

THE WEATHER
Partly cloudy with scattered afternoon showers in east portion Thursday. Friday generally fair and continued warm.

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Sandy Hook to Hatteras: Moderate southeast or south wind and mostly overcast weather, probably occasional showers Thursday.

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Chinese Communists Come To Assistance Of Nanking In Defense Against Japan

Will Defend North China to Last, Is Resolve

Courting Russia

Chiang's Central Government Forces Move Into the Battle Zone

Peking, Thursday, July 15. (U.P.) Chiang Kai-shek's red horde, moved out of the western mountains of Shensi today to join the nationalist leaders of General Chiang Kai-shek, against the Japanese militarists seeking to annex China, the richest territory to the empire of Manchuria.

Wanted by Japan that she will intervene in the undeclared China war, the central government moved today with a vow to support China "to the last drop of Chinese blood."

Reds Encourage Defense

The Chinese Communist party today announced the National Red Army and by Chiang Kai-shek's general Chinese Communist forces to make a last ditch fight against the Japanese.

Chiang Kai-shek's central government was today reported to have received support from the Soviet Union to retain control over Chinese territory between the Yellow River—China's sorrow—and the Great Wall, the Chinese Communist party issued a manifesto containing these demands:

1. That Gen. Sung Chieh-yuan,

Russian Airmen Hang Up A New Long Distance Record

Cover 6,668 Miles From Moscow Over Top of the World and Land In Pasture Near San Jacinto, California; 62 1/2 Hours In the Air

San Jacinto, Calif., July 14. (U.P.)—Three daring Soviet fliers riding a red-winged, single-motored monoplane "over the top of the world" from Moscow, circled out of the sunbaked hills south of this tiny desert town today and landed in a cow pasture, shattering the world non-stop flying record by more than 1,000 miles.

The giant Russian plane, which fought through Arctic blizzards and buffeting storms over the Canadian Rockies, was forced to land when a leak in a gasoline line sent a spray of precious fuel spurting into the air behind the roaring flame of its exhaust.

The fliers, tired but happy, climbed out of the long-hulled plane with a new mark of 6,668 miles non-stop flying under their belts, surpassing the record of 5,637 miles set three years ago by two Frenchmen, Paul Codos and Maurice Rossi, in a flight from New York to Raykac, Syria.

Pilot Michael Gromov, Co-pilot Andrei Yumashev and the navigator, Sergei Danilin, grinning despite their weariness, found themselves unable to take with any persons in the crowd which rushed toward the Soviet plane.

With gestures for emphasis, Gromov wrote:

"Sixty-two hours and thirty minutes in the air."

That was the elapsed time since the trio of intrepid Russian airmen took off from Scheikow airport, near Moscow, at 8:25 p. m. (E.D.T.) Sunday. They landed at about 10:30 a. m. (E.D.T.), making their unofficial elapsed time 62 hours, six minutes.

The fliers, lost for hours early today as they roared down the Pacific coast on the home stretch of their trip, had indicated they

He Looks and Acts Like Abraham Lincoln



L. D. AYLEY

Luther D. Ayley, who in every way looks not unlike George Arliss but who on the stage is known from coast to coast as the greatest living impersonator of Abraham Lincoln will visit the old home town next week, and while here will give the home folk an exhibition of his famous Lincoln impersonation on the stage of the Carolina Wednesday night, July 21.

Mr. Ayley is a brother of N. T. Ayley, of the Ayley Products Co. of this city, and of Mrs. J. O. Meigs. A native of Currick County, he came to Elizabeth City with his father, the late C. C. Ayley in 1904 and opened a men's furnishing store, trading as The Elk Store. The business was eluded out a few years later and Mr. Ayley went first to Norfolk and then to Chicago, in which latter city he was employed by Marshall Field & Co. Later he moved to Buffalo, N. Y., where he is now sales manager of Kleinhans Co., one of the largest men's stores in that city. In was in Buffalo that he

Second Day Of Futile Search By Lexington

Million-to-One Chance But Planes Will Scour the Pacific for 5 Days

Honolulu, T. H., July 14. (U.P.)—U. S. Navy seaplanes backtracked today over the aerial route believed taken by Amelia Earhart and Frederick Noonan on their around the world flight which ended in their disappearance in mid-Pacific 12 days ago.

As the planes, shooting from the broad decks of the aircraft carrier Lexington, began the second day of their search, it was indicated they would fly back over at least 600 miles of the 2,550 mile route the fliers followed from Lae, New Guinea.

