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Star-News Program

State ports with Wilmington tavored in proportion with its resources, to include public terminals, tobacco storage warehouses, thip repair facilities. nearby sites for heavy industry and 35-foot Cape Fear river channel.

City auditorium large enough to meet needs for years to come. Development of Southeastern North

Carolina agricultural and industrial resources through better markets and food processing, pulp wood production Emphasis on the region's recreation advantages and improvement of

resort accommodations. Improvement of Southeastern North Carolina's farm-to-market and primary roads, with a paved highway Topsail inlet to Bald Head is-

Continued effort to attract more industries. Proper utilization of Bluethenthal

airport for expanding air service. Development of Southeastern North Carolina's health facilities, especially in counties lacking hospitals, and including a Negro Health center. Encouragement of the growth of

commercial fishing. Consolidation of City and County

lump?-I Corinthians 5:6.

-Chapin.

Broadening Education

Practically every educational development, either local, state or national in munity.

And each development assures its future

expanding almost daily as more and seas. more realize that education is not a local | Congress, in its special session, made a or sectional asset but a national one, some good start on foreign relief. mighty important questions are offered.

Can the nation's campuses double their woefully weak. facilities within the next decade and two sion?

education. Here a young man and woman nor wage and price controls he sought. can complete two years of college work Only the most hopeful believe the act absence of so-called "dormitory life," most see the passing up of this is no great loss to a practical young inthe "on-campus" institutions.

goal of treating higher education in the many questions in the months ahead. same light is appearing clearer and clear- By failing to deal little more than a slap suffrage for the first time.

New Obligations At Hospital

staff nurses and management of James those accepted by Duke and Charlotte Me-Walker Memorial hospital have been morial hospitals' nurses, a spokesman said. settled on a basis of assured permanency would be a hasty jump to conclusions. Like others primarily interested in the

News welcomes the truce.

The nurses have withdrawn their mass fered by the board of managers in a 12point program on Dec. 10. But they declare inite promise of a finish to the dispute in the nurses' latest statement.

Thus, the immediate result of the nurses' efforts may be evaluated in two lights. If the primary objective was improved conditions of employment, they won.

If their principal aim was collective bargaining, they lost.

With the current armistice prevailing, it is the direct obligation of both sides to see that peace is made permanent on a firm foundation. To do this, the past must be forgotten, misunderstandings cleared, personalities submerged and no individual on either side should harbor or exercise vindictiveness. Both groups must strive to effect better employer-employe relations. If they succeed, it is to be believed that the morale of all will be what it should for the institution to fulfill properly its functions as a vital protector of the community's life and health.

controversy can be logically expected.

alterably opposed to recognition of the been ill and dying patients. terests of the hospital and public.

include a schedule of wages and hours and hospital from which all would benefit.

More Damage Than Good?

President Truman's presentation of the Marshall theory for the first time in planned form, with a \$17,000,000,000 price tag attached, on the same day Congress adjourned its special session.

sary link between the special session and five months of the current fiscal year. the regular one beginning in January.

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What happened on Capitol Hill during the last several weeks will have a definite bearing on the treatment of the Marshall Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole that a little leaven leaveneth the definite to the municipality stayed well within Influence is exerted by every human be- munism. This, also, was given fresh em- approximately \$5,000 less than the differ- on what party can make the citizens of Wilmington who are eliminate duplication, such as Brooks, Julia Peterkin, H. G. ing from the hour of birth to that of death. phasis by the President as he asserted that ences between actual revenue and esti- most successful appeal to this it was a vital step in the United States' ef- mates. forts to prevent World war III.

session accomplished.

