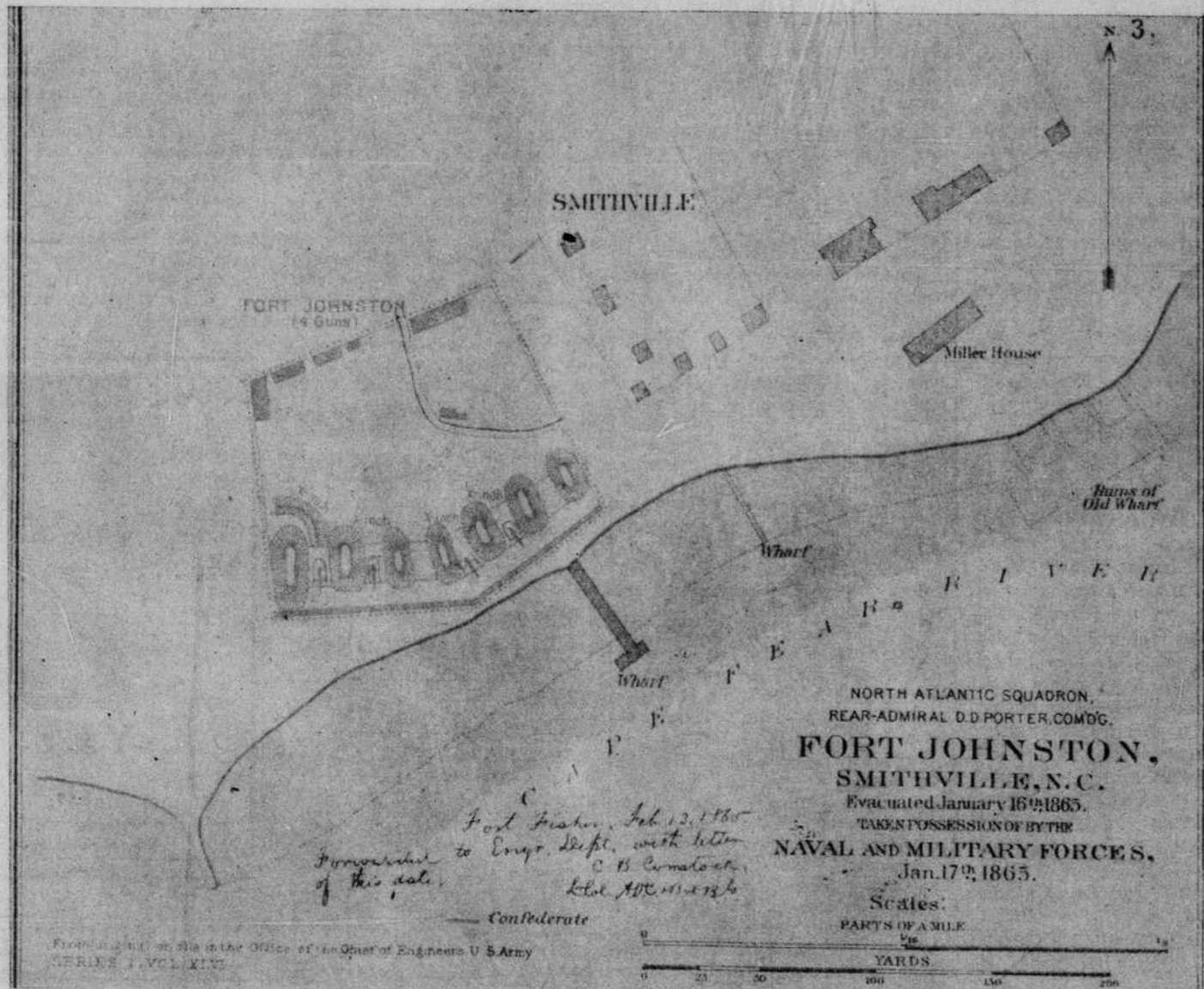


Plan Of Fort Johnston



MISLEADING—If other Confederate military intelligence was as faulty as the above layout of Fort Johnston and the Town of Smithville appears to be, it is small wonder that the cause was lost. This map, prepared in 1865, shows the fort facing the Cape Fear River, but it also indicates that the

town itself lay principally to the northeast. As a matter-of-fact, the fort was at about the center of what is now Southport, and even during the days of the Civil War the principal business district lay South and West of the fortification.—Cut Courtesy State Magazine.)

