

# Wildlife 'Livorce' Bills Introduced In Legislature

## New Agency To Conserve Game & Fish Is Proposed

RALEIGH — (AP) — Bills calling for the separation of the Division of Game & Fisheries from the State Department of Conservation & Development were introduced simultaneously today in the House and Senate by Rep. W. H. McDonald of Polk and Senator John C. Rodman of Beaufort.

The bills call for the creation of a separate State agency to be known as the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, whose function, purpose and duty shall be to manage, restore, develop, cultivate, conserve, protect and regulate the wildlife resources of the State and administer the laws relating to game, game fish and other wildlife exclusive of commercial fisheries. . . . to the end that there may be provided a sound, constructive, comprehensive, continuing and economical game, game fish, and wildlife program directed by the most competent and representative citizens.

The proposal provides for gubernatorial appointment of five members — one from each of the nine wildlife districts — to constitute the commission. Training in the restoration, protection, proper use and management of wildlife resources.

Commission members would be appointed for staggered terms, the first of which would expire in 1948. The commission will report to the Governor each year through 1956. Thereafter, all regular appointments shall be for terms of five years.

The Commissioners, in turn, would be authorized "to select and appoint such persons as they may deem to be qualified to serve as the chief administrative officer. The bill specifies that the officers shall have had formal training and experience in conservation, protection and management of wildlife resources. . . . not to exceed \$7,500 annually" would be fixed by the Governor and subject to the approval of the Council of State.

The proposal calls for the transfer of all duties now pertaining to wildlife resources exclusive of commercial fisheries to the new Wildlife Resources Commission. This includes records, supplies, equipment, lands and other assets now being employed by the present Game & Fish Division.

## 'Black Dahlia' Case Police Doubtful About Confession In Girl's Murder

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Police said he signed a confession to the murder today slaying of Elizabeth Short. But detectives expressed doubt that he was connected with the case.

Detective Harry Fremont said Voorshe had given few specific details to lend credence to his story. Fremont added, said he met Miss Short here in 1944, although police investigation has shown that she was in Los Angeles until 1943.

Det. L. Barrett displayed a sheet of paper on which was written "I did kill Beth Short." It was signed "D. S. Voorshe."

Voorshe, 34 and blue-eyed, surrendered to Homicide Detail officers here last night after telephoning them that he would be making a downtown street corner. Barrett said he announced:

"I'm as sick I can't stand it any longer. I killed the 'Black Dahlia.' Take me to jail. I want to get it over with."

Miss Short, 22, was known to be friends with the "Black Dahlia" because of her penchant for flower arranging and black rickshaws. She was found dead in a vacant lot Jan. 31, 1947.

Strong Military Ties Russians Seek British Alliance

LONDON — (AP) — An official source said today that the British Government expected Prime Minister Stalin to call for a general military alliance between Russia and Britain to replace their present mutual assistance treaty.

## Marshall Stops China Peace Work

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of State Marshall today scrapped machinery set up in an effort to unify China. He arranged for the prompt withdrawal of more than 9,000 Marines and Army officers and men from the three-fronted land.

At Peiping, a high American source said that orders withdrawing Marines from North China will be forthcoming shortly, but the landings will not depart until all U. S. Army personnel and dependent Executive Troop Headquarters have been removed.

A total of approximately 15,000 Marines are stationed in Peiping, Tientsin and Tientsin. There also is a small group at Tsingtau, but they are attached to the 7th Fleet, which is training soldiers.

Washington dispatches mentioned 9,000 Marines and in December President Truman said there were 12,000, but Peiping dispatches stated that the force numbered 15,000 for several weeks.

Marshall's action, announced by the State Department, left American policy toward China more of a "wait and see" attitude and officials were unable to say what actions would be taken next.

For the time being at least the next move is up to the Chinese Government. In the opinion of American officials, the Chinese Government is unable to say what actions would be taken next.

Cranks Notes The shocking slaying of the young film hopeful from Medford, N. J., in recent days brought back news and papers a deluge of cranks. But among the most interesting was one from a girl slaying on Jan. 7.

Truman Will Fly To Mexico City

## Engel Fights 20 Per Cent Bill

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Advocates of continued wartime excise tax rates on liquor, furs and other items scored an initial victory today when they overwhelmingly beat down a move to open the legislation to amendments.

The thumping vote to leave the bill retaining the high wartime levies unchanged pruned its passage. The legislation came before the House as the House of Representatives today voted to pass the bill.

Engel, who has a bill pending in the Senate, said he would do the present \$500 personal exemption and thereby provide the greatest tax relief for low income groups.

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## States Pushing Case Against Two Defendants

Lampkin, McCain Are On Trial

By TOM WATKINS

The details of how Thomas F. McClure came to his death on Jan. 2 began to unfold today in Mecklenburg Superior Court as the State sought to convict Jethro Lampkin and Richard McCain of the brutal murder of the aged employee of the Electric Ice & Fuel Co.

The State moved with caution and carefully picked the witnesses who took the stand to relate what they saw and heard in the circumstances surrounding the killing of Mr. McClure during daylight in his company's branch office, located on E. Fourth St., just two blocks from the heart of Charlotte's business district.

Through cross-examination the defense sought to raise doubts as to the authenticity of the stories. The Courtroom was filled with spectators and once again the doors were barred. The department of the State sought to establish the testimony of the State witnesses.

On one occasion when a baby began to cough loud and long in a rear seat of the car, Craven moved up to the bench and informed the jurist that it might be the shouting of a child.

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