

## Southeastern North Carolina

## NEWS TIDBITS

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## FOREST FIRES

**SOUTHPORT, March 31.** — High winds, which seem to have arrived along with equally possible dry weather, are causing the Brunswick county forest fire prevention officials to be very much on the alert. During the past several weeks a number of small but damaging fires have occurred. In some instances the loss to timber would have been heavy but for the fact that the undergrowth was rather damp. Should both winds and dryness come now County Forest Fire Warden Dorman Mercer is rather worried at what the effects may be. He is appealing for public cooperation in preventing forest fires.

## RECEIVES DISCHARGE

**CLINTON, March 31.** — Pfc. Columbus Strickland, who served in the armed forces for 23 months, has received his honorable discharge from the army. Strickland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Strickland, Newton Grove.

## REPUBLICANS TO MEET

**SOUTHPORT, March 31.** — Unless some of the four candidates are dissatisfied and stage a contest, Brunswick county Republicans will not enter the primary election in May. Chairman F. L. Lewis and Secretary Charles Trott of the Republican executive com-

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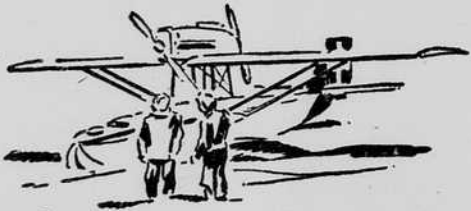
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ESCAPE PLEDGESAmerican Officer Tells  
Court Men Were Lined Up  
Before Firing Squad

**YOKOHAMA, March 31.** — (P) — Naval Capt. Samuel S. Newman told a War Crimes commission Saturday that he and other prisoners of war were forced by the Japanese to sign a pledge not to try to escape.

He said they signed only after they were lined up before a firing squad, to which ammunition was issued.

The statement they signed stipulated that if attempting to escape they would lose all rights as prisoners of war and be subject to any treatment the camp commander saw fit, Newman testified.

He said he told the men to sign on the theory that it would mean nothing.

Newman, from Pittsburgh, returned to Japan from the United States to describe three and one-half years as a prisoner.

Eight Japanese are being tried on charges of killing, beating and torturing prisoners and misappropriating Red Cross supplies at the Kawasaki prison camp.

"SHORTIE" COATS  
MAY COME ALONGCivilian Production Admin-  
istration Does Unwilling  
About Face On Item

**WASHINGTON, March 31.** — (U-P) — The ladies may get their "shortie" coats for spring after all because the Civilian Production Administration may do an unwilling about face.

When CPA discovered that some manufacturers were violating its style order by illegally shortening spring coats — and thus saving many dollars in the fabric costs — the agency was both shocked and incensed and put out an edict.

It ruled that stores must cease selling such coats immediately and that the manufacturers must get on the right track — with coats at least 33 inches long — before the garments could be sold.

A great feminine moan went up from coast to coast. There was Easter Sunday, national sartorial parade day, only a few weeks away, and the gals had their spring coats literally yanked off their backs.

Ironically, the Office of Price Administration which speaks most authoritatively when its regulations are flaunted, wasn't particularly disturbed this time because it has never defined a coat by inches and there were no unseemly bursts through the price ceilings.

The CPA got busy and discovered, much to its consternation, that the length violation was so widespread that nearly all spring coats are abbreviated.

HOUSE OF BISHOPS  
TO MEET IN STATENorth Carolina Gets 1947  
Meeting For First Time  
In History Of Church

**WINSTON-SALEM, March 31.** — (P) — Selection of the St. Paul's Episcopal church here as the site of the 1947 meeting of the denomination's House of Bishops has been confirmed by the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker of New York, presiding bishop of the church.

The meeting, which will continue five days, will be held next January at dates to be determined.

In addition to the 150 American bishops, delegates will attend from Canada, England, India, China, Japan and other foreign countries. The Rev. James S. Cox, rector of St. Paul's church, said it would be the first time in the American Episcopal church's history that its House of Bishops has met in North Carolina.

Screaming Women Rout  
Man Attempting Robbery

**WASHINGTON, March 31.** — (P) — The holdup man who picked out the Silverman Dry goods store Saturday night didn't reckon with Mrs. Lillian Silverman's sewing circle meeting in a rear room.

Mrs. Silverman stepped into the store, found her 14-year-old daughter, Elaine, confronted by an armed intruder, and promptly went into action with a chair. A dozen circle members rushed in and started screaming. The robber went away — fast.

First 1946 Typhoon Nears  
Philippine Island Group

**MANILA, March 31.** — (P) — The Weather Bureau reported Sunday that the season's first typhoon was more than 100 miles west of Guam and moving toward the Philippines with undiminished intensity.

The Bureau said it was likely that the storm would veer northwest, possibly missing the Philippines, but the U. S. Army and Navy planned to send out observation planes, and American-bound aircraft were grounded.