Forty-two planes went out this morning, to make a final search of the area immediately around Howland Island, toward which Miss Earhart was aiming.

The planes found no trace of the fliers or their \$80,000 Lockheed Electra plane in the morning. The same number of planes went into the air in the afternoon. The Lexington, moving southwestward as the hunt was extended, was at the equator and the international

Boss Sitdowner Has New Run-In With The Unions

Detroit, July 14. (U.P.)—Walter L. Fry, the nation's number one sit-down boss, tonight announced to the world that there are "too many bosses trying to run Fry Products, Inc."

His charge that multiple management was interfering with the auto seat cover business he owns was included in a letter to the United Automobile Workers of America in which he suggested that the auto union should:

1. Be legally incorporated.
2. Present its financial statements.
3. Prove its responsibility and ability to fulfill contracts.

"Then," said Mr. Fry, "I shall consider signing your submitted contract."

It was Fry's second brush with the youthful auto union. On February 19, when 150 of his girls sat-down for higher wages and

Concert Class Will Appear Here Tonight

A varied and entertaining program will be presented at the Christian Church tonight at 8:00 o'clock when the I. O. O. F. Concert Class of 1937 makes its annual appearance here.

The concert class, which is from the Odd Fellows' Orphan Home at Goldsboro, will combine two programs into one tonight, using some of the numbers from its regular concert program and some from the program it uses in churches on Sundays.

A quartet, an orchestra, vocal soloists, instrumental soloists, a mandolin ensemble and other features will contribute to the evening's entertainment.

The class is composed of the following members: Mildred Cartwright, of Camden; Richard Ball and Shirley Ball of Sulphur Springs, Sibley and Margaret Blaylock, of Waynesville, Eunice Highsmith of Mt. Olive, Lillian Roberts of Hamburg, and Ben, Mickey and Lorena Wellons, of Jefferson.

No admission will be charged, but a free will offering will be taken at the door.

Fort Raleigh Turned Over To Memorial Association

Monteic, July 14.—George W. Conn, Jr. State WPA administrator formally turned the finished Fort Raleigh project over to the Raleigh County Memorial Association at the opening ceremonies of WPA Day at the amphitheatre here tonight. The project was accepted on behalf of the association by D. Bradford Fearing, and during the ceremonies A. Q. Bell, who has been in charge of construction, Mrs. Mae Campbell and Mrs. M. P. Hodges, state and district supervisors of women's projects and Howard Bailey, state director of federal theatre projects, were called upon to speak.

Close to 1,000 persons attended the opening of the symphonic concert-drama, "The Lost Colony" at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

Pyrethrum Is Skeeters' Doom

As a result of an experiment carried out at Fort Raleigh last week, State health authorities have declared that making large outdoor areas mosquito-proof is now an established fact.

The Raleigh News & Observer tells the story thus:

When preparations for the Virginia Dare celebration at Roanoke Island got underway earlier this year, those familiar with the region between Manteo and Wanchese began to wonder about the mosquito situation. They pictured huge crowds swarming the insects from their faces and necks as they tried to watch the evening pageantry at the exhibition.

Some who were connected with

Loyalist Push Halted Claims Rebel General

Salamanca, Spain, July 14.—(U.P.) Generalissimo Francisco Franco, dictator of the Nationalist armies, announced tonight that the Loyalist offensive west of Madrid had been "completely smashed" and that his troops were reorganizing their battered lines.

Franco, who received foreign correspondents in his headquarters

Verdict for Railroad In Ownley Case

The case of H. E. Ownley and others against the Norfolk Southern railroad was decided in favor of the defendant by a jury in United States court yesterday afternoon. The plaintiffs had claimed \$5,000 for alleged damage to farm lands in the Okisko section from defective drainage of the railroad's right of way.

Hearing of evidence in the case of Ethel Payne of Ehringhaus St., against N. B. Stonestreet, the Elliott Chevrolet company of Norfolk and Kenneth Jarvis, was begun at the afternoon session. Miss Payne is claiming damages for personal injuries received when the car in which she was riding with Jarvis crashed into one driven by Stonestreet, an employee of the Norfolk concern. The accident occurred at night and it is contended that Stonestreet's car was parked without lights on the highway near Shawboro.

Green Corn Moving To The Markets

With the potato movement from this section all but concluded, green corn is beginning to move to the markets in considerable quantity. Shipped in bags of 60 ears each, the corn so far has been going north to Richmond, Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia by truck, though a considerable quantity was forwarded by rail last year.

