

The peculiar ways of Charlotte's legions of jay-walkers described road naturally today by columnist Tom Ferguson, who's been watching them. Turn to the back page.

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FORRESTAL NOMINATED AS DEFENSE BOSS

Truman Signs Bill Permitting GI's To Cash Bonds

Vets Can Get Leave Pay Money September 1

President Urges Holding Bonds

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman today signed the bill permitting GIs to cash their terminal leave bonds any time after Sept. 1, 1947.

The President issued a statement suggesting strongly that it is to the veterans' best interest that they keep their bonds if they do not absolutely need to cash them now.

He said if a large amount of the outstanding bonds be redeemed as of \$2,000,000,000 are redeemed soon general inflationary pressures would receive a substantial boost.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Passed without a dissenting vote by both the House and the Senate, the legislation nullifies a provision of the 1946 law that required former servicemen to hold the bonds five years before cashing them.

The legislation would permit an estimated 9,000,000 former GI's and a smaller number of officers to cash the bonds at face value plus accrued interest through local banks. The House Armed Services Committee said it expects about \$1,000,000,000 of them to be cashed.

The others would be held for the \$1.2 per cent interest that the Government pays on them.

The bonds were issued under Lincoln's papers, opened to the public for the first time today.

The new law gives the bondholders the option of retaining them to interest or cashing them and allow applicants for new bonds to take either cash or bonds. If they elect to take cash, they will receive in addition accrued interest from the date of their discharge.

The bill also extends until Sept. 1, 1948, the deadline for applying for terminal leave pay.

Mine Bosses' Union Dies

PITTSBURGH—(AP)—John A. McAlpine, president of the United Mine Workers of America, United Clerical, Technical and Supervisory Employees of America, today announced all local unions have been ordered dissolved, effective Thursday.

The announcement confirmed reports from some West Virginia locals who said several weeks ago they had received orders to disband.

McAlpine said the assets of the 30,000 member mine bosses' union, a part of the UMW's catch-all district 50, will be turned over to the UMW.

BASED ON LAW
He blamed the union's dissolution on the Taft-Hartley Labor Law which he termed a "labor abuser."

"We are disbanding because of the Taft-Hartley Act and the legislation have been representing the working people who were party to it," the union head bitterly told the Associated Press.

McAlpine said letters had been sent to all union locals ordering them to disband by Sept. 1, 1947 and urged them to remember at election time "the people responsible for this (Taft-Hartley) law."

Such members as fire and weigh bosses and inspectors will join the rank-and-file miners, McAlpine said.

For the duration of the current UMW contract, Mine Leader John L. Lewis waived the right to bargain with mine bosses or seek certification.

Film Actor Faces Suit
LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Actor Mark Stevens, 26, faces a separate maintenance suit filed in Superior Court by his wife, former Actress Annelis Hayes, who charges cruelty.

This Week's Winners In News Snapshot Contest



FIRST PRIZE—A Winter wonderland as seen through the camera of W. J. Stolf, 1626 Fountain View, captured the third week top honors in The Charlotte News Snapshot Contest.



RUNNER-UP—This refreshingly intense shot of Miss Marilyn Terry, five-year-old niece of Photographer J. B. Smith Jr., 1119 W. 5th St., took this week's second position.

Nothing Sensational

Lincoln's Papers Opened To Public

By ALEXANDER R. GEORGE
WASHINGTON—(AP)—A long-secret collection of Abraham Lincoln's papers, opened to the public for the first time today, proved a gold mine of information for Lincoln scholars but a disappointment for seekers of sensationalism.

That was the census of 30 experts of the life of the Civil War President, for whom Colton Storr, of the University of Michigan's Clements Library, summed up.

This is definitely a scholar's collection.

SEALD 28 YEARS AGO
The papers, sealed by Robert Todd Lincoln, son of the President 28 years ago, did disclose at least 80 death threats received by Lincoln before he was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth in Washington's Ford Theater April 14, 1865.

Robert Lincoln left the papers with the proviso that they should not be opened for 21 years after his death. That period expired at midnight and it was just one minute after that hour that the collection was removed from five safes and given to the experts to examine.

The Lincoln scholars said the Civil War President kept a diary. They described his reaction as somewhat fatalistic, quoting his expression "what does anybody want to assassinate me for? If anybody wants to do so, he can do it day or night if he is ready to give his life for mine. It is nonsense."

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Other letters related the many feuds between Lincoln and one of those from Gen. John A. McClernand, presenting a report in Illinois given in the life of the famous "rail-splitter" and in providing new views on his humanitarian aspects.

BAKER said nothing was found that would implicate any member of Lincoln's Cabinet in the plot to assassinate him. He said the papers were only indirect references to Lincoln's parentage.

Congress To End Session

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, said today a resolution adjourning Congress tonight will leave the way open for leaders to ask a special session although he does not expect one.

Congressional leaders "will get together in October and look things over," Taft told a reporter. "I do not expect a special session before Congress reconvenes next January but conditions may look different."

WOOL BILL PASSED
Republican leaders were optimistic about winding up the final day of work without undue delay. Three of the large appropriation bills formed the principal job. The House disposed of one of its chores by passing by voice vote a bill continuing Federal support for wool.

It went to the White House. Taft expected the Senate to have time to act on pending nominations. This would come after appropriation bills and Senate-House conference agreements on disputed legislation.

Among Presidential appointments awaiting Senate action are three officials of the expanded Labor Board and Philip B. Perlman, of Maryland, Dept. Solicitor General.

