

WEATHER

NORTH CAROLINA — Increasing cloudiness and mild today with showers and thunderstorms beginning in West this afternoon.

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JOE AND MARILYN 'JUST FRIENDS'



LINKED ROMANTICALLY by columnists, Joe DiMaggio, ex-Yankee star, and film star Marilyn Monroe are pictured on a Hollywood screen set.

Nation - Wide Blackout Looms

Ike Reported Preparing To Return To U. S.

PARIS (AP) — Sources close to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower reported today that he was drafting his letter of resignation as Allied supreme commander.

Eisenhower is also making plans to leave for the United States shortly after May 15 to become an active candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, the informants said.

It was added that Eisenhower plans to send his letter of resignation to Washington soon, possibly next week, and that it is likely to go to both Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett and President Truman.

CONFERS WITH LODGE The letter of resignation, and Eisenhower's plans to go home, were discussed today in a four hour and 15 minute meeting between him and Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., R-Mass his campaign manager, at supreme Allied headquarters at nearby Rocquencourt.

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Pearce Running For Third Term

Constable Oscar R. Pearce of Dunn, one of Harnett's oldest and best known law enforcement officers, went to Lillington today to file for re-election as Constable of Averasboro Township.

Mr. Pearce is now completing his second term in the office and has made a splendid record. The Dunn officer has more than 24 years of service in law enforcement.

He's a native of Franklin, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pearce. He came to Dunn in 1917 and has resided here since.

Mr. Pearce served for two years, in 1925 and 1926 as a deputy sheriff, then spent 18 years, two months and 22 days as a member of Dunn's police department.

In 1948, he was again named a deputy sheriff and the same year was elected constable. He has served as constable for two terms.

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Phone, Steel Strikes Now Seem Certain

By UNITED PRESS A nationwide communications blackout was threatened today by a scheduled telephone strike coming on the heels of a system-wide Western Union walkout, while a crippling steel strike seemed inevitable.

A simultaneous walkout by 41,000 members of the CIO Communications Workers Union in Michigan, Ohio and Northern California along with 15,000 Western Electric installers and distributors in 43 states was set for 6 a.m. (local time) Monday.

And both threatened strikes hinged on a settlement of the steel dispute, a union spokesman said, which brought little hope that they could be averted now that the steel talks had collapsed.

Western Union, meanwhile, said it would re-open offices for a 12-hour day in 40 key cities. The strike by 30,000 Western Union employees seeking a 50-cent an hour package wage increase closed 2,000 main offices and 1,000 branches.

But looming largest of all on the nation's dark labor horizon was the economy-disrupting steel walkout scheduled for next Wednesday at 12:01 a.m.

Industry spokesmen said the vast shutting-down process of Bessemer Converters would begin today after the wage talks collapsed when the CIO United Steel Workers turned down a 16-cent hourly wage hike offer.

"I am quite pessimistic and believe now that a strike will definitely take place," said Phillip Muarry, president of the steel-workers union and the CIO.



JUDGE BURNEY ADDRESSES SHRINERS — Superior Court Judge John J. Burney of Wilmington, center, Imperial Potentate of Sudan Temple, is shown here last night being congratulated by President Joe Wilkins of the Dunn Shrine Club after delivering an outstanding address to the group.

Light Court Docket Heard

Only a few cases were tried yesterday in the Dunn Recorder's Court.

L. C. Parker, issuing worthless check, 90 days suspended, upon payment of costs and the condition that he pay the firm of Pope and Mison \$134.49.

George Anderson Vann of Erwin, Route 1, speeding, was ordered to pay the costs.

George Herman Stancell of Dunn, Route 3, driving drunk, pleaded guilty and was given 90 days, suspended for 12 months on payment of \$100 fine and costs and license suspended.

Ruby McLean, drunk and disorderly, 30 days suspended for six months on payment of costs and good behavior.

Six defendants charged with speeding waived hearing.

General Utility's Fire Damage Light

The Dunn Fire Department answered a call on April 4th at 3:22 a. m. at General Utility Co., owned and operated by Myres Tilghman in the 100 block of E. Harnett St. a building used for delinting and cleaning seed was on fire. Caused

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Dunn Girl Visits Big Medical Firms

Miss Allene Warren of Dunn, a senior in the School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina, has returned to Chapel Hill after visiting three of the world's largest pharmaceutical concerns.

