

Carolinians Stream Into City For Christmas Festivals

LONG PARADE, GALA DANCE HIGH LIGHT DAY

By MARY HAZEL LONDON
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Charlotte and two Hollywood movie stars stood ready today to welcome literally thousands of persons who will stream into the Queen City early this morning, in plenty of time for the full day's activities planned for the second annual Carolinas Christmas Festival.

The highlight of the day will be the mammoth parade, which gets under way at 6 o'clock tonight, and will feature more than 120 special units. The star of the parade will be glamorous Adele Mara, Republic Pictures star, who arrived in the city Monday afternoon.

Here's Line Of March For Parade

1. Motorcycle escort.
2. Color guard, 2nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg.
3. Motorized color guard.
4. Star team, with White Flash honorary parade marshal.
5. Official car.
6. Adele Mara, honorary "Queen," Republic movie star.
7. "Queen Christmas" float, Charlotte Merchants Association.
8. McCarthey's Saddle Club-mounted jay unit.
9. Russ Carlyle and band.
10. Mecklenburg Saddle Club.
11. The Lions Club.
12. Mecklenburg Saddle Club No. 4.
13. The Charlotes News.
14. Candy cane balloon.
15. Mecklenburg High Band.
16. Albenham princess, Miss Betty Jay Popkin.
17. Queen Christmas High School Band.
18. The Charlotte Observer float.
19. Queen City Coach Co. float.
20. Bennettsville, S. C. princess, Miss Carolyn McIntyre.
21. Orange jollyhop balloon.
22. Timidens, S. C. princess, Miss Molly Ogburn.
23. Lancaster High School.
24. Big head balloon.
25. Late No. D.
26. Chester, S. C. princess, Miss Barbara Reuber.
27. Apple on stick balloon.
28. Marshville High School Band.
29. Chesterfield, S. C. princess, Miss Nancy Pusey.
30. Queen City Coach Co. float.
31. Clover, S. C. princess, Miss Ann Thomas.
32. The Tenthrediner float.
33. Lenoir Rhine College Band.
34. Huntersville princess, Miss Sara Kirtzinger.
35. Gold fish balloon.
36. Jaysville High School float.
37. Davidson princess, Miss Suzanne Lackey.
38. Albion-Graham Band.
39. Peter Rabbit balloon.
40. Forest City princess, Miss Martha Baxter.
41. Belle Bra Co. float.
42. Harritsville, S. C. princess, Miss Eleanor Nims.
43. Combe cat balloon.
44. Lumberton High School Band.
45. Gaffney, S. C. princess, Miss Jean Jeffers.
46. Percutis balloon.
47. Gastonia princess, Miss Lou Holliday.
48. Gastonia High School Band.
49. Ice cream cone balloon.
50. Harrisville, S. C. princess, Miss Joyce King.
51. Charlotte Radio & Appliance Division float.
52. Hickory princess, Miss Clarice Long.
53. Hickory High School Band.
54. Tredy Bear school.
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56. Plato Price School Band.
57. Pig with Horn balloon.
58. High school float.
59. Ferdinand the Bull balloon.

Another star of the parade will be Ruth Chesler float, and St. Nick himself, who is scheduled to arrive in the city by plane this morning.

The parade, which starts at the corner of East and South Streets, will move along South Street to Morshhead St., thence on Morshhead St., then along Morshhead St., then along Morshhead St. to 11th St., where it will break up to form a parade to the Convention Hall which will climax the evening when the 1948 Queen Christmas will be crowned. The parade will be broadcast on WNCN radio, and will be held on the evening of Dec. 12, from 6:00 to 11:00 P. M.

At 11:00 P. M. the parade will be followed by a gala dance at the Hotel Charlotte, a luncheon for the princesses and their escorts. Mayor Baxter acted as master of ceremonies, and following the luncheon, the parade will be broadcast on WNCN radio. The queen will be crowned at 8:00 P. M. at the Hotel Charlotte.

