

# Streamliner Leaves Tracks PORTED DEAD IN DILLON CRASH

## 700 Attend Hearing On Milk Measure

### Opponents Say Bill Would Hamper Growth

RALEIGH (AP)—A controversial bill to establish a State Milk Commission today drew more than 700 persons to a public hearing before the House Agriculture Committee.

Supporters of the measure introduced by Sen. Ralph Scott of Alamance and already passed by the Senate claimed it would set up orderly milk markets in the state.

Forces opposed to the bill, led by former State Sen. Wesley Watts of Robeson, contended it would "control every phase of the milk industry" and would prevent the expansion and growth of the dairy industry.

The committee did not act on the bill. A show of hands revealed opponents of the bill predominated in the audience.

In answer to questions from a committee member, Scott said that retail milk prices in Virginia, which has a milk control law, are "in most cases the same, and in some places less" than in North Carolina. Prices to producers in Virginia, he added, are "from 20 to 40 cents per 100 pounds" higher.

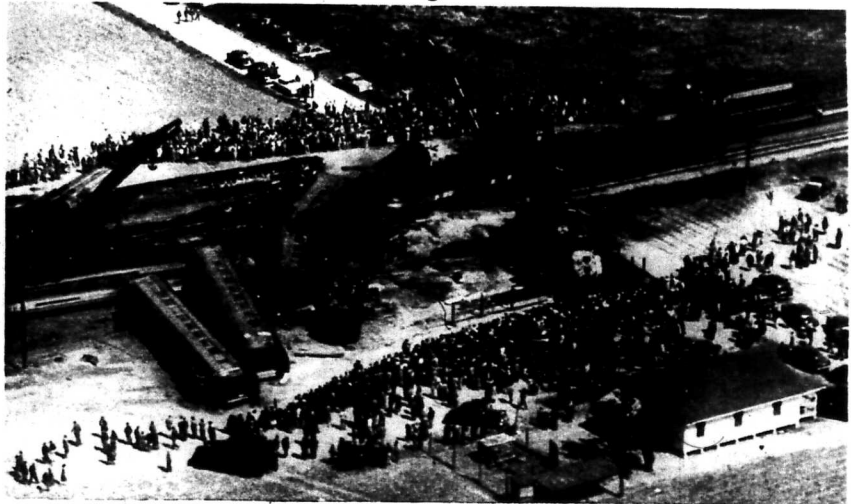
However, George Cobb of Lexington, dairyman and state highway commissioner, presented statistics which showed North Carolina producers received a higher average price than several other states with control laws.

Representatives of the grade the Farm Bureau, the North Carolina Dairy Producers Association, and dairymen from Wilmington, Fayetteville and Durham spoke for the bill.

Opponents included dairymen from Lincolnton, High Point, and Rutherfordton, in addition to Watts and Cobb. L. J. Dyer of Fayetteville, an official of the North Carolina Pulpmen Co. also spoke against the bill. He called it "un-American" and said it would make it "impossible for business to expand."

He said this would hurt the pulpmen's business since it manufactures paper milk containers.

## Charred Cars Scattered Along Track After Dillon Crash



Railroad salvage crews were at work trying to clear up the wreckage of the Atlantic Coast Line passenger train, East Coast Champion, when Charlotte News Photographer Jeep Hunter made this picture. Some of the railroad cars were badly charred. The crash occurred on a long straight stretch of track a short distance south of Dillon, S. C. Photographer Hunter and News Reporter Tom Fesperman were flown to the scene by Haskell Deaton.

## Over 125 Injured In Rail Accident

By LATHAN HIMS & ALLEN ALEXANDER  
DILLON, S. C. (AP)—A 17-car streamliner toppled off its rails near here last night and mashed up into a mass of twisted steel.

Official said at least five died. Three bodies were removed from the torn cars. Only one, the fireman, was identified. One newspaper reporter who made an early estimate of ten or twelve dead said he had seen six bodies.

More than 125 injured were rushed to seven hospitals in nearby towns. Rescue squads tugged at the cars until they could get them out of the wreckage.