Fort Johnston Holds Important Place In History

Information Contained In James Sprunt's "Sketches Of The Lower Cape Fear" Discloses Early Official Action

Not only does Fort Johnston occupy a prominent place geographically in Southport, it has been a place of great importance for more than 200 years and has rendered valuable service in the protection of the mouth of the Cape Fear river.

Following is an extract from James Sprunt's "Sketches of the Lower Cape Fear", and is a quotation from a memorandum sent Mr. Sprunt by the War Department:

"The erection of the original fort was provided for by an Act of the Colonial Assembly held at New Berne, April 20th, 1745 (page 94 of the Laws of North Carolina). It recited that, 'Whereas from the present War with France and Spain, there is great reason to fear that such parts of this Province which are situated most commodious for shipping to enter, may be invaded by the enemy; and whereas the entrance of Cape Fear River, from its known depth of water and other conveniences of navigation may tempt them to such an enterprise while it remains in so naked and defenceless a condition as it now is: Therefore, for the better securing of the Inhabitants of the said river from any insult and invasion,' etc. * * * That the 'Fort or Battery shall be called Johnston's Fort, and shall be large enough to contain at least Twenty-four Cannon, with Barracks and other conveniences for Soldiers.'"

"This was before the opening of New Inlet. This opening, which was caused by a violent equinoctial storm in 1761, increased in importance, so as to form a new mouth for the Cape Fear River, deepening from 6 feet at low water in 1797 to 10 feet at low water in 1839, had a marked effect upon that river, diminishing the depth of water upon the main bar entrance from 15 feet in 1797 to 9 feet in 1839. Prior to the opening of New Inlet, and even until 1839, Baldhead channel was the natural and main entrance Continued On Page Two

Name Principal For Shallotte

Irie Leonard, Former Principal At Southern Pines, Will Head Big Brunswick County School This Fall

Irie Leonard is the new principal at Shallotte high school.

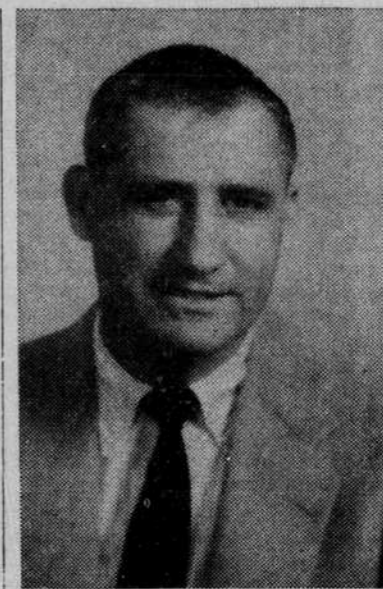
He comes to Brunswick county from Southern Pines, where he served for 8 years as high school principal and head football coach. Prior to going to the Moore county school, Leonard was teacher and coach at Walnut Grove.

The new Shallotte principal is a graduate of Guilford College, where he received his A. B. degree in 1948. He received his Masters from the University of North Carolina in 1951.

The new Shallotte principal is married to the former Roxie Jane Robeson of Graham, and they have two sons, one age 6, the other 10-months old. Mrs. Leonard also is a teacher, with a major in English.

During World War II Leonard served in the U. S. Army Air Corps for 3½ years and won the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal, with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He was active in the European theatre of operations.