Good Weather Is Predicted For Festival

The sun broke through the clouds this morning to bring rays of hope to the hundreds of thousands of visitors who will stream into the Queen City tomorrow for the Carolinas Christmas Festival.

The weather Bureau predicted that skies will be clear by the time the parade starts at 6 P. M. The probability of a storm is expected to decrease.

This morning's low temperature was 41 degrees, and a high is predicted this afternoon. Little change in temperature is expected.

JUDY HAS VISIT FROM STAR



Numbering Of Precincts Is Suggested

Old System Unused Now

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Charlotte's ward lines would be wiped out and individual precincts numbered separately under a proposal outlined today by Chase Brenner, chairman of the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections.

The Board of Elections is now in the midst of reassigning the precincts under the Jan. 1 extension of the city limits. Mr. Brenner said the Board will re-designate all precincts in the city by merely numbering them without any reference to present ward designations.

"This is the new system, and precincts now totaling 23 will be numbered consecutively, starting with Ward 1, Box 1, which would be Precinct No. 1, and continuing down the line.

"This would make it easier to designate the precincts and the proposed change will be favored by all those who have been apprised of the change, Mr. Brenner said.

The new ward designations have long since passed and it has been a good many years since elected by the municipal governing board was based on ward residence, Mr. Brenner explained. He stated the principal reason for the ward lines is there is now no further use for the proposed changes and so inform the Commissioners.

The renumbering of the precincts in the city will be part of the general reassignment of precincts, only the additional precincts in territory to the city, Mr. Brenner said.

The new system of precinct numbering will be put into effect when the Board of County Commissioners to take action on a petition signed by voters outside the city by adding those small areas to adjoining county territory.

Secretary of State Warren R. Austin, who is leaving for France tomorrow night, was asked today by the Board of County Commissioners to take an important part in the day's activities. (Photo by Jeep Hunter.)

Judy Campbell, a polio patient at the Memorial Hospital, had more than her share of excitement, when lovely Adele Mara, Republic Pictures star, visited the polio unit yesterday, and set Judy on her lap. Miss Mara, guest of the Carolinas Christmas Festival, will take an important part in the day's activities. (Photo by Jeep Hunter.)

Gen. Chiang Makes AFL Officers Appeal To Truman

WASHINGTON—An Undersecretary of State Lovett reported today that President Truman has received a letter directly from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Lovett told a news conference about the letter. He did not specifically say what the letter was about, but linked it in discussion with reports of an appeal from Chiang government for an American policy statement supporting the struggle against the Communists.

AFL Officers Get Pay Boost

CINCINNATI—The American Federation of Labor Convention today voted \$5,000 a year pay increase for President William Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany.

The new salaries of the top officers will be \$25,000 and \$23,000, respectively.

The convention also restored the thirteen vice-presidencies which it wiped out a year ago in a fight over the status of John L. Lewis.

The mine leader, who withdrew from the AFL to start his own union, had refused to sign non-Communist affidavits required by the Taft-Hartley Act, making nearly 300,000 AFL members ineligible to vote in the election.

Ace Mediator Tackles Strike

NEW YORK—An ace Federal mediator was sent here from Washington today to try to settle the costly East Coast longshoremen strike.

Conferees with regional U. S. mediation officials were first on the schedule of William M. Marston, assistant to the director of the Federal Mediation Service.

Plane In Trouble Lands In Azores

NEW YORK—An Air Force plane landed in the Azores Islands during a flight over the Atlantic, was reported early today by newsmen at the Azores Islands.

The Coast Guard said the plane landed on the island of Flores. A flight from the Azores to Ponta Delgada, Azores, was planned but one engine was another was falling and the crew bailed out.

The plane was flying over the ocean.

However, shortly after midnight, the Coast Guard said the plane landed and it had returned safely to the Azores.

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Navy Sub Expert Dies

PORT CHESTER, N. Y. (AP)—Richard George Voge, a Navy submarine expert, died today in a heart attack.

Mr. Voge, 52, was a submarine instructor in the Pacific during World War II. He died while on duty.