As to interim European aid, it approwisdom of establishing this institution to Austria and China. Mr. Truman had asked meet a vital and growing need in the com- \$597,000,000 for the three European countries. All realize that this assistance was necessary to tide them over until the Marshall program can be activated. Sev-The latest is the forecast by the Presi- eral reverses suffered by the Communists, dent's Commission on Higher Education such as a vote of confidence for Italy's that, if Federal aid is forthcoming, college middle-of-the road De (hesperi's governenrollments will be doubled within the next ment and the withdrawal of 1,500,000 French workers from the Red-dominated Presuming that there will be Federal as- General Federation of Labor, show the sistance because its sound advocacy is early effect of this relief on sentiment over-

But on the other equally important problem of domestic inflation, the showing was

The Taft three-point anti-inflation measyears? If so, can the public treasury carry ure was "watered down" so that it conthis great burden? And if enlargement is tained but four of the ten anti-inflation repossible, can it be effected in time to pre-quests President Truman made when the vent the danger of fostering an "intellectual session began. Two, extension of export elite," as seen by the President's commis- and transportation controls, were placed company - will retire from their active poin the bill by the Ohio senator and the The college, as operated in Wilmington others, a food conservation program in this with a minimum of physical facilities at country and promotion of food production the present, is the best means of keeping in non-European nations, were inserted by negative answers to those questions from the Democrats. President Truman, was causing irremediable damage to American given neither the authority for rationing

at a minimum of personal expense and a will have appreciable effect in lowering maximum of conservation of the facilities prices. Most Americans are going to feel of the older colleges. While some, undoubt- that their government is attempting to atedly sticklers for tradition, may mourn the tack the elephantine cost of living with a

The normal reaction during the period dividual seeking a good education at the between the congressional sessions will be setting the production record which made of State George C. Marshall and Earl Warren smallest financial outlay by himself and something like this: Our representatives the Wilmington yard one of the nation's the state. In addition, most of the younger did a lot - \$540,000,000 worth, to be exact - leaders. junior colleges are making a determined for the people overseas but actually little effort to round out a sound program of to return a few cents value to our inextra - curricular activities comparable to flated dollar. This sentiment may grow and, despite the best efforts to deal out Education, because of its increasing scare headline material, the present warm value in every-day life, is becoming more reception for the Marshall program may practical. The junior college system is an chill. There is no doubt that President Truexcellent expression of this and its expan- man's recommendations for 17 billion dolsion is ample material testimony of its lars aid to Europe over four and a quarter democratic leadership. years are going to be argued from every A hundred years ago, the benefits of possible angle. And the hardest of all charges to refute will be that we are doing But a practical America, devoted to the too much for overseas economy and not obligation of continually increasing the op- enough for domestic well being. Why so portunities for a better life by the masses, much emphasis on the foreign front against made its public school system one of the Communism and so little attention to our broadest and finest in the world. Now the domestic flank will be the general tone of

er. And of all means, the municipal, region- on the wrist to inflation, the special sesal or state junior college appears the sion has seriously endangered proper treatdisputes, marks the "return of full sovtheir heritage of freedom"

of life? Of this great military cemethis cost is small indeed. best at the present stage of the great ment of the Marshall plan during the regu- ereignty of the people," as retiring Provi- their heritage of freedom. undertaking. And Wilmington and New lar one. That was its biggest mistake. It sional President Betancourt put it. Mr. Bet- If they can't, such a turn of says: Hanover county are certainly entitled to is now quite apparent that the session did ancourt, his party and his people have events might well compel full pride in that their names are listed not justify itself, with exception of ap-made an important contribution to free nomic system and forego many among those doing their best to expand proval of emergency European aid. And government. We hope that their accomposition of her freedoms and privileges undertake. Its total cost, though reach. You can't balance the which free nations have large (about \$17,000,000,000, 12).

To assert that all differences between other working conditions comparable to

The disconcerting series of events at the hospital in recent weeks, coupled with the undeniable fact that there is no safeguard dispute's effect on public welfare, the Star- against their reoccurrence, should convince all that individual contracts are an important matter in limiting misunderstanding resignations and accepted the improved between the nurses and management. For working conditions and salary increases of the sake of permanent peace, it is to be hoped that the nurses will reconsider their refusal to sign them, especially in view of that "a permanent solution of the basic the fact that they have agreed to the terms problems existing" at the hospital has not which, it is presumed, would be contained been achieved. Not by the widest exten- in the contracts. The contracts would be, sion of the imagination can one find a def- in effect, similar to those made between school teachers and county boards of education. The rights and obligations of each party would be definitely established. A legal document, either side would have recourse to the courts in event of a breach. Such an arrangement has operated successfully in the school system - the teacher is certainly as much a professional as the nurse - and it should work in a hospital.

