Flada Johnny J. Woods, who made! Shaw, Ruth Alena; Spell, Ora the climb at 3 p.m. and 7:30 MEE TRIAL ENDS P.; Trogdon, Eunice Katherine; p.m. to raise funds for the New Goldsboro - Batten, Viola; Hanover County Tuberculosis association, used a hook only twice on his way up the wall Faulkner, Lela Frances; Jones,

Virginia Dare; Noble, Rosa Lee; Rhodes, Alda; Sutton, Edna et, a white helmet and a pair of tennis shoes, 31 - year - old Woods asked the audience no to "jeer or criticize" during the event because it "might take my mind off my work." Only a few persons yelled to him on

Hal Love, president of the Ju-Announces Closing Of City which sponsored the event for ported that approximately \$500 to fine her \$5,000. was grossed through donations. He said 30 Jaycees asked the mation. Miss Schmidt's trial on "threats and intimidation West- unable to drill enough new to all city employes yesterday received \$66, he said.

by City Manager James R. Benson, who announced that the Tax Listing To Begin city hall would be closed from Wednesday noon until Saturday In City And County who desires to be away Saturday for an extended holiday

Tax listing in Wilmington and New Hanover county will start Friday, January 2, according to an announcement at the courthouse yesterday.

you I wish a very Merry Christ-The listing will be under the mas and a Happy and Prosperdirection of Addison Hewlett, who is tax supervisor in addi-"As we look back on our tion to being chairman of the year's work we can feel a sense board of county commissioners. of satisfaction at the many All tax listers and assessors things which we have accomplished, often times under dif- in the city and county were ficult circumstances. It has only named by the county commis-

been thru your loyalty and de- sioners at their last meeting. votion to duty that these things | Courthouse employes said the have been accomplished and I new books would be in readiwant you to know that this of ness for the opening of the anfice fully appreciates your ef- nual listing. They are being prepared now.

"As we look forward to 1948 a credit to our City and to this Edman Acquitted end I hope that each one of you Of Wife's Slaying will pledge your best efforts. It In Indiana Court is a pleasure to work with such a fine group of people and I

wish you to always know that this office has the welfare of -(P)—David E. Edman, former Claus for approximately wealthy Winston-Salem, N.C. underprivileged Wilmington and faces at the time of year when electrical contractor, today was New Hanover county children, all hearts should be filled with acquitted of a first degree mur- Prior to the announcement the joy. der charge in the shotgun death Jaycees were accepting only And the hearts of those who of his divorced wife.

Tears streamed down the face ay and tonight; Sunday clear to of the 41-year-old former North cloudy and slightly warmer; low-crature tonight; Merces; high-crature tonight; Merces; high-crature tonight; Sunday clear to of the 41-year-old former North the toys and clothing collected and overcome with gratitude. day and tonight; sunday clear to cloudy and slightly warmer; low-perature tonight 38 degrees; high-nday 62 degrees; moderate north-lackson country Circuit court when a special show at the News snowballed into an avaluate to the lackson country co finished reading the verdict. Manor theatre Tuesday morning anche of telephone and persontoday, tonight and Sunday: cold-y and tonight; warmer Sunday. R SOUTH CAROLINA: Partly 13 hours before returning a seal-children. The annual Christmas ing, toys and vitally needed 13 hours before returning a seal-children. The annual Christmas ing, toys and vitally needed oday, tonight and Sunday, little ed verdict to Judge George H. dinner will follow the theatre medicines.

Dressed in a shiney red jack- Satira Reported To Get 12 Year Sentence,

HAVANA, CUBA, Dec. 20.-(A) ers. - A three-man court was renior Chamber of Commerce, dancer, Patricia (Satira) Sch-support. the tuberculosis association, re. midt to 12 years in prison and

John Lester Mee of Chicago the workers." the charge of manslaughter in

the United States. The tribunal was reported to have decided to impose the \$5,-000 fine as indemnity to Mee's family, and to order Miss Sch-

midt to pay the court costs. **CLOTHING ASKED** FOR CHILDREN

Jaycees Say Toy Box At Postoffice Welcomes Clothes

Francis Malloy, chairman of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas activities campaign last night reported gifts of clothing will be accepted in helped. the Jaycee "Toy Box" located BROWNSTOWN, Ind., Dec. 20 in front of the postoffice building, and scheduled to be Santa ize the extent of suffering and Largest Living Tree In City

toys, but requests for clothing gave were lightened as they have flooded the civic organi- gave. The hearts of those who

WhiteOakVetsDeath Under Investigation

of circumstances under investidied this afternoon as a result gation last night, according to Allen said that Dunn died as Sheriff John B. Allen.