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By LEE LINDER

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"It is ridiculous to think that any person sitting in Washington can tell a company how much to charge for its product."

"You must have profits. That is the only way you can stay in the country today."

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Delegates Will Fly To States

PARIS—Secretary of State Marshall and Warren R. Austin, the two top American delegates to the United Nations Assembly, are leaving Paris shortly for urgent visits to Washington.

Secretary Marshall has an appointment with President Truman at the White House today.

Americaners here said they did not expect Marshall to return to Paris, but that they had no definite information on his plans for the remainder of the assembly. It is expected to adjourn Dec. 11.

Austin, the chief U. S. delegate, will leave Paris tomorrow night for Washington. He will have a physical check-up.

The former U. S. Senator from Vermont was 71 last Friday.

ENTERED HOSPITAL

Austin entered the American Hospital here Nov. 8 for observation. He was suffering a cold and complications.

Hospital's office said doctors later decided to send him to Walter Reed Hospital to determine whether it would be wise for him to undergo the operation was not disclosed.

The departures of Marshall and Austin will leave three first-rate delegates here for the American five five alternates and a full staff of observers. Each nation may have five delegates and five alternates to the Assembly.

The delegation list published by the UN gives this order of the remaining three top delegates:

John Foster Dulles, Republican Party foreign affairs adviser and top Republican on the 48-nation assembly political committee.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dr. Philip C. Jessup, U. S. Deputy Secretary of State.

The question of who would head the delegation would be decided in consultation with the American delegation.

Marshall, Austin and Jessup are the only Americans who by act of Congress can sit on the Security Council. This will leave Jessup to carry in the Berlin and Palestine talks in the Security Council in addition to speaking for the Americans on Palestine in the United Nations assembly political committee.

Alies Give Their Reply To Appeal

Want Row Left With Council

By FRANCIS W. CARPENTIER

PARIS—(AP)—The United States, Britain and France today told UN officials formally they want the Berlin dispute with Russia left in the hands of the Security Council to be dealt with as a threat to peace.

The three powers reaffirmed their position on the Berlin issue.

The net result of the latest flurry of excitement in the United States was this: The East and West have once more stated their positions and each has once again agreed to refer the matter to the Security Council.

With all the answers in, the East and West seem to have reached a settlement. They added that they hope this common desire will find expression with the least possible delay in further attempts to find a solution acceptable to all parties.

Accordantly, the two U. N. leaders said they were reviewing the appeal they expressed in their letter of last Saturday.

This called on the United States, Britain, France and Russia to lend their full and active support to UN efforts at mediation of the Berlin dispute by the president of the Security Council, Argentina's Dr. Juan A. Bramuglia.

Bramuglia, on behalf of the four nations, introduced a resolution directly involved in the quarrel over Berlin.

The resolution would be acceptable to both Russia and the three Western powers since the matter would be referred to the Security Council last month.

FREEZE DEBTS

Mr. Truman said the renewed appeal did not need to be answered.

Boy Groom Of Child Bride Now Jobless

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—A 17-year-old boy, who was married last month to a 14-year-old school mate, found himself jobless today.

Goff said the railroad company who employed him as a \$48-a-week laborer on the line at the age of 16, had said he had given the company his age as 17.

"I don't want to see a little boy get to work on that," Goff explained.

To Discuss Retirement Date?

Forrestal Flying To Key West

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

KEY WEST, Fla.—(AP)—Announcement that Secretary of Defense Forrestal is to visit Key West tomorrow to have lunch with President Truman stirred speculation today in the White House that the departure from the Cabinet will be discussed.

Forrestal is expected to arrive in Key West tomorrow afternoon. The defense secretary told a news conference in Paris that he did not expect to serve out another four years in the Cabinet. He said he was waiting up to see Truman to decide when his resignation will become effective.

COMING HOME

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FAIR and cooler tonight; Thursday fair and mild. Temperature at 3:00 today 70; high and low last 24 hours 70-51; Sunrise tomorrow 6:51; High tomorrow 71; Low tomorrow 51.