"We won't get to those until anything else is cleared up," Taft said.

Republican leaders running for Congressional show for the first time in fifteen years were confident they could meet the adjournment deadline without difficulty.

But, if necessary, they stood ready to resort to the often-used legislative device of stopping the official clocks short of midnight to make the July 31 quitting date official.

OP leaders Hallock of Indiana and Taft of Ohio carried in their pockets House and Senate resolutions which, on adoption, will send Congress home probably until next January 2, unless the Republican leadership, or President Truman, recalls the legislators before then.

MARATHON SESSION
The House approached its final fresh from a normal quitting hour yesterday but Senators assembled grudgingly after their second straight after-midnight session. They ended a session of nearly 13 1/2 hours today, a marathon which followed the 18-hour session terminated early Friday.

Stolp Wins Week's Prize

Runner-up last week W. J. Stolf of 1626 Fountain View was today awarded first place in the third-week judging of The Charlotte News Amateur Snapshot Contest. Mr. Stolf's entry, submitted in the B category, framed a lovely and delicate winter scene of figures brushing virgin snow with giant trees etching an eerie background.

Second-place honors went to another Charlottean, J. P. Smith Jr. of 1119 W. 5th St. for his delightful picture of his niece Marilyn Terry of Route 1. She is shown sprinkling Spring flowers.

Last week 63 photographs from 230 amateur snapshot fans were received. They bring the three-week total to 1,433 entries received from 670 people.

Four more weeks of cash prizes await amateurs in the 24-country Charlotte trading area before the contest closes Aug. 25. Winners of each week will receive a complete and easy-to-read final class prize, one for \$25 and three for \$10. These prizes will be entered in the Newspaper National Snapshot Awards to be judged from Oct. 1 to Oct. 31.

Each week The News will give two prizes. To the winner, a five dollar bill and to the runner-up, \$2.50. The following submitted pictures:

Mrs. Margaret Solemundo, Wadesboro; Mrs. A. L. Rhye, East Laurinburg; Margaret Clarke, Paw Creek; Mildred Pendleton, Lincoln; Mrs. M. R. Lawton, 1115 Washburn Ave.; Mrs. C. Greene, Norman; Mrs. W. C. Skidmore, 1120 North St.; Mrs. L. A. Craven, 2000 W. W. C. Howie, Matthews; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dunlap, Rockingham; Polly Howell, 818 S. Tryon St.; Edward Gullidge, 114 N. Linwood Ave.; Ed Cline, Laurinburg; Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Haver, 2013 Bush Ave.; Jesse J. Colvard Sr., Chandler; Mrs. R. E. Hoffman, Route No. 8, C.; Ruybe Arnold, Lenoir; S. C. H. Mason, 1200 Lexington Ave.; Mrs. Glenn Caldwell, Denver; B. E. Kennedy, 1718 Chestnut St.; Mrs. R. E. Hoffman, Route No. 8, Charlotte; William Ristow.

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Navy Head's Name Sent To Senate By Truman

Service Merger Bill Signed

WASHINGTON—(AP)—James V. Forrestal was approved unanimously by the Senate Armed Services Committee today as the new Secretary of Defense.

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SUCCEEDED KNOX
He was appointed Secretary following the death of Frank Knox in 1944 and afterward guided the Navy through the rest of the war years.

The legislation creating his post and raising the service under him was signed by Mr. Truman in the Presidential plane. "The Sacred Cow" was not touched.

Capitol officials bearing it arrived fifteen minutes after the President's scheduled departure from the White House, accompanied by a police escort.

With a half dozen pens in his hand, Mr. Truman walked to the ramp to sign the bill. He signed the measure two minutes later. Then he left for the White House.

Bringing the bill to him were Carl A. Lottier, Senate Secretary; William C. Clegg, Jr., Senate Democratic, and Harry O. Burke, clerk of the Enrolled Bills Committee.

The President Pro Tem of the Senate, Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, and House Speaker Martin, Republican, Massachusetts, had affixed their signatures only a short time before.

Cop's Pockets Picked
As He Records Warning
TOKYO—(AP)—Police, trying to do something to stop the lightning-quick group being organized with signs reading: "A pickpocket is watching you."

A policeman wanted to read one of the signs, but he was running it, a pickpocket lifted his wallet.

13,963 Japs Repatriated
TOKYO—(AP)—The U. S. Army announced today that 13,963 Japanese were repatriated from the viet-controlled area during the week ending July 20. To date, 559,350 Japanese have been repatriated. More than 1,000,000 still await transportation.

WEATHER
Fairly clear today with slowly rising temperature today, Sunday and Monday, with scattered afternoon showers on Sunday and Monday.

Temperature at 8:30 today: 74. At 10:30 today: 76. At 12:30 today: 78. At 2:30 today: 80. At 4:30 today: 82. Source: Forecast.

See W. J. STOLF on page 5-A

Mrs. Truman Passes President's Mother Dies At Age Of 94

GRANDVIEW, Mo.—(AP)—Mrs. Martha Truman, mother of the President, died at 11:30 A. M. (CST), today.

Her death came just one hour after the President had taken off from Washington to be at her bedside.

Dr. Joseph Greene, the family physician, made the brief announcement by phone to the Associated Press.

"Mrs. Truman passed away at 11:30 this morning," Dr. Greene said Mrs. Truman probably could not live through the day. Mr. Truman immediately took her to Grandview. Mrs. Truman was 94.

The President's plane, The Sacred Cow, was due here late today.

Mrs. Truman, 94, and in general, good health despite her advanced age.