0.34 II died from injuries received stained when he fell from an when he reportedly fell from a automobile near here Saturday moving automobile while en- morning about 3 o'clock. Cain

that John Cain, 23-year-old White Oak World War II veteran is being held on an "open others of he group out of the state which had let the car. The three were returning from a party and had let to the state one for \$15, one for \$10 two for spreading limbs from which emanates Christmas music that others of he group out of the state of the sta

ELIZABETHTOWN, Dec. 20. a coroner's inquest into the Thomas J. Dunn, 29, White Oak death Monday at 10 a. m. Bond

a result of a fractured skull and Dunn, a veteran of World War other injuries, reportedly su-

A young woman gave a fifty-dollar bill, and said, "Do as much as you can to bring some few families."

Four persons gave four large puted splendor as throngs pay baskets of clothing and toys. Two local grocers promised to part of December. give plentiful supplies of food route home from a party the and a woman, whose name was sheriff said.

and a woman, whose name was give plentiful supplies of for at least two families.

In the mail Mrs. Filing In the mail, Mrs. Ellis said hanced by a man-made radio Sheriff John B. Allen said front seat when Dunn fell from she received one check for \$25, station constructed beneath the car The three were return.

As Unfair thousand Western Union workers, members of the AFL, awaited momentary word tonight from their top officials on whether to begin a nation-wide

telegraph strike.

Wire Service

The union had set its strike it sent telegrams to President Truman and Cyrus S. Ching, federal mediation and Conciliation Service director, serving notice that the strke may begin "at any time" before then.
Two other smaller AFL the telegraph workers union and the telegraph employ-

Joseph L. Egan, president of the company, contends that adding that would be double Western Union's expected earnings this year, which he said included \$5,000,000 worth of business it did as a result of the telephone strike in May.

The communications facilites of the Amercan Telephone and Telegraph company are not affected in the present strike call. union of telephone employees, has called upon its members to

ported today to have decided to Beirne, CWA president, in a meet the situation. sentence the sultry American statement. "They deserve our

of homicide — the equivalent of who admitted they would strike be about 25 per cent greater "are being threatened with loss

By BOB KLINE, Staff Writer

A wave of human kindness

This brought to 62 the total

number of units that will be

Heerts were touched enmasse

hardship which their fellowman

Mrs. L. O. Ellis, executive

secretary of the Associated

Charities, told of these acts of

Following the pledge of \$100

by an anonymous textile mill

operator last Friday, two more

persons, who wished to remain

anonymous pledged \$100 apiece.

A farmer brought in a bushel

Christmas cheer to a

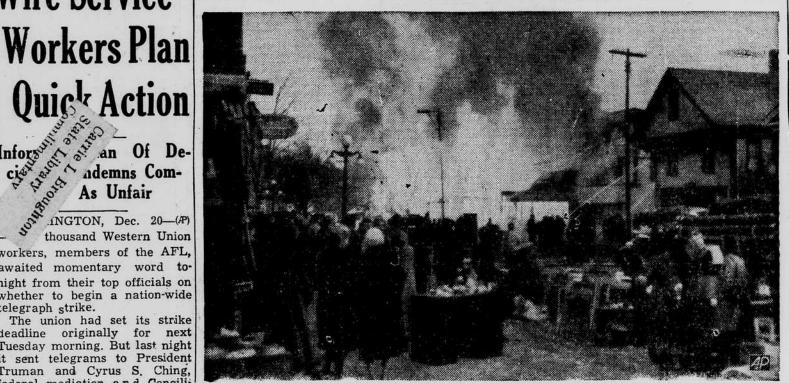
was flooding the city yesterday,

Costly Fire Sweeps Through A Vermont Village

Ammunition Blast DeepInMountain

SpewsDeath, HavocOnCountryside;

Telegraph Strike Due Momentarily



RESIDENTS STAND ABOUT some of the furniture saved from their homes in a fire that swept through Bradford, Vermont, causing damage estimated at \$200,000. Flames are leaping from buildings in background, and firemen are battling to check them. Seven business houses, including three of the town's four grocery stores, were destroyed.—(AP Wirephoto.)

