

FORECAST:
Wilmington and vicinity: Fair and slightly cooler today and tonight; Thursday fair and continued cool.

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Conservation May Solve Oil Shortage

Industry Representatives Will Begin Newspaper, Radio Campaign Direct To People; Charlotte In Market

RALEIGH, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Representatives of the oil industry agreed at a meeting with Governor Cherry and State Oil Coordinator W. Z. Betts here today that conservation offers the best hope of solving the current shortage of fuel oil.

Governor Cherry said that the oil company officials told him that they planned to begin a campaign of advertising in newspapers and over the radio urging private and industrial users of both fuel oil and gasoline to practice conservation.

The governor pointed out that if persons who heat their homes with oil would cut their thermostats from 72 to 68 degrees during the day and to 60 degrees at night, they would save 15 per cent.

Betts announced that representatives of the oil industry had agreed to meet at Charlotte some time after Christmas to draw a plan to aid local communities of the state in organizing to take care of hard-ship cases.

Industry Cooperates

"The oil industry is making every effort to cooperate," Betts said after the meeting. "They are trying to distribute what oil there is available as equitably as possible."

Betts said that the plans for conserving oil were completely

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Bethlehem, City Of Steel, Set For Yuletide Rites

ROTARIANS HEAR GOOD OIL NEWS

W. S. (Buck) Morris Tells Of Great Producing Texas Fields

Despite reports of fuel oil shortages over the nation, especially throughout North Carolina, there is one East Texas oil field which can produce enough crude oil to take care of the needs of the entire country for years to come, members of the Wilmington Rotary club were told yesterday.

More than 25,000 wells, this one East Texas field could produce enough oil to supply all the needs of the Allied nations during the last war. W. S. (Buck) Morris, native Wilmingtonian and current president of the Kilgore, Texas, Rotary club, said.

Morris, who is now vice-president and general manager of the East Texas Salt Water Disposal corporation, reminded the Rotarians that his last address before the club was made after he played on the Wilmington high school state champion basketball team in the 1920 season.

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TRUMAN PARDONS DRAFT VIOLATORS

Over 1,520 Receive Christmas Present Of Restored Civil Rights

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—President Truman today granted Christmas pardons for 1,523 violators of the wartime Selective Service Act, including a number of conscientious objectors.

Government officials could not say how many persons would be released from custody by the President's action. Most of the 1,523, however, already have been freed. Principal effect of the Presidential action was to restore the political and civil rights of those pardoned.

The President acted on the basis of a report by his assistant board headed by Owen J.

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The Weather

SUB FORECAST
SOUTH CAROLINA—Partly cloudy and slightly cooler Wednesday and Wednesday night. Thursday partly cloudy and continued cool.
NORTH CAROLINA—Fair and slightly cooler Wednesday and Wednesday night. Thursday fair and continued cool.

TEMPERATURES
7:30 a. m. 42, 7:30 a. m. 45, 1:30 p. m. 50, 4:30 p. m. 52
Maximum 60, Minimum 41, Mean 50, Normal 49

HUMIDITY
7:30 a. m. 88, 7:30 a. m. 91, 1:30 p. m. 95, 4:30 p. m. 99

PRECIPITATION
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.0 inches
Total since the first of the month 4.90 inches

TIDES FOR TODAY
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) for Wilmington
High 6:41 a. m., 1:16 p. m.
Low 12:59 a. m., 7:30 p. m.
Moon 11:59 p. m.
Moonset 5:08 a. m.
Moonrise 3:38 a. m.

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1 SHOPPING DAY LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

United States To Abandon All Defense Installations Guarding Panama Canal; Arabs Paralyze Traffic To Palestine

Rifleman "Rake" Funeral Cortege

Bullets Whistle Through Ancient Cemetery On Mount Olive

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Arab bullets whistled through an ancient cemetery on the Mount of Olives today as Jewish members of a Jewish funeral procession to bury a Jewish soldier who died in the fighting, still was isolated at Jaffa tonight.

The Swede, identified as Harald Hagg, had arrived in Palestine last night. He was removed to a military hospital at Bir Yaakov where attendants said his condition was "dangerous." (A Stockholm dispatch identified him as an artist assigned to Palestine by a news agency a week ago.)

Four Attacks

In all, the Arabs made four attacks on convoys speeding along the Jerusalem-Jaffa road. British troops swung into action to break the Arab siege of the highway. The Arabs were said to be led by a man wearing a green sweater and a green stocking cap.

Communal fighting flared again in the old walled city of Jerusalem, usually the scene this time of the year of Christmas celebration preparations.

The funerals, disturbed by typical Palestinian residence of

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SANTA CLAUS VISITS COMMUNITY CENTER to distribute gifts to over 325 underprivileged children at the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce's Christmas party for the kiddies. Prior to the Christmas dinner prepared and served by the New Hanover Restaurant Operators association. Shown above talking to St. Nick is little Louise Harker, six year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Harker, 910 So. Second street and Master Lloyd Vernon Moore, six year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Moore of Maffitt Village. (Staff Photo by Roy Cook)

CHILDREN ENJOY REAL YULE PARTY

Cafe Owners Join With Jaycees In Entertaining Youngsters

Santa Claus came to town yesterday.