Passengers aboard the Atlantic Coast Line's Miami to New York flier were pitched about shortly before midnight. General confusion followed. Those able to move grabbed clothing, pocket books and baggage. They rushed out through the frosty night, some barefooted, some half-clothed. Somebody built a big bon fire in a collard patch. Scores huddled about the fire until they could get rides into town.

Some of the injured lay for hours in the shattered cars. One Atlantic Coast Line's fast passenger train, the East Coast Champion, was derailed. Skilled rescue workers, called from their beds, used acetylene torches to reach the victims. Doors crawled after them, giving aid and sometimes operating on the spot to free the injured.

More than 25 ambulances, recruited from far and wide in the Northeast South Carolina tobacco section, maintained a steady pace before the crash and a dozen swamped county hospitals.

## Youth Finds Injured Father At Crash Scene

DILLON, S. C. (AP)—Bill Bond Jr., 16, was in the first automobile reaching the wreckage of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad streamliner near here last night.

And the first person he rescued was his father, W. L. Bond of Dillon, baggageman on the train.

She was dug out and taken to a movie with a group of boys when he saw a fire, which they first thought was a house burning. He said "Yes, walking in a field in a dark condition."

He found my father and we took him and two injured colored men to a hospital.

The older Bond was not injured seriously.

About 4 A. M. a Negro man looking through the twisted wreckage spotted Mrs. Frank Hicken, 65, of Springfield, Mass. She apparently had been thrown out a window, and a car toppled over her. She was lying in a slight depression in the ground, which probably saved her life.

Her first words to rescuers were: "Don't mess my mother."

She was dug out and taken to a hospital to be treated for shock and lacerations.

Mrs. Lillian E. Homer of States Island, N. Y., said she was "lying back" saying my regular prayer when the wreck occurred.

A woman passenger landed in a baggage rack near Mrs. Homer's. She said she was "lying back" saying my regular prayer when the wreck occurred.

He seemed to be badly hurt," Mrs. Homer said, "and kept pleading 'Please don't hurt me.' But there was nothing I could do."

Mrs. and Mrs. Hugh Dyer of Needham, Mass., were stung out by doctors at the scene for their valiant work in aiding injured passengers.

Among the first persons reaching the site were members of the Dillon fire department. They organized three years ago for just such emergencies. National Guardsmen to about 200 Red Cross workers also assisted.

## 100 More U. N. Prisoners Reach Friendly Hands

PANMUNJON, Korea (AP)—A second group of 100 disabled but jubilant Allied prisoners came from North Korean prison stockpiles today as the 30 Americans exchanged yesterday landed in Japan on their way home.

Many of the American and other United Nations prisoners who rolled through Freedom Gate today were laughing and joking, in sharp contrast to the solemn air of those freed as the exchange of sick and wounded began yesterday.

But today's group of 35 Americans, 12 British, 3 Turks and 50 South Koreans told also of serious sickness and wounded comrades still in Red prison camps and of death marches over frozen highways during the bitter winters of 1950, 1951 and 1952.

## GIs On Death Marches Prison Camp Brutality Told

By ROBERT EUNSON  
FREEDOM VILLAGE, Korea (AP)—Accounts of Bataan-style death marches, semi-starvation and calculated brutality came today from the second handful of Allied and Latin American prisoners who returned from Communist prison camps.

And stories of many more dangerously ill Allied soldiers still in Red captivity indicated the Communists do not plan to free all sick and wounded as they have agreed to do.

Today's reports recalled the "shocking" "incredibly small" "uttered two weeks ago by Bear Adm. John C. Daniel, the U. N. truce delegate, when the Reds told him 600 sick and wounded would be repatriated.

The new development suggested that the Communists were failing once again on a solemn agreement. Sgt. Walter H. Mitchell of Greenville, Tenn., said, "There were quite a few left in the hospital at the Pyoktong camp. . . I would rather they had come than me. . . They needed medical attention more."

The returned prisoners said treatment improved after the truce talks started in July, 1951, but varied since with the ups and downs of the negotiations.

Death marches over frozen highways in bitter winter weather were reported by two American soldiers. Pfc. Roger Herndon of Jacksonville, Fla., and Cpl. Orville R. Mullins of Covington, Ky., told of separate agonies in 1950 and 1951.

Herndon was captured in the frigid winter of 1950. He said some 40 American and Turkish soldiers perished in a nine-day forced march north from Kunu, where the U. S. 2nd Division met 60 in November, 1950.