Cherry Acts In Oil Shortage In State

RALEIGH, Dec. 20 .- (AP) -- Governor Cherry today acted in the fuel oil shortage by naming State Purchasing Agent W. Z. Betts as "State Oil Coordinator For North Carolina", and by appealing to citizens to conserve fuel oil "in every possible way."

Betts, the governor said, will call in representatives of the But the Communications Work-oil companies, independent ers of America, an independent dealers and other interested persons for a meeting in the help the Western Union work- governor's office "not later State City Without Power, retired air forces procurerent than" next Tuesday to discuss "Their battle is pretty much the the fuel oil emergency

"The various producers of Brungs said the change in "have apparently done all in Saying that an "emergency exers' bail be set at \$2.000 for his ments went out to gather up fuel oils," the governor said, plans, allowing the AFL unions their power to prepare for our ists", Governor Cherry today appearance in Washington Jan. to "pull a strike suddenly and present predicament, and due There was no official confir- hard—without notice," is due to to lack of steel they have been Christmas greetings were sent crowd for contributions. Woods a charge of slaying her lover, ern Union is bringing to bear on wells, build refiners, tank cars, tankers and pipe lines in sufended yesterday. A court an- He said the company is de- ficient numbers to cope with the nouncement said the trial had manding a "yes or no answer" unpredicted and unprecedented been "concluded for sentencing." from each worker on whether demand for fuel oil that has Legal observers said that meant he intends to participate in a come about since the end of the Friday, January 2 the danger had been found guilty strike and that some of those war, and which is estimated to

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CHRISTMAS TREE

Welcomes Visi-

tors

colored electric bulbs and tons

of Spanish moss, the giant 300-

year-old water oak rises to a

height of 75 feet and spreads its

branches 110 feet in Hilton Mu-

nicipal Park as a living symbol

Unchallenged since winning

the only national contest in the

last decade for the largest liv-

t stands alone today in undis-

it tribute each night the latter

magnificence has been en-

of the greatest religious and fes-

tival season of the year.

scene in Wilmington.

36MoreFamiliesAided

Because Of NewsStory

exclusively in the Wilmington News (evening).

Thirty-six additional less fortunate families yesterday

Navy Asked To Help

RALEIGH, Dec. 20. -(A)appealed to the Navy to furnish 7 a destroyer escort to provide power for the Washington, N. C.

Washington was badly damaged ate to commit perjury. by an explosion on Dec. 1, and has been operating on a make-

Governor Cherry, after facilities at Norfolk, Va.

Wilmington Justice Celebrates His 90th Birthday Saturday

were added to an already mounting total of those to be Wilmington's 90-year old jusaided on Christmas who otherwise would not have had a tice of the peace, William Car-Christmas but for the appeal by Mrs. L. O. Ellis, executive penter celebrated his birthday secretary of the Associated Charities which was published memory of a life lived aganst ative has announced. the colorful panorama of late Foundation pouring has al-LIGHTS ABLAZE 1880's — the time he sat on ready been completed and work splinters.

> Carpenter had gone, as a boy to Washington during the final smoke house and lard rending stage of the war between the department, and upon comple-States, to intercede for an uncle tion, machinery will be installed held prisoner behind the Union for dressing turkeys, according

Lights of the world's largest | Carpenter, now in excellent living Christmas tree last night health, was born in Fredericksbegan beckoning many thou-burg, Va., and came to Wilmington when he was about The appeal published by the pageant that each year brings 12 years old. He has been a sands to witness the Yuletide more and more visitors to the justice of the peace for the past scene in Wilmington.

The lights were turned on for BRITAIN CUTS BEER the first time this season at 5:30 clock. They will burn each night through the first of the year from 5:30 until 11 o'clock, with accompanying music.

Decorated with 3,000 multi-

with the year's end—this time in new structure, the management for wrapping, it was announced announces.

ELIZABETHTOWN, Doc. 20 .- league, a group of religious Bladen county today was set to leaders seeking to prohibit the ban the sale of wine and beer sale of wine and beer in the within its borders. ing Christmas tree in the world,

emanates Christmas music that and in other large towns about petitioners have expressed their the county predicted a 4 to 1 intention of supporting the dry charge" pending the results of car shortly before Dunn fell out. (Continued on Page 9, Col. 4) (Continued on Page 9, Col. 5) victory for the Allied Church vote.