Two days ahead of schedule St. Nick arrived at the Community Center yesterday afternoon to distribute toys, gifts and fruits to over 325 underprivileged children of this community.

The visit of St. Nick brought to a close a full day of activity for the kiddies. The Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Manor theatre and the New Hanover County Restaurant Operators Association combined to give the youngsters "the time of their lives" in the all-day program.

The program got underway with a t-e-a-t-e party at which cartoons and comedies were shown the youngsters. After the movies the kiddies were loaded into three large buses of the Queen City Trailways and taken to Greenfield park where they romped and played in the brilliant sun for over an hour.

Cafes Provide Meals

At 1:30 the children were taken to 28 restaurants, located throughout the county, where they were served a Christmas banquet consisting of roast turkey and all the trimmings.

The well-fed youngsters were then taken to the Community Center to await the visit of Santa Claus. While waiting for the genial gentleman to make his appearance the boys and girls joined in singing Christmas carols.

When Santa finally arrived the kiddie were presented gifts of

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'Old Salty' Arrives In Port With Breezy Letter To Santa

U. S. DELAYS CASE AGAINST NEWSMEN

Protest By UN Official Holds Up Deportation Proceedings

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The government postponed deportation proceedings today against two foreign newspapermen accredited to the United Nations after Secretary-General Trygve Lie protested that such action might be in violation of an agreement with the U.N.

Deportation proceedings were brought against Nicholas Kyriazidis, of Greece, and Syed Hassan, of India, on the grounds they are Communists.

The government initiated the action under a 1918 law permitting deportation of aliens who are members of an organization advocating the forcible overthrow of the government.

Kyriazidis was released on his own recognizance for a further hearing on order of Watson B. Miller, commissioner of the immigration and naturalization service.

Earlier, acting on his attorney's advice, Kyriazidis refused to answer questions at a deportation hearing after producing documents to show he was accredited as a U.N. correspondent for the newspaper Demokritas, of Nicosia, Cyprus.

No Jurisdiction

The attorney contended the

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Appeals For Gifts To Wilmington Friends In Annual Message

Back in the home port for Christmas, Old Salty was in a jovial mood yesterday when The Star paid him a visit in the Skipper's cabin.

Casting a wary eye to north and south, "The Beak" allowed that everything is as it should be along The Cape Fear at this glad season of the year and then called upon the Skipper for the tenth time in about as many minutes to "Buy a drink, buy a drink."

That the Skipper had taken him at his word was obvious from the illumination that was fast accumulating on his nasal organ and bulge neck and richness of his pre-Yule language. Both he and Old Salty had reached a stage of mellowness only possible by frequent sorties on the pinch-bottle which reposed on the cabin's one table and within easy reach of both.

Slicing another cut from a stub of "eating" tobacco, the Skipper waxed loquacious on the subject of Christmas, pointing out between spasms of alcoholic hiccoughs, that it was the one time of year when a man should have a multitude of friends and not an enemy in irons.

He had, he said, with considerable

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CHRITMAS WILL BE CLOUDY, COOL

No Rain In Sight, Weatherman Says In Special Forecast

While some parts of the east were promised a blanket of white for its Christmas Day, the weatherman has come through with better, or worse news, whichever way you may look at for Wilmington and southeastern North Carolina.

The weatherman says there will be no snow for this area during the holidays. However, he says increasing cloudiness may be expected Christmas day.

Cool northerly winds may also be expected to follow the increasing cloudiness, but there is no mention of rain in the special Christmas Day forecast.

ACCIDENTS KILL 101,000 PEOPLE

Metropolitan Life Estimates Increase Of 2,000 Over 1946

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Accidents killed 101,000 Americans in 1947, the third straight year in which accidental deaths increased, statistics showed today.

Statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company said to date about 2,000 more persons were killed in 1947 than in 1946.

Deaths from public, home and occupational accidents increased, they said, while deaths from motor accidents decreased. They estimated traffic accidents caused 32,500 deaths this year, compared to 33,700 in 1946.

"This decrease in the death toll occurred despite an increased volume of motor vehicle traffic, and suggests that the highway safety program has produced concrete results," their statement said.

The occupational death toll was affected by increased employment while the number of fatal home accidents resulted in part from the larger number of children in the population, the statement said.

MEXICO CITY HUB OF SPY ACTIVITY

Nazi Saboteurs Operated In United States From There, German Says

NUERNBERG, Germany, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The German Embassy in Mexico city was a center from which master spies and saboteurs directed operations throughout the United States before America entered World War II, American War Crimes Prosecutor M. W. Kemper said today.

Kemper hopes to be able to produce one or more of the operatives at the approaching trial of high ranking German diplomats before an American court here.

He quoted Rued Von Collenberg, former minister in the German Embassy in Mexico City, as authority for the state-

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Retail Store Employees Get Two-Day Vacation

Business activity is scheduled to cease in Wilmington at 6 o'clock this evening as local stores close for a two-day Christmas holiday, President George Hunt of the Merchants association said last night.

