

Partly cloudy and continued warm today becoming cloudy with rain tonight and Thursday.

108 Citizens Bitten By Dogs in 5 Months

In the five months from July 18 to December 23 police received reports of 108 Wilmington persons being bitten by dogs...

General Electric To Cut Prices 3 To 10 Per Cent

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Members of the Wilmington Rotary club at their luncheon meeting yesterday heard John MacDougal, Lenoir Rhyne college student from Wilmington...

ROTARIANS HEAR FORMER NEWSMAN

Major John Marshall addresses club at regular luncheon meeting. Before the war, Marshall was managing editor of the Wilmington News.

Some of the DP's and PW's demanded by Russia and turned over to that country had to be restrained from self destruction.

FCC OKAYS AT & T EXPANSION PLANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. — (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission today approved a \$76,130,000 expansion that Amri-can Telephone and Telegraph company plans in 1948.

Company Will Spend \$76-130,000 On Radio, Television Lines

The program by A T & T and subsidiaries, will add about 1,800,000 miles of wire circuits for telephone, telegraph, television, and radio broadcasting services.

The coaxial cable can handle numerous telephone, telegraph, television and radio relays simultaneously.

FCC said the new cables will permit television relays between the cities named and also at Baltimore, Richmond, Va., Pittsburgh, and Cleveland. The commission said that Boston may be tied in to the circuit by means of existing experimental microwave relays between that city and New York.

The Weather

SUB FORECAST: South Carolina—Partly cloudy and continued warm Wednesday...

Railroads Win Additional 10 Per Cent Freight Rate Increase By ICC Decision; Young King Michael Abdicates Throne

Lovelorn Monarch To Wed Princess

Communist-Dominated Cabinet Resigns; Republic In Making

BUCHAREST, Romania, Dec. 30. — (AP) — Lovelorn, politically beset King Michael I, last remaining monarch behind Soviet Russia's iron curtain, abdicated today in favor of a "popular Romanian republic."

The Communist-dominated cabinet of Premier Petru Groza resigned immediately afterward, turning over its power to a state council of five members pending the election of a president by a constituent assembly.

Twenty-six-year-old Michael was at his mountain palace at Sinai, packing big bags. He was expected to leave the country within a few days with his retinue to marry the beautiful Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma, 24, with whom he fell in love at the wedding of Princess Elizabeth, heir to the British throne, less than six weeks ago.

Court circles reported that Michael, who became a king at five years of age, then gave up his throne in favor of his father Carol, only to regain it in 1940, had abdicated — in part at least — because his government — and possibly Russia — frowned on his romance.

President Wilson Says Consumer Saving Will Be 50 Millions

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. — (AP) — The General Electric company announced today retail price reductions affecting many home appliances — the first break in the price spiral by a major manufacturer.

Charles E. Wilson, G. E. President, told a news conference that the price drop, ranging from three to ten per cent, is effective January 1 and will affect 40 per cent of the company's total business.

Refrigerators, ranges, and home radio and television receivers, are among the products affected. No price reductions in electric light bulbs was announced.

Expressing the belief that industry must take the initiative in reversing the inflationary spiral, Wilson said General Electric also is reducing prices of component parts, which it supplies to other appliance manufacturers.

Declaring that the price cuts represent a savings of \$50,000,000 annually at the consumers' level, Wilson added: "It is not done to stimulate business. These reductions come at the time of the company's greatest demand for the goods involved. We could sell in many lines twice what we can produce and it should be so far many months."

The reduction, Wilson said, will cut profit margins unless the company can cut costs. "We expect to maintain these prices," Wilson said, "provided no further increase occurs in our labor costs or in prices of components an dmaterial which we purchase in so great a measure from others, and provided there is no further distortion in the material situation through rationing or new allocations."

MIDWEST STATES GET COLD WAVES

Sub-Zero Weather Benumbs Citizens Of Montana, North Dakota. A biting 25-mile wind whipped a cold wave across the Canadian border into Montana and North Dakota.



LADIES NIGHT—The Shriners of the city got together last night at the Famous Club to fete their ladies in the annual Arab Shrine Club Christmas and New Year's party. Pictured above are the officers and board of governors.

PRESIDENT DROPS LANDIS FROM CAB

Fiery Chairman Steps Down At Midnight; No Successor Named

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. — (AP) — James M. Landis, one of the last Roosevelt "brain trusters" still active in government service, will be dropped from the Civil Aeronautics Board when his term expires at midnight tomorrow.

