

Weather  
Partly clear and warm  
today, tonight and Sunday;  
few scattered showers and  
drizzle on Monday.  
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## Professor Denies Using Force

### Maxey Refutes Nurse's Story

By AUSTIN ADKINSON  
COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 16.—A  
cook-looking little professor, who  
claims the nurse he lived two  
times, he declared today he did  
"not talk her into spending the  
night with me" the first time.  
Russell B. Maxey was under  
cross-examination in his trial on  
charges of burglary with intent to  
murder 35-year-old Ann B. Pierce,  
who was brutally pistol-whipped  
at her suburban home around  
midnight Aug. 2.

Both have testified that they  
registered at hotels in the Caro-  
linas at the same time and in the  
same hotel.

Maxey insisted he "never  
forced" Miss Pierce "to go with  
me in any way."  
"She gave me no sign that she  
was interested in anyone else... I  
thought everything was as she was  
everywhere he went.

## Pact Nations Shape Plans For Defense

### Military Group Ordered Formed

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## NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER DIES

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lotte News, died shortly before  
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## Great Lakes Vessel Burns

TORONTO (AP)—Fire swept through the Great Lakes pleasure cruiser Noronic early this morning and police said at least 192 persons perished. Some investigators predicted the death toll would mount as high as 226. It was the worst Great Lakes ship fire in a century.

One hundred and eighty-five bodies had been removed from the charred and twisted wreckage up to noon, four bodies had been taken from the water and three persons died in hospital. At least three more were injured.

## Situation In Steel Improved Coal Strike Danger Mounts

By NORMAN WALKER  
WASHINGTON (AP)—The dan-  
ger of a nationwide coal strike  
next week mounted today but hopes  
brightened for averting a less-im-  
portant steel strike.

The steel coal miners are expected to stay away from the plant Monday because their wel-  
fare fund is nearly exhausted.

Also, steel industry leaders  
plainly said they don't like the  
board's idea for employment  
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## Witnesses Tell Tales Of Horror

TORONTO (AP)—Huddled in  
hospital corridors and the lobby  
of a downtown hotel, burned  
and hysterical passengers of the  
Noronic told today of a night of  
horror and death which had been  
happening since the ship was  
burned.

## Two Italian Fliers Missing On Hop Across Atlantic

NEW YORK (AP)—Coast Guard  
air force and Canadian aircraft  
were thrown into a widespread  
search today for two Italian aviators  
who disappeared on a projected  
2,000 mile non-stop flight  
from the Azores to New York City.

The search pattern covered an  
area of about 1,000 miles, extending  
from the Azores islands south and  
down to the Bermuda area.

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## Dutch Girl Begins Channel Swim Try

THE HAGUE, Sept. 16.—Eighteen-  
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half century.

## Maximum Of 55 Cents Per Thousand Per Month \$528 Tops For GI Insurance Dividend

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16,000,000 World War II veterans  
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expect within the next nine  
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By WALTER BISHOP



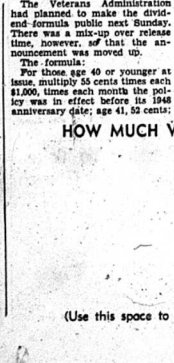
### HOW MUCH WILL YOU GET?

42.40 cents	43.40 cents	44.40 cents
45.40 cents	46.40 cents	47.40 cents
48.40 cents	49.40 cents	50.40 cents
51.40 cents	52.40 cents	53.40 cents
54.40 cents	55.40 cents	56.40 cents
59.40 cents	60.40 cents	61.40 cents
62.40 cents	63.40 cents	64.40 cents
67.40 cents	68.40 cents	69.40 cents
70.40 cents	71.40 cents	72.40 cents
73.40 cents	74.40 cents	75.40 cents
78.40 cents	79.40 cents	80.40 cents
81.40 cents	82.40 cents	83.40 cents
84.40 cents	85.40 cents	86.40 cents
87.40 cents	88.40 cents	89.40 cents
90.40 cents	91.40 cents	92.40 cents
93.40 cents	94.40 cents	95.40 cents
96.40 cents	97.40 cents	98.40 cents
99.40 cents	100.40 cents	101.40 cents

The dividend rate is 55 cents a month for a policy of \$528.

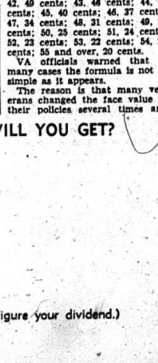
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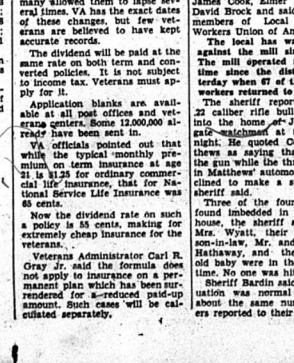
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