Employees of Federal offices in the Customs building will have the afternoon off as the offices close at noon today until Friday morning.

Employees of both the city and county government offices, with the exception of the police department and sheriff's office, will be dismissed at 1 p. m., today until Saturday morning, when "business as usual" will be resumed, it was announced yesterday from the offices of the city and county managers.

Longest holiday among the government workers will be observed by employees of the State Unemployment Compensation commission, who will be off from noon today until Monday morning, according to Manager William H. Powell.

Postmaster W. D. Doshier, Sr., announced last night that only

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Along The Cape Fear

TRAVELOGUE—It has been said, and rightly so it would seem, that "There's nothing new under the sun."

Several weeks ago, the magazine Holiday flashed an elaborately illustrated article on North Carolina with approximately 10,000 words of supporting text. The feature was hailed as one of the biggest pieces of advertising promotion the state ever got.

There's no denying that the article and pictures were the last word in promotion for North Carolina.

But, back in January 1895 "Harper's New Monthly Magazine" had forged ahead of Holiday's time and done a bang-up piece, with a number of illustrations, not only of North Carolina

but also its sister state of South Carolina.

This story covered practically the same path and story as did the Holiday story.

It opened with an introduction of the city of Charleston and moved on across the Palmetto state into North Carolina, where it played up the Capital city, went west to Asheville and back to coastal section, and Wilmington.

The story is ornamented with a picture of the New Hanover County courthouse, and the city hall in the background it shows a scene "preparing tuberoses bulbs for the northern market," another picture is of the phosphate mines near Wilmington, a

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State Department Accepts Decision

Republic's Assembly Turns Down Offer Of Long-Term Leases

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The United States accepted the Republic of Panama's no-military-bases edict today and ordered the immediate abandonment of its canal defenses outside the 10-mile-wide canal zone.

Making no effort to conceal their surprise at the sudden turn of events, State Department officials said bluntly that recent anti-American student demonstrations in Panama had outside inspiration.

They said Communist "played their part" in the demonstrations which helped persuade the Panama Assembly to reject a new agreement extending the United States' wartime leases on 14 defensive installations guarding the Panama Canal.

Congressional and military circles here were angered and dismayed over the situation, and the state Department warned that the American withdrawal will weaken the security of the strategic canal zone.

Nevertheless, the department said, "the necessary steps will be taken immediately with a view to evacuation of all sites in the Republic of Panama where United States armed forces are now stationed."

"This withdrawal will be completed as quickly as possible consistent with the number of personnel and the amount of material involved," it added.

"The next move is up to Panama," a department official said. The cold tone of the department announcement and its official comment contrasted strongly with the relatively optimistic view aired only a few hours earlier by Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, U. S. ambassador to Panama.

Hines told reporters after a conference with President Truman that he was "sure" the two governments would "get together" and work out a satisfactory agreement.

In its announcement, the department emphasized that failure to reach agreement on the bases "will not, of course, affect the normal friendly relations between the two countries."

But its spokesmen made it

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FRENCHMEN MUST PURCHASE BONDS

National Assembly Passes Compulsory Measure By 43 Majority

PARIS, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The National Assembly, approving an important section of the new French "austerity program," tonight enacted a bill requiring Frenchmen to purchase 100,000 francs (\$1,092,000,000) worth of government bonds or pay the same amount in taxes.

The bill is designed to drain off surplus purchasing power. By a 323 to 280 vote, deputies approved a bill to raise the sum which will be used entirely for reconstruction. The sliding-scale levy will be made against taxpayers with annual incomes over 450,000 francs (\$3,780).

Originally the loan was set at 160,000,000,000 francs (\$1,340,000,000). Over government objections amendments were approved exempting farmers, large families, small businessmen and persons whose property was damaged in the war.

Under the plans of finance Minister Rene Mayer the rest of the 230,000,000,000 franc (\$1,930,000,000) extraordinary budget will be covered by aid from the United States.

The assembly also appeared an amendment eliminating the positions of 150,000 public jobholders. The Communists voted

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Religious Hate Clouds Moon Over Moab Hills

By ROBERT MILLER
United Press-Staff Correspondent
JERUSALEM, Dec. 23.—(AP)—There is a bright and glittering moon over the Moab hills tonight. It glints on the bayonets of British sentries guarding the security zones where Christians are beginning their celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Moses once stood upon the hills over which the moon hangs, and looked down upon Palestine. Before many more months have passed, the Arab armies may mass behind the hills and begin a holy war against the Jews.

The moon mirrors itself in the river Jordan where Christ was christened and on the tin roofs of the settlement of Bet Haara-va, where a young Jew is standing guard.

Another Jew was standing

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And So To Bed

The proverbial fisherman's luck was visited upon a citizen of Wilmington recently when he went to Wrightsville Beach intent upon snagging a shark "just for the fun of a good fight."

The fisherman snagged his shark without too much difficulty. And just as the shark yanked on his line, the fisherman popped his mouth open in the excitement, and out popped his false teeth into the briny deep.