Thus, unionization in the nursing profession would be discouraged, if not prevented. We believe the public prefers for the young women to look upon their careers as a profession, in every sense of the word, and not a trade. Unionization has no more place in nursing than it has in the practice of medicine by physicians.

The individual contract could be made a material means of moving toward a "permanent solution of the basic problem existing" at the hospital. It would give both But if the wounds are allowed to remain the board and nurses legal rights they do open, infection in the form of revival of not have now. Both would be afforded issues which created and prolonged this greater protection. And the system would serve to prevent another threatened walk-From the beginning, the board was un- out whose innocent victims would have

North Carolina Nurses association as bar- | The contract would be an aid, since the gaining agent for the group here. It was intensity of the dispute has been eased by equally determined not to enter into a col- the nurses' acceptance of the hospital's oflective bargaining contract. The manage- fer, toward establishing and maintaining ment believed, and rightfully so, that such an atmosphere conducive to settlement of arrangements would not be to the best in-remaining or future problems on a longrange basis. And as these disagreements The board offered a proposed form of are cleared, the public could expect an imindividual contract to the nurses. It would proved spirit, morale and efficiency at the

ability of accomplishment in the regular session remains to be seen but the outlook, There is considerable significance in on the basis of the past, is not encouraging.

Keeping Its Pledge

There is a happy note of econo. v and, at the same time, a not so bright one of decreased revenues in the report on the

The municipality stayed well within its

they have rightfully considered it our first prevailed in the water and sewerage de- ca today. and best weapon against expansion of Compartment, although the paper surplus was The outcome depends directly

When council adopted the budget for the But first, let's review what the special current period, it was well aware of the pendent voters. absolute necessity of upping the tax rate because of decreased revenues and in- of this group today — probably your pleas for assistance. scope, taking place since Wilmington began priated \$540,000,000 to see Democracy creased expenses of operation. The latest because he has remained aloof plans for its college has borne out the through the winter months in Italy, France financial report substantiates the wisdom from partisan politics.

As the governing body raised the levy today classifies himself as inde- Red Feather agency, who will announce that Wilmington had an James Street and particular rate, it promised the citizenry that it would pendent - that is, he considers be without Christmas cheer un- taken care of its people on ly admiring his book, maintain the strictest economy possible himself as belonging not to the less the more fortunate citizens Christmas day one hundred per-Gauntlet.' without seriously compromising the City's equalican rarty of to the Schristmas with others. numerous services and responsibilities. is apt to switch from one party The \$32,564 surplus attained by comparing to the other depending on his be secured by calling the Assoactual expenditures with allotments is own personal convictions. ample evidence that the administration is Neither the Republicans nor which is handling cases for both Dec. 20, 1947. keeping the pledge it made to its consti- the Democrats have enough regtuents. It is powerless to do much if any- ular or "hard-shelled" party Henry A. Wallace are also poputhing about falling receipts but it can save they must rely on the independby keeping its spending below budget esti-ents to supply enough votes to mates. That the City government is doing win. this so well is substantial indication that Right now the majority of in- members, the secret of his popit will end the fiscal year with its finances dependent voters lean toward ularity when matched against results shows that they are dis- to enjoy reading about it. in a healthy condition.

Shipbuilders Retiring

Two of America's most distinguished the 1946 Congressional elections. shipbuilders - Homer L. Ferguson and The rest of the time the inde-Roger Williams, executive officers of the py hunting ground for the Demo-Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock crats. The trend follows: sitions on January 1.

they helped make so great will be tempered Democratic or the Republican?" by the fact that both will continue as members of its board of directors. Mr. Ferguson will remain as chairman and Mr. Williams will retain the chairmanship of the executive committee.

Many Wilmingtonians came to know T these fine gentlemen during the war years the Newport News company successfully in operated the North Carolina Shipbuilding erence for three leading men- Harold E. Stassen company as a subsidiary. There is no doubt General Dwight D. Eiserhower, George C. Marshall10 Pr.Ct. pilfering from trains. Last winter topic was the long term significant to prevent mass coal and industrial leaders. that the sound shipbuilding policies laid down by them were important factors in

Excellent Example

Eleven years ago, Venezuela finally freed herself from the paralyzing dictatorship of Juan Vicente Gomez. A little more than two years ago, a liberal revolution overthrew a regime which, though better than Gomez', was scarcely a model of

Today that revolution has flowered into tailing the Marshall plan. a truly constitutional republic.