The class visited and inspected the William S. Merrill Company in Cincinnati, the Parke-Davis Company in Detroit and the Upjohn Company in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Miss Warren is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Warren of Dunn.

Two Dunn Men Taken At Still

Two Dunn men, Julius Jackson and Carson Hudson, were arrested during a raid on a 400-gallon whiskey still yesterday in neighboring Sampson County by Federal ATF agents and Cumberland County ABC officers.

Officers, who watched the still for several hours prior to the raid, said the outfit was in full operation at the time of the arrests at 8:30 o'clock.

HAD TO BLOW IT UP The outfit was so large that the raiding officers had to use dynamite to blow up the distillery.

Jackson and Hudson were charged with manufacturing non tax-paid whiskey. They were given a preliminary hearing before Mrs. George Arthur Jackson, local United States Commissioner, and bound over to the next term of Federal Court in Fayetteville.

Federal officers said these two arrests brought their total up to 15 during recent weeks. Numerous stills were destroyed in these raids.

Truman Says Peace Outlook Is Better

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman said today that the chances for maintaining world peace are "steadily increasing" as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization builds up its defensive forces.

But he warned that the 14 treaty nations must not relax their rearmament drive, even though it entails "heavy burdens and sacrifices."

Mr. Truman spoke at Constitution Hall ceremonies celebrating the third anniversary of the historic Atlantic treaty. Queen Juliana of The Netherlands, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and other high officials of the Pact powers attended.

MOST URGENT TASK Acheson said the building of "greater strength for defense" is still the "most urgent task" of the Western allies.

Warning that "danger is still with us," he said: "There is not yet enough strength

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Students Need Chairs To Eat, So Mothers Are Baking Cakes

Because of an odd arrangement in appropriation of county funds for school cafeterias, members of Dunn's Parent-Teacher Association are going to be mighty busy next week baking cakes.

The Dunn High School was recently provided with a handsome new cafeteria, converted from the old gymnasium.

It's a fine cafeteria. The county provided the funds for the remodeling and conversion—but not a dime for chairs or tables.

Whether or not the students were expected to stand up or eat on the floor wasn't disclosed. At any rate there were no funds and the chairs and tables had to be provided by local citizens.

AVOIDED WASTE If local citizens hadn't seen fit to provide same, the county's investment in converting the building into a cafeteria would have been just so much money absolutely wasted and a fine building would be standing idle.

To help pay off a balance of \$955 on the tables and chairs and to purchase a new piano for the Dunn Grammar School, Mrs. Frank Sprull announced today that a cake sale will be held on Saturday before Easter, April 12, at the M-System Store. Proceeds will be turned over to the schools for these and other purposes.

Principal A. E. Johnson pointed out that the policy of providing

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School Destroyed, Two Dead 14 Hurt As Tornadoes Hit

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tornadoes hit New Orleans and Mobile, Ala., today right on schedule of a weather bureau forecast. Two persons were killed, at least 14 were injured and an \$80,000 school was demolished.

The weather bureau warned that small tornadoes could be expected in Southern Alabama, southwestern Georgia and extreme north-west Florida.

Even as the bulletin was issued in Washington, reports came in of windstorms that hit a half a dozen Louisiana localities in the New Orleans area and 12 miles west of Mobile.

The early casualties were reported from Louisiana.

TURNED INTO RUBBLE The Baker high school building near Mobile was turned into rubble and Bates Field, the municipal airport, was damaged. The school students were on holiday because of the state teachers convention.

Hit by the wind were Bridge City. (Continued On Page Two)

New Clean-Up Drive Slated To Begin

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman called in a new attorney general today to salvage the corruption purge that was all but wrecked by a violent feud which blasted J. Howard McGrath and Newbold Morris out of the government.

Mr. Truman assigned the monumental task to Federal Judge James P. McGranery of Philadelphia after firing McGrath from the cabinet. McGrath had disposed of Morris as corruption cleanup chief less than four hours before.