Leonard has a solid background of athletic interest and achievement. It started in college, where he won 8 varsity letters while playing football, basketball and baseball. He has coached both



IRIE LEONARD

6-man and 11-man football teams, and has carried 6 teams to the State finals in this sport.

He is a member of the Southern Pines Lions Club, Southern Pines Moose Lodge, Sandhills American Legion. He is a member of the board of directors of the N. C. Coaching Association and is a former member of the Board of Control of the North Carolina Athletic Association.

He is a member of the Board of Deacons of the Congregationalist church in Southern Pines.

Numerous People Endorse Bowman For Highway Job

Representative From Brunswick County Has Been Prominently Mentioned As Possible Appointee

GOVERNOR HODGES TO FILL VACANCY

Vacancy Created By Death Of E. L. White Of Wilmington Will Be Filled Upon Hodges Return From Russia

A strong movement is on foot in support of Representative James C. Bowman of Brunswick county for appointment to the State Highway Commission, succeeding the late E. L. White of Wilmington, whose death occurred late last month while on a business trip at Linville.

Members of the board of county commissioners sent a letter to Governor Luther H. Hodges Monday, strongly urging his favorable consideration of the Southport attorney for this vacancy. It is understood that similar action will be taken by members of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Southport.

Kirby Sullivan, chairman of the Brunswick County Democratic Executive Committee, has called a meeting of this body for Friday night at Bolivia for the purpose of phrasing an endorsement of Representative Bowman.

Both the News and Observer and the Wilmington Star-News have listed Representative Bowman as a likely prospect for this appointment. In the Sunday Star-News one of the staff men reported an interview with Senator S. Bunn Frink, in which the Brunswick county senator strongly endorsed his colleague in the legislature.

Bowman is expected to have strong support from other areas outside Brunswick county. Not only was he well-liked by his fellow legislators, he is a native of Anson county and therefore has interests that are not confined to Southeastern North Carolina. That is considered to be an asset, since the seven-man highway commission is State-wide in scope of operations.

Bowman is now serving for a third term as president of the Southeastern North Carolina Beach Association, and in this role has led several important

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Shallotte Man Dies Suddenly

Death Of Harvey L. Stanley Wednesday Night Attributed To Heart Attack

Harvey Luther Stanley, 55, died at the home of his brother, James A. Stanley, in Shallotte, Wednesday night, after suffering a heart attack.

The deceased is well known throughout Brunswick county, and for 28 years served as rural mail carrier for Shallotte.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John A. Stanley.

Final rites were held from the graveside of Chapel Hill Cemetery, Friday at 5 p. m. by the Rev. H. B. Bennett. Survivors include a brother, James A. Stanley, Shallotte and two nephews, Lt. D. L. Stanley, Ft. Bragg and R. E. Stanley, San Angelo, Texas.

Was Secretary Of State Thad Eure Governor

Senator S. Bunn Frink figured this week that Secretary of State Thad Eure was acting governor of North Carolina for several hours last week—and probably didn't even know it.

The constitution provides that in the absence of the governor, the lieutenant governor shall act. Governor Luther H. Hodges has been in Russia for the past two weeks, and Lt. Governor Luther Barnhardt had been filling certain duties of that office.

The constitution also provides that in the absence of the lieutenant governor, the president pro-tem of the Senate shall take over certain duties of that office—and although it is not spelled out in this same section, it is assumed that in his capacity he would move up to fill a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor.

Then it is set forth that in the event it becomes necessary, the Secretary of State may convene a session of the General Assembly, assigning him duties usually vested only in the governor's office.

Well, a week ago Sunday while Hodges was in Russia, Lt. Governor Barnhardt and Senator Robert Morgan, pres-

Shallotte Votes For ABC Store

Tuesday Election Resulted In Vote Of 125 For And 39 Against Establishment Of Liquor Store

WILLIAMSON HEADS ABC COMMITTEE

Selection Of Store Site And Hiring Manager Is Now In Hands Of This Local Committee

Shallotte citizens gave overwhelming support Tuesday to the proposition for the establishment of an ABC store in that community. The vote was 125 for and 39 against, with two spoiled ballots.