## JOHNSIDE DRAMA AT KILLING PROBE



**THIS DRAMATIC BEDSIDE SCENE** shows weeping Mrs. Goldie White leaving the bedside of her former husband, John J. Coston, suspected of slaying her naval officer husband, Lt. Marvin L. White. Coston, wounded at the time of the shooting, turns his head away from his questioners in a San Francisco hospital. The other woman in the picture is Mrs. Barrett L. Senti, witness in the case. (International)

Zany Zoologist Plays  
April Fool Joke On Army

**CHICAGO, March 30.** — (U-P) — R. Marlin Perkins, director of the Lincoln Park zoo, was in exceptionally good humor Sunday to handle pranksters' April fool day calls to the zoo.

For years the zoo has assigned extra girls on April 1 to take telephone calls for "Mr. Fox," "Mr. Lion," or "Mr. Wolf." Perkins assigned girls this year. But he was lighthearted about it. He had good reason to be.

Last Thursday the downtown headquarters of the Army recruiting service received a postcard from a "Joe Busky." The card said the writer would be 18 Monday and preferred enlistment to being drafted.

"I'm awfully sorry," the card said, "but I can't come in person to your office. I'll be home between nine and ten Sunday morning and would like to know what you can do for me. The address is 2210 North Inner Drive."

The Army, not missing any enlistment bets these days, assigned Sergeant Donald M. Barnes, although the office is

TAXES ON LIQUOR  
TAKE HUGE JUMPFebruary 1946 Revenue  
Receipts Show \$116,808,975  
Gain Over 1945

**WASHINGTON, March 31.** — (P) — February at peace brought much higher federal income from drinking, smoking and card playing.

Americans paid a lot more taxes to Uncle Sam on jewelry, toilet goods, travel tickets and club dues than they did the same month a year ago when the war was on.

Sharply higher went the treasury's take on admission tickets, radio sets, refrigerators, phonograph records, musical instruments, automobiles and camera apparatus.

**Huge Increase**  
Altogether, a treasury report Sunday showed, the Bureau of Internal Revenue realized \$4,102,126.44 for the month, topping the previous February by \$116,808,975. Retailers' excise taxes, at \$71,775,619, went \$14,280,770 higher with the increases apportioned as: jewelry, \$8,816,016; furs, \$1,741,663; toilet preparations (perfumes, etc.) \$2,330,874, and luggage, \$1,392,215.

**Club Dues Up**  
Admissions to night clubs, theaters and concerts brought in \$31,466,372 in Federal taxes, a gain of \$5,167,960, and club dues and fees \$1,671,117, a gain of \$327,219. Taxes on coin-operated devices yielded \$301,915, an increase of \$69,689, and those on pool tables and bowling alleys drew \$54,063, a gain of \$9,811. The take from taxes on playing cards was \$790,796, compared with \$540,184.

**Liquor Take Jumps**  
Levies of all kinds on liquor, wines and beer brought the government \$201,021,315, a gain of \$15,427,175. Cigarettes, cigars and other tobacco products yielded a total take of \$89,495,941, including floor taxes, an upswing of \$23,449,280. Individual income taxes also went higher, mounting to \$991,483,888, a gain of \$156,489,510, and all income, excess-profits and unjust enrichment levies yielded \$3,206,274,282, an advance of \$48,320,212.

**One Decline**  
In contrast, employment taxes of all kinds dropped off, going to \$299,139,747, a fall-off of \$317,411,701.

**ROSS DIES**  
BOISE, Idaho, March 31 — (P) — C. Ben Ross, 69-year-old ex-Governor of Idaho, who served three terms, died Sunday in a Boise hospital.

SENATORS START  
ANTI-VETO MOVERepublicans, Southern  
Democrats Plan To Use  
Price Bill To Get Parity

**WASHINGTON, March 31.** — (P) — A powerful movement was reported under way in the Senate Sunday to use the price control extension bill as a vehicle for a revised farm parity formula if President Truman vetoes the minimum wage bill to which it currently is attached.

Farm State Senators, including midwestern Republicans as well as Southern Democrats, are determined not to lose the advantage they gained Friday in rolling up a 43 to 31 majority for the parity proposal. They accomplished this in spite of the President's announcement that he would be "compelled" to veto the wage bill if it came to him carrying the parity rider.

## Twice in House

The parity change, which involves figuring in the cost of farm labor, has been approved twice by the House in the form of separate legislation. It never had won in the Senate until last Friday's vote. A Southern Senator who helped lead the strategy which led to adoption of the amendment said he regarded the roll call on that vote as a virtual guarantee that the parity proposal can be written into the price control extension legislation, if that is what it takes to make it law. He regards the OPA measure as practically veto-proof.

## Enough Votes

Even if three or four Senators should reverse their stand, he claimed that several who were absent Friday would support parity revision.

Stabilization Administrator Chester Bowles completed the administration's case for the OPA extension before the House Banking committee Saturday with arguments that failure to give OPA a new lease on life after June 30 would create fear and make it impossible to block inflation. The committee will start writing a bill inclosed session this week with indications that curbs will be put on OPA.