Current prices are 12 cents a dozen ears for the Stores' Evergreen grade of sweet sugar corn, and 10 cents for the Norfolk Market, early field corn.

Death Of Senate Leader Precipitates Three-Way Fight For Vacant Place

Senator Joe T. Robinson Dies In Midst Of Battle

Temporary Armistice In Court Reorganization Campaign But The President Indicates Fight Will Go On

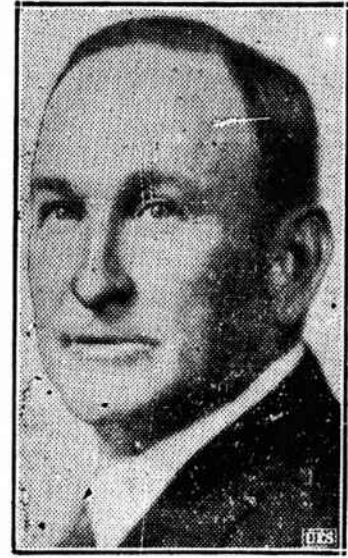
Washington, July 14.—(U.P.)—Political adversaries sheathed their swords tonight in tribute to renate majority leader Joe T. Robinson whose death while fighting for supreme court reorganization bereft President Roosevelt of valiant leadership at a critical moment of battle.

So stunned were Robinson's senate colleagues who witnessed the vigor with which he opened the greatest legislative foray of his career, that Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, D. Mont., called on Mr. Roosevelt to drop the court battle lest he appear to fight against God. Wheeler attributed the Arkansas Democrat's death to over-exertion accentuated by the court fight.

But senators who saw the president after a shocked congress had declared a temporary armistice, said the "fight will go on."

Mr. Roosevelt, who received the news in bed this morning, mourned the passing of a soldier who fell "with face to the battle." He will attend state funeral services for Robinson in the senate chamber at noon Friday, while vice president John Nance Garner will go from his home at Uvalde, Tex., where he is vacationing, to attend state ceremonies and the burial rites at Little Rock, Robinson's birthplace, on Sunday.

Robinson was found in his apartment across Capitol Plaza from the scene of his 34-year congressional career at 8:15 a. m., by a maid who had gone to awaken



SENATOR ROBINSON

him. He apparently had been dead five hours or more, victim of a heart attack when he got up during the night. He was in pajamas.

The only survivor is his widow, who was at their home at Little Rock. After communicating with her Col. Edwin A. Halsey, secretary of the senate, said she would come here for the state funeral.

At 65 Robinson was at the climax of a political career that began in 1894 in the Arkansas general assembly and which, had he

Govt. Quick To Act About Camp

Will Move Coinjock Transients; the County Loses Erosion Work

Coinjock, July 14.—Word was received here today from Washington that the WPA Negro transient camp which has been located here since last summer will be removed from Currick County within 30 days, in compliance with the request of the Board of County Commissioners.

The camp, which quarters some 200 Negro transients who have been engaged in making sand fences for use in beach erosion work, is housed on half a dozen floating units tied alongside of the north bank of the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal, just east of the Coinjock bridge.

Exactly as those who fought against removal of the camp had predicted, the National Park Service announced that removal of the camp will mean that no beach erosion work will be done in Currick county, altho quite a bit had been contemplated.

Racketeer Is Canvassing E. City

Uses Sprained Ankle and Hard Luck Story As Her Bait

A hold-up artist whose weapons are a hard luck story and a bandaged ankle has been plying her trade in Elizabeth City for the past week, according to several business and professional men whom she attempted to victimize.

The modus operandi of this female racketeer is simple—and obvious. For example:

Walking into an insurance office, she asks to see the manager.

"I am Mrs. Cooley," she says by way of introduction. "My mother carries insurance on my two children in Greensboro with your company. My husband will be here next week, and as soon as he arrives I will want to take out a policy on him and one on myself also. Meanwhile, I am in need of a little money in order to pay for some bandages for my ankle. I wonder would it be asking too much of you to lend me forty cents until my husband gets here?"