Members of the board of aldermen met last night and named Odell Williamson chairman of the Shallotte ABC Board, setting his term at 3 years. E. M. Pearsall was named to serve for 2 years; and W. J. McLamb, Jr., was named for a 1-year term.

Further steps in the operation of a store new rest in the hands of this board, who have responsibility for hiring a manager, securing a suitable building for the store and making necessary arrangements for establishing an inventory.

When the ABC store is opened at Shallotte, legal sales of liquor will be carried on at two points in Brunswick county. An ABC store opened in Southport two years ago this fall.

Triples Create Great Interest Over Wide Area

Communications Received By Mr. And Mrs. Nathan B. Miller Include Numerous Offers Of Help

Life may never be the same again for the Nathan Miller family following birth of triplets at Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport ten days ago.

This fact soon dawned upon the 55-year old father as he contemplated the sheer economic implications of three more mouths to feed. Then when he gave voice to this perplexity, and the story was interpreted to mean that he and his wife might be giving consideration to allowing the three baby girls to be adopted, the deluge of mail and telephone calls descended.

Ben McDonald, news commentator for Television Station WECT, helped to level off the reaction when he made an earnest appeal for financial help for them on his program Friday afternoon.

Since that time, offers have fallen into three categories: There have been those who professed to want to adopt the children, and Miller reported one hazy offer of \$50,000 for the girls, "which I turned down. It Continued On Page Two

USE Dredge Gerig Here Next Week

The U. S. Engineers hopper dredge Gerig is scheduled to arrive off Southport Tuesday for approximately 3 weeks of maintenance dredging in the Cape Fear river bar channel. The immediate objective is to restore the channel to 35-foot depth.

The Gerig has been at work on the Beaufort bar channel for approximately 6 weeks and is scheduled to complete that operation Saturday.

Will Consider Disaster Plan

Miss Helen Stacy From Regional Red Cross Headquarters Will Visit Brunswick County Red Cross Chapter Friday

Preparedness plans to be put into effect by the Brunswick County Red Cross Chapter if a hurricane strikes will be reviewed with a national Red Cross disaster service representative during conferences in Southport Friday.

Miss Helen Stacy, of the organization's Southeastern Area headquarters disaster staff in Atlanta, Ga., will confer with the chapter's disaster committee on shelter, feeding, and other emergency services, according to Mrs. Phil King, chapter chairman.

The Brunswick County visit is part of the organization's "Operation Hurricane Watch," consisting of conferences in chapters in 125 southeastern Atlantic and Gulf coast counties and parishes in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Chapter one-day visits will extend through July.

Mrs. King says emergency preparation for adequate mass care of hurricane evacuees or victims will be discussed, as well as training of volunteers for hurricane activity, and coordination of Red Cross operations with those of governmental and other agencies which have disaster responsibility.

Also to be reviewed are plans for helping individual families among the victims who may need assistance beyond shelter, feeding, and other mass care. This additional aid, Mrs. King says, might include funds to the extent needed for homes reconstruction and refurnishing, hospital and medical expenses, occupational and other

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Lions Hear Of Pakistan Trip

Brig. General James Glor Gives Interesting Account Of Recent Visit To This Foreign Country At Thursday Meeting

Brig. Gen. James Glor, who returned last month from a 5-weeks stay in East Pakistan, gave a report of that visit to the Southport Lions Club at its meeting Thursday night.

General Glor was in that country on a mission to study the transportation problems, which are considered to be basic where an organized effort is to be made for economic improvement.

He expressed the opinion that the partition of India so that Pakistan is divided into two parts, located a distance of 1,200 miles Continued On Page Two

Senator Jordan Fishing Visitor

Southport continues to attract distinguished visitors this summer, and Saturday evening Senator Everett Jordan was dinner guest of Representative and Mrs. James C. Bowman. The next day he went out on a fishing trip with a party of upstate men.