## Hard Fight

Mr. Truman's decision to use his veto power against the farm price rider, even if he has to hit the wage bill too, underscored the waged fight the administration waged against it. Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, Bowles and Price Administrator Paul Porter have declared it would be inflationary. Bowles contended it would add \$125 a year to the average family's grocery bill.

Sergeant Barnes showed the Army can take it. He marked his interview card: "Rejected: overweight."

Occupation Forces Carry  
On Like True Americans

**WASHINGTON, March 31.** — (P) — Secretary of War Patterson said Sunday that American soldiers are carrying out their occupation tasks in Germany and Japan "with skill and dignity."

In an address prepared for broadcast over NBC he said the soldier at home and abroad had earned American respect and affection and deserved unstinted loyalty and support.

The War Secretary in a plea for recruits reported men are volunteering "by the thousands" for occupation duty but that more are needed.

EX-JAPS RETURN  
HOME WITH HONORNineteen Men Given Letters  
For Work With American Army Forces

**LEGASPI, P. I., March 31.** — (P) — Some day soon 19 former members of the Japanese Army are going home with the distinction of being honorary GI's. They have letters from an American general saying so.

When the American 158th regimental combat team landed on Noemfoor island off New Guinea in July, 1944, the group of 19 underfed, overworked Formosan members of a Japanese Army labor battalion surrendered.

Their spokesman, Ko Sei Kei, who was promptly nicknamed "Smiley," told Brig. Gen. Hanford MacNider, "we don't like Japanese. We like Americans and want to work for you."

The general gave them their chance, and in American jungle-green garb and GI boots they landed on Luzon on D-Day and participated in some of the roughest bushwhacking battles of the Philippines campaign, ending up on the Bicol Peninsula at the southwestern tip of Luzon.

Pearl Harbor Committee  
To Resume Investigation

**WASHINGTON, March 31.** — (P) — Hearings by a joint Congressional investigating committee on the Pearl Harbor catastrophe will reopen next Thursday. Witnesses will include Gen. George C. Marshall and Admiral Harold R. Stark, respectively Army chief of staff and Navy chief of operations in 1941.

## Kindness Pays Off



**WHILE James Kilpatrick, 26, of Glendale, Cal., was serving overseas he shared part of his GI rations with an old French lady. His solicitude so impressed Madame Jeanne Marchal, 83, of Baccarat, France, whose seven sons were killed by the Nazis, that she willed Kilpatrick \$50,000 before her death two months ago. The ex-serviceman is pictured after receiving the good news. (International)**

PRESIDENT TRUMAN  
RETURNS ON SUNDAY  
FROM RIVER CRUISE

**WASHINGTON, March 31.** — (P) — President Truman returned shortly after noon Sunday from his week-end cruise on the Potomac.

The White House said there were no overnight guests on the Presidential yacht Williamsburg. Mr. Truman caught up on his official reading after Senators and others came ashore Saturday. The party sailed Friday afternoon.

There was no appointment, the White House press office said, for Mr. Truman to see Secretary of State Byrnes here over the weekend from the United Nations meeting in New York. However, if one should decide he wants to see the other, there is only a narrow street between their offices.

Capt. Bill McCurdy, 1937 Stanford track team captain, is stationed at Camp Lee, Va.

PHILADELPHIA BOY  
BACK WITH FOLKSRefuses To Disclose Where  
He Has Been During 4  
Days Of Absence

**PHILADELPHIA, March 31.** — (P) — Three-year-old Mayer Trobman rejoined his deeply grateful parents, Sunday, ending four days of anguished waiting.

Little Mayer disappeared from the steps in front of his home last Wednesday but was found at Attica, N. Y., two days later.

To all questions from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trobman, the blue-eyed boy merely said: "I've been away."

**Deep Mystery**  
What happened between the time he disappeared and when he was found remained a mystery—at least so far as what the little boy was able to say.

Emilia Regina Sobka, 23-year-old parolee from the State Reformatory for women at Clinton, N. J., was brought with the child to Philadelphia for questioning after her arrest by Attica police.

**Charges Dropped**  
The U. S. attorney at Buffalo first filed charges of kidnapping against the woman but later withdrew the charges.

A Philadelphia police official who declined use of his name said the woman would be charged with violation of the Pennsylvania kidnapping laws.

**Denies Crime**  
Miss Sobka denied abducting the boy. She said she was in a truck whose driver gave her a lift "somewhere north of Philadelphia."

A hundred relatives and friends of the boy greeted the party, preceded by a police escort, when it arrived here. At City hall, the boy's parents and two older brothers were waiting.

The joyous reunion was continued at the Trobman home, where Mayer and scores of neighbors were treated to a chicken dinner.

**Up to Police**  
Mayer's mother said again she did not wish to press charges against Miss Sobka. "I leave it all in the hands of the police," she said.

Detective Lt. Bart Gorman said the woman will be questioned before being formally slated.

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