Of 100 men who started only 60 arrived at the Red prison, he said, and related:

"We were not allowed to stop for any cause—not even to go to the latrine."

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## Anti-Trust Suit Filed Against 5 Oil Firms

WASHINGTON (AP)—Attorney General Brownell today filed a civil anti-trust suit against five major American oil companies, charging they had participated in an international oil cartel.

The action, filed in the Federal District Court here, is designed to stop the companies here and abroad from conspiring to fix oil prices.

It said a freight train covered the same stretch only 10 minutes before the Champion derailed.

The train's fireman, Charlie Hunt, also of Rocky Mount, died when the train toppled over. His body was cut out with torches.

Twelve coaches, two diners, two lounge cars and a baggage car comprised the streamliner. Seven overturned and six remained upright.

Dozens of passengers were trapped in the overturned cars. Joe Danby of the Florence Morning Star, who was on the train at the scene, said the five coaches on their sides "apparently are full of passengers unable to get out."

The grand jury proceeding involved more than a score of companies here and abroad.

Today's civil action named as defendants: Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, Standard Oil Co. of California, Socony Vacuum Oil Co. Inc., the Texas Company, and the Gulf Oil Corp.

The attorney general said, however, that the defendant list may be expanded at some later date to include other oil corporations, both domestic and foreign. Such action, he said, will depend on what the Government discovers in records of the five original defendants, which Brownell today asked the district court to order produced for inspection.

The complaint, which can be amended later, asserted there are in existence 21 principal contracts and agreements, "now known to the Government" which have been used in a conspiracy to monopolize the world oil markets.

The suit also alleged that the five defendant companies had employed 35 joint-owned subsidiaries and affiliates, listed but not named as defendants, "to effectuate the conspiracy to fix oil prices against any international combination or cartel in the future."

## Campus Paper Berates Legislature's Action

RALEIGH (AP)—The University of North Carolina student newspaper today took the General Assembly to task for its action in passing the bill to establish a State Milk Commission.

It does not think much of the method the Legislature uses in filling vacancies on the board of trustees.

Copies of the paper, The Daily Tar Heel, were placed on the desks of every member of the Legislature.

In making the nominations, the joint committee passed over 13 present members of the board. The Tar Heel berated the fact that those not re-nominated include C. J. Cobb Jr., of Chapel Hill, John Sprunt Hill of Durham, Mrs. Laura Weil Coe of Greensboro, Kenneth Tanner of Rutherfordton and several others.

## PRESS SWARMS IN FOR SECRETARY LAW HEARING

RALEIGH (AP)—Representatives of newspapers and press associations from throughout the state were expected here today for a public hearing at 2:30 P. M. on legislation to repeal the General Assembly's secrecy law.

The hearing, before the Joint Appropriations Committee, was requested by the North Carolina Press Association.

The Legislature late in March hurriedly enacted a law which permits its Joint Appropriations Committee and Subcommittee to conduct the state's budget in secret. The action came after news reporters protested the subcommittee's action in ordering its meetings closed to the press.

## 35 Freed U. S. Soldiers Listed

FREEDOM VILLAGE, Korea (AP)—The U. N. Command released the following official list of 35 U. S. prisoners repatriated today:

Pfc. Wilber M. Warring, Philadelphia, Pa.; next of kin, Etta Warring, 1910 Tenth St., Philadelphia.

Pvt. Louis Kerkstra, father, Ralph Kerkstra, 2088 10th St., Byron Center, Mich.

Pfc. William Patrick, next of kin, Edith Mae Patrick, Hillman, Ky.

Pfc. Harry E. Purvis; brother, James W. Purvis, Box 206, York, S. C.

Sgt. Edward G. Anderson; wife, Mrs. Anderson, 833 N. 33rd St., Alabama City, Ala.

Pfc. Paul O. Blanton; father, Matt Blanton, Route 3, Brodehead, Ky.

Pfc. John M. Jankovits Jr.; father, John M. Jankovits Jr., 902 N. Sixth St., Philadelphia.

Cpl. Orville R. Mullins; mother, Mrs. Mullins, 1000 N. 33rd St., S. C.