MEYERS COURT

Meanwhile Air Force Take Precautionary Measures

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(P)—
Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers, indicted on perjury charges by indicted on perjury charges by Qauderthal Valley near the station of Blaussea federal grand jury, probably little rail station of Blaussewill be arraigned here Monday, Mittholz which was flattened by government attroney said to-

torney Mario Pitton said the ued until near noon. officer was expected to appear grenades and bombs were before a U. S. Commissioner in thrown in every direction from Brooklyn, and that bail would be set during the hearing.

A government attorney Washington has asked that Mey- subsided, anti-mine detach-

He was indicted on six counts, three charging perjury before a Senate committee investigating war contracts, and three charg-The municipal power plant at ing he induced a former associ-

His associate, Bleriot H. Lamarre, was also indicted on about one and a half miles from three perjury counts.

announced tonight creation of 11:35 p.m. last night and even ceiving an appeal from State "office of the director general," at that distance "it nearly Senator W. B. Rodman, Jr., of the duty of which will be to spot knocked me off my feet." Washington, sent a telegram to such instances as the wartime the Admiral commanding naval business transactions laid to Maj. dows in the hotel rattled and the Gen. Bennett Meyers by witness whole building just seemed to before the Senate War Investigating committee.

Burgaw Co-Operative Poultry Dressing Plant Ready Soon

BURGAW, Dec. 20. A modern poultry dressing plant, an addityesterday with two brisk walks ion to the Pender Cold Storage from his home at 12 North Fifth and Freezer Locker co-operative street to the city's shopping dis- is expected to be completed here trict, and recalled his favorite early in January, the cooper-

Abraham Lincoln's lap in the on the upper structure is being planned.

The new plant will include a to the management.

The co-operative has announced that weather conditions permitting they hope to have the addition to their processing facilities completed early in Jan-

Poultry growers in Pender and surrounding counties will LONDON, Dec. 20-(P)- Bri- have a modern and well tain's beer must take another cut equipped dressing plant in the the difficulty in obtaining paper

Bladen County Drys Ready To Ban Liquor

been handed in to the chairman were being made to hold the Its natural, awe-inspiring of the Board of Elections at vote sundown today, and sales ap- It was : uid that only 427 of

Representative citizens here A lengthy petition, containing declared that an election was some 700 names of objectors to virtually unnecessary to insure the safe of beer and wine had the banning of sales, but plans

Bladen's residents need to vote Conservative estimates here no in the election and the 700

Eyewitness Account Told By Hotel Man

Soldiers Rushed To Area, Houses Wrecked, Eight Killed

BLAUSEE, Switzerland, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—An ammunition depot blew up deep inside a mountain in the Benese Alps shortly before last midnight creating a man-made volcano that spewed boulders, bombs, hand grenades and hot shells throughout Kanderthal valley, wrecking scores of hourses and a railroad sta-

A police sergeant in charge of a small detachment in the disaster area reported that nine persons had been aned, four to five were missing and an undetermined number injured.

Swiss military authori 's ordered the entire area closed for 600 hours as small explosions continued to rumble from the shattered mountanis slide and a light showfall covered unexploded missiles scattere dthroughout the valley.

Several hundred sold ars were rushed into the area and some

rocks and debris. The first great rumble was heard .. round midnight and explosions contin

the gaping hole in the mountainside where the depot used to be. in As soon as the rain of missiles

live shells. While the main explosions ceased around noon, smaller ones were still erupting intermittently in the heart of the wrecked depot

Arnold Steiger, manager of the Hotel Kurhaus which is the ammunition dump, said he In Washington the air force first heard the explosion at

> "I saw a blinding flash, winbend," he said. "Panicky people came from everywhere. The skies were criss-crossed with red hot shells that looked like tracers Some shells exploded in the air and some on the ground. Some just buried themselves in the ground without exploding," Steiger said.

Steiger said he walked one and a half miles to the neighboring village of Mittholtz and that its 400 inhabitants had fled On the way, he said, he found two dead - the station master and a woman, both hit by shell

"Of 40 houses at Mittholtz," he said, "five were burned to the ground and 12 others damaged with all the windows, doors and furniture smashed. Most of the other houses were damaged."

Free Wrapping Service Handled 2,835 Packages Over That Of Last Year

The Retail Merchants association free wrapping service has handled 2,835 more packages this year than last in spite of last night.

So far this year a total of packages have been handled, 3,620 of these completely wrapped, it was reported. The figure last year was 3,.



SHOPPING DAYS J TO CHRISTMAS