This visit follows in the heels of the visit last week of several of the outstanding members of the State Legislature, both the Senate and House, who were here as guests of Senator S. Bunn Frink and Representative James C. Bowman.

English Mayor Donates Books

Another Tea Chest Filled With Books For Southport Public Library Arrives From England; Houghtons Give Books

Another tea chest filled with books donated by citizens of Southport, England, to the Southport Public Library has arrived, and included among its contents are several volumes from Mrs. Mae Bamber, mayor of that English city.

As other contributions to the local library come in, notable among the books received are several volumes from Mr. and Mrs. William Houghton, who will leave soon for duty with the U. S. Army Transportation Corps in France.

The Bamber collection includes the following volumes: "The Country of the Pointed Firs" by Jewett; "The Cathedral," by Waipole; "Twenty Pomes," by Bamber; "Murder In The Cathedral," by Eliot; "Horses, Hounds, and Humans" by Noakes; "Caucasic Carols" by Hobson; "Mythas and Legends of the Middle Ages," by Guerber; "The English Poets," by Cecil; "The Song of Bernadette," by Weraff; "The Weekend Book," by Meynell; "The Admirable Crichton," by Barrie; "Present Indicative," by Coward; "Much Ado About Mowbray," by Hatton; "Wanderlust," by Rimmer; "Satirical Poems," by Lynd; "The Cruel Sea," by Monsarrat; "The Flashing Stream," by Morgan; "Peace Among the Pelicans," by Foster; "Choral Speech," by Burniston; "My Graces," by Davies; "Phygoing," by Agate; "Cheaper By The Dozen" by Gilbreth; "Radio Plays and How To Write Them," by Hatton; "Mr. Everyman," by Hatton; "Gilbert Frankau's Self-Portrait" by Frankau's; "The Golden

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Tropical Storm Hovering Off The Atlantic Seaboard Packs Winds Of Gale Force, With Velocity Increasing

COURSE AT NOON AWAY FROM SHORE

Indications Point To Heavy Rainfall With Tides Slightly Above Normal Today (Wednesday)

Hurricane Cindy, the first tropical storm of the season to menace the Carolina coast, is sulking off the coast of South Carolina this afternoon trying to make up her mind whether to develop into a full-blown hurricane and trying to decide which way to travel.

At noon the location of the center of this disturbance was located about 110-miles east of Charleston, S. C., with winds near the center up to 70-miles per hour. Its course was described as erratic.

A close eye was being kept trained upon the area by the Hurricane Watch forces of the U. S. Weather Bureau, which had not called for a Hurricane Alert.

Gale storm warnings were being displayed from the tower in the Garrison at Southport this morning and strong winds were accompanied by heavy rainfall. There was little evidence of unusually high tides, and there was no evidence of great concern on the part of local residents.

Ex-Brunswick Sheriff Dies

Jasper A. Russ Died Thursday In Columbus County Hospital In Whiteville Following Extended Illness

Jasper A. Russ, a former sheriff of Brunswick County, died in Columbus County Hospital here, Thursday at 11:30 a. m. after an extended illness.

Mr. Russ was a native of Shallotte and the son of the late Zack and Delphia Russ of Brunswick County. He served as Brunswick County's sheriff for three terms, from 1932-38, and later was in the mercantile business in Shallotte until retiring several years ago. He was a member of Camp Methodist Church, Shallotte. Mr. Russ was 69 years of age.

Funeral rites were held Friday at 3 p. m. at Camp Methodist Church by Revs. W. R. King, Frank Johnson and H. A. Phillips, Jr. with burial in Books Cemetery.