The wiry, chain-smoking Landis frequently has been at odds with various airline officials since he became CAB chairman 18 months ago, and the Air Line Pilots Association (AFL) charged recently that "vested in rests" were waging a campaign to force him out.

President Truman's press secretary, Charles G. Ross, told newsmen today that Landis, who is 48, "is not to be reappointed" but gave no explanation and did not say whether the President has picked a successor.

PRESIDENTS SIGNS INFLATION BILL

Anderson Immediately Cut Grain Allocation To Distillers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. — (AP) — President Truman signed the Republican inflation control bill today and two departments promptly took steps aimed at saving grain and cutting prices of export goods.

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson issued a temporary grain-allocation order cutting whiskey production sharply for the next month.

Along The Cape Fear

HEROINE'S HOME — Yesterday the column started the story of a confederate war heroine's attachment for her adopted southland. The story, as revealed in old papers continues with the description of her house near Fort Fisher.

Wallace Proposes Seven-Point Plan For "European Recovery"

ST. PETERSBURG SEEMS IMMUNE FROM EVEN MAN-MADE SNOWS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 30. — (AP) — One-hundred pounds of dry ice were dropped from an airplane into clouds under perfect conditions here today to "prove" a Chamber of Commerce boast that "it can't snow in St. Petersburg."

KONITSA RELIEF DRAWING CLOSER

ATHENS, Dec. 30. — (AP) — Regular Greek Army forces lunged tonight to within light artillery range of Guerrillas besieging Konitsa after Greek commando units knocked Guerrilla fighters off mountain heights dominating the strategic Bourzani bridge 11 miles west of Konitsa.

CITIZENS PREPARE TO WELCOME 1948

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Church Services, Movies And Parties On Night's Agenda

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Collie's Feud With Fur Piece Winds Up In Court

BOSTON, Dec. 30. — A feud between a golden Collie and a silver fox fur piece wound up in West Roxbury District court today and the dog's bark almost cost his master a \$10 "bite."

HUMAN POLAR BEAR WILL FOREGO SWIM ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30. — (AP) — Ralph Unglo, self-styled human Polar bear, has decided to forego his annual New Year's dip in the frigid waters of the Allegheny river. It's too hot.

ARMY CAPTAIN ADMITS THEFT OF PAY CHECKS; GETS 5 YEARS

CAMP Lee, Va., Dec. 30. — (AP) — An Army captain who admitted cashing the checks of superior officers and spending the money in a 15-day absence without leave spree was found guilty by a courtmartial today and sentenced to dismissal from the service and five years at hard labor.

SHIPPERS WILL PAY BILLION MORE YEAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. — (AP) — A further "emergency" railroad freight rate increase of 10 per cent was authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission today, boosting charges 20 per cent above what they were last Oct. 1.

Domestic Water Carriers, Forwarders Also Get "Redress" By Order

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. — (AP) — Between now and then, the Commission hopes to complete its study of the railroads' plea for a permanent 30 per cent increase in charges and to decide what the long term rates should be.

Independent Presidential Candidate Urges Reconstruction Fund

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 30. — (AP) — Independent Presidential candidate Henry Wallace proposed tonight a seven-point "Wallace Plan," financed by all nations "possessed of the means" and administered by the United Nations, to rehabilitate the nations of Europe.

White Primaries Judged Illegal

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 30. — White primaries were declared illegal in Stuth Carolina by the Fourth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals today in a decision which, if upheld by the United States Supreme Court, may have far-reaching effects upon the political and economic structure of the Southern states.

U. S. Circuit Appeals Court Rules Against South Carolina

Upholding a decision by District Judge J. W. Waring, the Appeals Court blasted the contention of South Carolina Democratic party officers that the party there is a "voluntary political association which can exercise unrestricted choice of membership" and that Negroes have "no more right to vote in the Democratic primary than to vote in the election of officers of the Forest Lake Country Club."

Southbound Plane To Leave Half-Hour Earlier Starting Tomorrow

While no announcement of early return of Flight 50 and 151 to service in and out of Wilmington was forthcoming from National Airline headquarters yesterday, James L. Holoman, local manager did release some news of interest to Wilmington air travelers who make frequent trips to Atlanta, Cincinnati, and Chicago.

And So To Bed

After John Walker had made the report for the Junior Chamber of Commerce committee on stray dogs at the club's dinner session last night, Harry Doshier was asked if he had anything to add as a member of the committee.