MAY GET FREE HAND McGranery was expected to go to the White House today with advance assurances that the President will give him a free hand in ridding the government of wrongdoers.

But Republicans and some Democrats in Congress were openly skeptical that the cleanup drive will get any further under McGranery than it has moved in the four months since Mr. Truman hastened back from a Key West Fla. vacation to take "drastic action."

CALL IT "SHAM" They said the ouster of Morris, who had tried to circulate financial questionnaires to McGrath and other top officials, showed that the anti-corruption program was never intended to be anything more than a sham.

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Big Auction Set For Monday Noon

Some of the most desirable land in this section will be sold at public auction Monday at noon, it was announced today by Attorney J. Robert Young.

Property to be sold is the Hattie Hinson farm and house, located just about a mile out of town on the Dunn-Jonesboro road.

Mr. Young pointed out that this property is desirable for building lots as well as for farming, and is ideal for a new residential development.

Both the home and farm are being sold at auction under court order. Myres W. Tilghman is the administrator and A. R. Taylor is the commissioner.

HUNTER TO SPEAK Dr. W. B. Hunter, county health officer, will address the Dunn Rotary Club tonight at 6:30 o'clock at Johnson's Restaurant in Dunn.

Dr. Hunter will talk about Dunn's new health center.

Changed Her Mind CHICAGO (AP) — Cook County Clerk Richard J. Daley says a woman returned her marriage license with the declaration: "I am most happy to inform you that this marriage did not and will not take place."

MARKETS

EGGS AND POULTRY

RALEIGH (AP) — Today's egg and live poultry markets: Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers and broilers steady with weaker undertone, supplies adequate to plentiful, demand fair to good.

Heavy hens steady, supplies plentiful, demand fair. Fryers paid producers FOB farm: Prices and broilers 27, heavy hens 23-26, mostly 25-26.

For the week: Fryers and broilers (Continued on Page Two)

BULLETINS

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — Allied and Communist staff officers recessed prisoner talks today to give both sides a chance to confer at higher levels on how to break up the deadlock holding up a Korean armistice.

WASHINGTON (AP) — House economy forces today cautiously considered still deeper cuts in a military spending bill despite congressional warnings that it may already have been slashed "too much."

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP) — South Carolina Constabulary officials filed flogging charges against six men, including a former police chief, as a two-state drive to stamp out Ku Klux Klan terrorism in the Carolinas continued today.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Queen Juliana of the Netherlands wound up her three-day Washington visit today with a merry-go-round of speeches and press conferences and a chat with wounded war veterans.

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP) — Prison sentences ranging from two to five years were imposed today on six persons found guilty of conspiring to advocate violent overthrow of the government.

Washington (AP) — Newbold Morris sang what he

Student Murders Wife, Lives With Body 8 Days

CHICAGO (AP) — A 35-year-old University of Chicago student told police today how he killed his pretty wife, then slept, ate and studied for eight days while her half-clad body lay on the bedroom floor.

Harold Roland Markham led Police Lt. Frank O'Sullivan to his South Side apartment where the body of his wife, Mary Elizabeth Markham, 37, was found clad in a black slip and white blouse.

SHOT 3 TIMES She had been shot three times, once in the face and twice in the body.

A nickel-plated pistol lay under a bed. Three empty cartridges were on the floor along with a penciled note.

"Three for your comfort," it said.

Markham told police it referred to the three bullets he fired into his wife.

Another penciled note was found in the bedroom.

"It was lovely to know you, my only," it said.

CAME AFTER ARGUMENT Markham, a bright student in library practices from Marietta, O., told police the slaying came as the climax to an argument March 27 between him and his wife over her working and a trip he wanted to take.

After the shooting, Markham said, he contemplated taking his own life.

He placed a pillow near his wife's body, then lay down on the floor and placed his head on the pillow.

He put the gun to his head—then lost his nerve, he said.

Thereafter, he said, he went about his activities as usual. He attended classes at the university, came home in the evenings, ate his meals and studied as before.

HER BODY AT HIS FEET At bedtime, he went to sleep on the bed with his wife's body on the floor at his feet.

Yesterday, he said, he "began to bother" his wife's body to the home of a friend, Kronick, and told him she had been finally buried.

Kronick then told police that