In a farm supply store, she tells the proprietor that her husband bought some equipment there last spring and intends to purchase some machinery in the fall. But she is caught in town short of funds and needs money to pay for a prescription. Could she borrow

Survey Shows Importance Of Road

Engelhard - Fairfield Highway Bears Heavy Traffic

There is little guess work about the number of families, the number of cultivated farm acres and the traffic and commerce on that 15 miles of N. C. highway No. 264 between Fairfield and Engelhard, in Hyde county. A survey made by R. L. Patrick, W. W. Watson, A. B. Harris and P. E. Swindell in 1935 has just come to the attention of this newspaper. While not up to date, it shows what can be done in the matter of assembling important statistics for use in innumerable ways. Hyde county folks are using these figures right now to emphasize the importance of leveling and surfacing the extension of 264 from Engelhard to Manns Harbor where Hyde county people will find a convenient outlet to the Dare Coast, to Elizabeth City and Norfolk. This highway would put Engelhard within approximately 50 miles of Manteo, whereas the best route afforded an Engelharder who wants to at-

Prettiest Grandmother Is Looking For A Husband

New York, July 14.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Theresa Caffrey was acclaimed the most beautiful grandmother in New York tonight, and her knitting needles went click-click-click while she explained that life began at 82 and that she was in the market for a husband.

She was the winner among 50 entrants in the "three score and ten club's" beauty contest—an epic event which she won by the slender margin of two wrinkles and a fallen arch. Her opponents had the wrinkles. Mrs. Caffrey had the fallen arch and that is why she headed straight for her rocking chair as soon as they gave her the tall silver cup.

That is when her secret came out. She not only is a grandmother, but a great-grandmother—a tall brunette lady who subscribes to the theory that you are as young as you feel so long as you

are in a rocking chair. From that throne she issued this statement: "The young 'uns are always getting married. Why shouldn't I? I have two grandsons and one great-grandson. But I still think I'm young, and I'm looking for a husband."

The beauty contest was a sight to see. Mrs. Caffrey is pretty sure that what really put her across was the dance she did. The rest of the grandmothers just went out and looked pretty. None of that stuff for Grandma Caffrey. She went to work on the judges with a flashing smile and a saucy tilt to her chin. Then her feet began to move.

"What was that dance you did?" she was asked.

Mrs. Caffrey looked a bit coy and everybody thought she was

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Barkley, Harrison and Byrnes Are Likely Timber

President's Pick Would Probably Be First Named But Court Opponents to Fight

Washington, July 14.—(U.P.)—The struggle by conservative Democrats in congress to recapture their party from the hands of President Roosevelt and his new dealers, was expected tonight to flare into the open when a successor to the late Senate Majority Leader Joe T. Robinson, D. Ark., is chosen.

The leadership post is one of power and honor. Its occupant speaks for the White House in the senate; he moulds party policies; combats legislation distasteful to the administration and guides its measures through the upper house. His authority in the chamber is second to the vice president who is presiding officer.

Elected Next Week

Early next week 76 Democrats in the senate will go into caucus to select Robinson's successor. On their selection will rest the fate of legislation such as the supreme court reorganization bill, the government reorganization bill, the wages-and-hours measure already brought forward by President Roosevelt, and future reform legislation which may be offered.

A three-cornered fight for the leadership began weeks ago when Robinson's name was brought forward as a successor to Supreme Court Justice Willis Van Devanter, retired. The candidates mentioned in connection with the post are Sen. Alben Barkley, D. Ky.,

England Ready To Rearm Her Merchantmen

Spanish Situation Reaches Critical Stage As Ship Is Captured

London, July 14.—(U.P.)—Great Britain, reaching the crossroads of peace and war, announced tonight that she is massing guns and equipment to arm her merchant ships in preparation for any "emergency" arising from the Spanish civil war.

While Alfred Duff Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, made the grave announcement in the House of Commons, grim "war games" started along a 150-mile stretch of the British channel coast to test the island's defense against

Fifteen-Pound 'Cat' Landed On Local Waterfront

Local anglers instead of trekking to Oregon Inlet these days are wetting their lines along the riverfront, spurred by the report of the 15-pound catfish hooked and landed at the Globe Fish company dock Tuesday night by Willie Rogers, employe of the Elizabeth City Iron Works.

No fish story, the catch was on exhibition yesterday in the cold storage room of the Globe Fish company, a bullet-headed, bewhiskered "Mississippi cat," 3 1/2 inches long and measuring 5 1/2 inches between the eyes.

Rogers was using a reed pole when he hooked the fish, which was landed in a dip net after a struggle of about 10 minutes.

Cecil Richardson landed a 5 1/2-pound cat near the same spot on Tuesday night and there have been previous catches of the fish weighing nine and 12 pounds. The advent of the Mississippi catfish in these waters is said to have occurred within the past three years.

TODAY'S LOCAL CALENDAR	
A. M.	
8:30	Mens Christian Federation
P. M.	
8:00	Red Men; Troop 152 BSA;
	Choir practices
	Library Hours, 10-12, 2-6.