Venezuelans have elected Romula Gallegos, one of South America's most dis-struggling in an economic slough the tinguished literary figures, as their new of despond from which it can the American way of life is root- lot of money and its expenditure one look insignificant. president. They have also chosen a new not escape without outside help. ed. congress and state legislatures under the ism is threatening to overrun from any altruistic viewpoint on this mountain of cash doesn't "As an investment toward new constitution. In doing so, they enjoyed the distressed countries. a direct vote, secret ballot and universal

The election, unmarred by violence or whether the free countries of helping Europe regain her feet Did you ever stand beside one ter way of life for the future and of maintaining out the first standard of the first stand educational opportunities beyond the High the Republican majority was responsible. Since the days of the great of this grim point:

| And the Chief Executive makes large (about \$17,000,000,000 —billon) will be only about \$17,000,000,000 —billon) will be only about \$17,000,000,000 —billon on the since the days of the great of the

"THE WINNAH AND STILL CHAMP!"



The Gallup Poll

Eisenhower Most Favored Candidate Among Nation's Independent Voters

lion People Holds The Balance Of Power

Public Opinion

pivotal and decisive group.

General Dwight D. Eisenhow-

Republican Party or to the Dem- of Wilmington share their cent.

members to carry the country; lar among independents.

the Democrats. For 16 years the President Truman in tributed among all occupalindeed they will, Republicans have battled to win "trial heat" races lies largely tion groups, but the smallest pro- a lack of organization over the independents, and they in his appeal to the independent portion is found among farmers. were successful only once - in vote. pendent vote has proved a hap-

Their loss as executives to the company party would you vote for - the He was asked the question: Independent Voters

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et	1946	38	62	
et	1947	57	43	
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As	for candi	dates for	1948, th	
nder	endents to	oday show	a pre	

Bloc Of Some 13 1-2 Mil- Letter To The Editor

More Than 100 Families Mr. Truman's message was the neces- City of Wilmington's finances for the first Director, American Institute of Need Your Christmas Aid

The group is the inde- publicity, many people who son or organization who wish to ox Roberts and many other need in our community have If anyone would like to assist still feels responsible for having er is the most favored candidate responded wholeheartedly to a needy family, please call the sent Dreiser to Russia and say

well over 100 families in the deed be with a spirit of humility one until his recent death. He One voter in five (22 per cent) files of the Christmas bureau, a and heartfelt thanks if we could mentions liking North Carolini

> Names of these families may ciated Charities, telephone 6880, Wilmington, N. C.

Although General Eisenhower among regular Republican party

erences among the independents pendent, as compared to about a list of 12 men who are being most prominently discussed in connection with the 1948 race "If a presidential election was handed to each voter classiwere being held today, which fying himself as an independent.

> "Suppose you had a chance to for president in 1948. If such an election were being held today, which one of these men would The vote:

Dwight D. Eisehower 18Pr. Ct. railway police have erected lina Business foundation.

News Dec. 18 and 19 regarding cial Work agencies in order to Thomas Wolfe. in need of assistance this Christ- the name of any one family be- Wells, mas. As a direct result of your ing given to more than one per- Lynn Fontanne, Elizabeth Ma were not aware of the great assist a family at this time

above numbers. The time is that Dreiser became a Comm At this writing, there are still running short, and it would in- nist on that trip and remaine

MISS MARGARET Y. MOORE Chairman, Christmas Bureau. 121 S. Fifth St.

Robert A. Taft Joseph E. Martin

An analysis of the poll be quite glad for voters? One farmer in seven polled by the Institute claims to be indeone in four among business and professional people, white collar workers and manual workers. Geographically the smallest ganizers in South Carolina

ly one voter in ten disclaims any Parisian restaurant. regular party affiliation. Elsevote for your favorite candidate where the independents constitute slightly fewer than one voter in four.