Survivors include three sons, Woodrow, Bailey and Pearlte Russ, all of Shallotte; three daughters, Mrs. Parker Felton of Wilmington, Mrs. Harry

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

WEEK-END VISIT
W. P. Jorgensen, patient at State Sanatorium at McCain, spent the past week-end at his home in Southport.

BUSINESS TRIP
Brig. Gen. James Glor will leave Thursday on the first leg of a business trip to Alaska. His family will visit relatives in Indiana during his absence.

KING MACKEREL
J. E. Smith of Burgaw landed a 30½-lb king mackerel at Long Beach fishing pier Saturday afternoon. It was the first of these fish taken at that pier this season.

BUSINESS TRIP
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rideout of Alexandria, Va., are here on a business trip, specifically for the purchase of the Dr. Landis G. Brown residence on Atlantic avenue. Mr. Rideout is Movie Editor for National Geographic and plans to retire right after the first of the year.

Capt. Adams Is No. 1 In Class

Recent Graduate Of An International Marine School At Quantico Is Here On Visit

High ranking graduate of an international marine school is Capt. Charles M. Adams, son of Judge and Mrs. W. M. Adams of Amarillo, Texas.

He is married to the former Miss Marion Frink of Southport, and they are here with their children for a visit.

The captain was No. 1 on a list of graduates numbering 177, including students from 12 foreign countries.

Capt. Adams, a West Point graduate, is also a graduate of the Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., and the Air Support Specialist School at Fort Bragg, N. C. He is a veteran of World War II and served with the paratroops in Korea.

He was granted a master of arts in English literature at the University of Pennsylvania in

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TIME and TIDE

By JIMMIE HARPER

It was July 5, 1939, and the Moores and McRackens were combining to flood the Southport watermelon market. Wallace and Claude Moore had a total of 36 acres, Thompson and Robert McRacken 32, and they were all coming in at once. The sports fishermen were still on the barracuda kick, and a news story that week insisted that these fish were found "at only one point in North Carolina . . . out 20 miles and more from Southport." Light Keeper F. Mollycheck had a mystery on his hands: the Snow's Cut beacon, in its proper place on Thursday afternoon, could nowhere be found on Friday morning; Mrs. Mollycheck had also figured in the news: she had caught a 6-pound largemouth bass during the past week; and Postmaster and Mrs. L. T. Yaskell were visiting relatives in Pennsylvania.

A road crew was in Southport to widen the highway from Sawdust Trail to the railroad station some two feet. Three of the menhaden fishermen of Brunswick Navigation had been recently equipped with ship-to-shore radios; a power cruiser owned by Frank Sherrill soon to be based at Southport was reported to have the same convenience; and our Not Exactly newsmen had made passing comment on a local, neo-Grecian physique.

It was July 5, 1944, and commercial fishermen had been warned that there would be live (practice) firing in the area from Cape Fear to Shallotte Inlet. The full impact of this notice from the Army Air Corps had not yet been felt, but there was much pessimistic speculation, for commercial fishing had just sprung back into pre-war proportions. The Amuzu theater was offering a free show to those who purchased a War Bond on the following Thursday; Ray Walton had just completed training as a

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Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the next week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

High Tide	Low Tide
Thursday, July 9,	
9:55 A. M.	3:54 A. M.
10:07 P. M.	4:03 P. M.
Friday, July 10,	
10:40 A. M.	4:35 A. M.
10:52 P. M.	4:50 P. M.
Saturday, July 11,	
11:31 A. M.	5:20 A. M.
11:42 P. M.	5:43 P. M.
Sunday, July 12,	
0:00 A. M.	6:09 A. M.
12:28 P. M.	6:43 P. M.
Monday, July 13,	
0:37 A. M.	7:05 A. M.
1:29 P. M.	7:47 P. M.
Tuesday, July 14,	
1:39 A. M.	8:05 A. M.
2:35 P. M.	8:54 P. M.
Wednesday, July 15,	
2:45 A. M.	9:09 A. M.
3:40 P. M.	10:00 P. M.