GUARD COAL TRAINS HAMBURG -(P) - German who also heads the

Harry S. Tru.....man 17.Pr.Ct. barbed wire barricades along scheduled to speak f- Thomas E. Dewey13 Pr.Ct. "vulnerable" stretches of rail- today at a meeting of 10 Pr.Ct. way track to prevent mass coal and industrial leaders. Hand President Truman and Governor Henry A. Wallace 10 Pr.Ct. coal trans from the Ruhr lost as ificance of education Thomas E. Dewey of New York. Douglass MacArthur 8 Pr.Ct. much as one-third of their load search activities being Harold E. Stassen, Secretary Arthur H. Vandenburg 4 Pr.Ct. through pilfering on the jurney at the University of North Caro

Mr. Spearman's Literary Lantern

By WALTER SPEARMAN

CHAPEL HILL, Dec. 20 - A man who began life on a South Carolina tenant farm, studied at Southern military school worked on a Georgia newspa. per, and finally became a sopu lar American novelist and his torian, has now written one of the year's most entertaining autobiographies. The man is W E. Woodward (in Graniteville S. C. they called him "that there little ole Willie Woodward"), author of such familiar Grant," "Evelyn Prentice," and 'Tom Paine: America's Godfather" and coiner of that now popular term, "debunk." His new book is "The Gift of Life." an appropriate title for the story of a man who loved life and lived it boldly, enthusiastically and abundantly. (E. P. Dutton and Co., Inc., New York 43 pp. \$4.75)

Having successfully "debunk ed" George Washington and General Grant, Author Woodward astutely predicts that reviewers will say of his new book, "Woodward Debunks Himself." which is exactly vite he proceeds to do in this auto biography. His candor is so disarming and his modesty so engaging that his self-debunking makes his readers like him all the better-whether he is confessing how he slipped back into the walls of The Citadel at Charleston concealed on a load of fresh meat or how he lost his virtue in a vine-covered cove near Graniteville with a girl nearly twice his age. Later chapters tell of his

working in an Atlanta factory and on Augusta and Atlanta newspapers. He even had an opportunity of working for the Coca-Cola company for a small salary and shares of stock, but turned down the offer and lost what would have been a fortune. In New York, he became a successful newspaperman, advertising man and banker. One of his best stories of this period is the remark he made to Mr. Ruppert when he was handling the Ruppert beer advertising account. He was promotion manager for the Hearst papers but found Mr. Hearst "childish" and unstable. For some years he ran a syndicated book page

make interesting reading. He

3 Pr.Ct. "I do not know how I could liv Leverett Saltonstall 1 Pr.Ct. an idle life." Certainly his b independent oughly enjoyed living it and will humor, genuine love of hu is found in the South, where on- nude waitresses in a popular

Behind The News

Marshall Plan Is Safeguard Against War

By DEWITT MACKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

There's nothing left to the imagination in President Truman's message to congress de-

We get a stark picture of a Meantime aggressive Commur-

taught us the bitter lesson that in the recent war." no economy, not even one so strong as our own, can remain it would be cheaper to head off demands. But we're not going healthy and prosperous in a

"The next few years," warns phere is threatened by the Red pared with another outlay which world and toward the realization. Tide And what is the realization of the the President, 'can determine Tide. And what is the cost of war would involve. of life? Of this Mr. Truman teries which are the product of So far as concerns the three says:

America to modify her own 620 rope which I am recommending crosses stretching off across the impartial observers is that is well within our capacity to acres as far as the eye can constitutes the greatest mensured undertake. Its total cost though acres as far as the eye can constitutes the greatest mensured factors. lion-) will be only about five embleme of sacrifice.

Obviously the corollary is that ness to fight if necessary.

world of poverty and want Our a Third World war than to fight send your sons and mine deepest concern with European it, and that's a point which this to fight again just to avoid recovery, however is that it is column has emphasized before ing taxes to avert another war-shattered Europe which is essential to the maintenance of Seventeen billion dollars - or conflict which likely wo civilization in which what will you - is a powerful disastrous as to make brings small cheer to the hapless investment would pay big That's the big issue. Apart tax payer, but to my mind dends. Of this Mr. That's our part, the Western hemis-matter a tinker's dam as com- peace and security

> th last two World wars? Thou- from Bolshevism, none "The program of aid to Eusands upon thousands of white question that. The consensu

> "The last two decades have percent of the cost of our effort. The world needs