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## U. S. Backs Move To Oust Chinese From Burma Soil

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The U. S. today threw its support behind Burma's demand that Chinese Nationalist guerrillas get off its soil and said it was actively going to bring this about.

Chief U. S. Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. told the 60-nation political committee the U. S. was hard at work on a three-point plan it would:

1. Require the active support of the Chinese Nationalist Government to influence the 12,000 guerrillas in Burma to give up.
2. Stop military operations between the Burmese Army and those guerrillas.
3. Disarm the Chinese and remove them to Formosa via Thai and Lodge said Thailand had agreed to this.

The American representative said the U. S. felt Burma had the right to demand the removal of the Chinese, whom he accused of "degradations against the Burmese people. He said many of the guerrillas were "common bandits posing as Chinese Nationalists" and that the removal of the genuine guerrillas would leave Burma able to control the others.

Lodge said the U. S. took steps to mediate at the request of the Burmese Government which has no diplomatic relations with China.

## Unemployed Man Gets \$6,000 Mayor's Job

AURORA, Ill. (AP)—Paul Egan, who was receiving \$27.50 a week unemployment compensation when he was elected mayor of Aurora two weeks ago, today began his new job—at a salary of \$6,000 a year.

Egan, father of five children, formerly was publisher of a weekly newspaper and later an advertising salesman in Aurora, a city of 50,000 persons about 35 miles southwest of Chicago.

## Family Has 4 Children Under 1 Year Of Age

CHICAGO (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Meyer are the parents of their second set of twins in less than a year.

The mother, Evelyn, 23, a registered nurse, said in Hennrich Hospital where on Sunday she gave birth to two girls: "I was told to expect twins the first time. But this time everybody got fooled, including my doctor."

The Meyer twins boys will be a year old Thursday. Meyer, an accountant, lost an arm in combat during World War II.

## Clogged Roads An Aerial Signpost To Crash Scene

By TOM FESPERMAN  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Flying over the Dillon, S. C., crash site today, you could see the scene of the train wreck long before you actually saw the crashed wreckage. It was a long line of halted automobiles pointed to it.

Charlotte News staffmen, with Haskell Deaton as their pilot, circled the wreckage several times to make aerial photographs and movies. Other planes circled too. Three or four ships went back and forth over the train during most of the morning.

Down below, double lines of automobiles, parked close together, clogged three or four roads in the immediate area, and one road was full of cars into the edge of Dillon. Large crowds of motorists ringed the area, close to the burned and wrecked railway cars. Lines of road salvage cars, with tail cranes, were at work lifting a couple of the cars off the tracks.

The big Diesel engine lay at an angle directly across a road in the flat, sandy country, with nothing in front of them but a miles of perfectly straight track.

But the rails beneath some of the behind the engine appeared to have been torn up.

One car, perpendicular to the Diesels, appeared to be badly burned. Another car, crumpled in its mid-section when it turned and rolled into the road, was Diesel, seemed to be one of the most seriously damaged.

But directly back of that car, there was too many other cars, been thrown off the track, and most of them had plowed up a field along directly over the wreck some power lines.

The only car that appeared to be on the tracks was the rear coach.

As we circled the wreckage, Pilot Deaton brought the plane low to about 200 feet and banked it sharply so Jeep Hunter could aim his camera through the window.

But Mr. Deaton himself could see little of the train wreck itself. He was too busy watching other planes. They went 'round and round over the scene, going down to a perilously low altitude and aiming directly over the wreckage.

All of us kept an eye on them, because they were following a set pattern, and several times they zoomed up directly in front of us.

As we left the scene for the return flight to Charlotte, we followed the lines of automobiles. There were hundreds of them, and more joining the crowds every minute.

## Planes Hit Red Positions In Front Of Allied Lines

SEOUL (AP)—U. S. carrier planes today smashed Communist positions less than a mile ahead of the United Nations line in the hills between the Snipe Ridge sector of Eastern Korea.

Ground-based B-29 warplanes also hit North Korea, attacking a Red airfield and supply lines.

Only light patrol controls were reported along the 155-mile front.

## OUR WEATHER

Fair and not so cold today and tonight. Scattered light frost tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy and warmer.

High temperature yesterday 53 degrees.

High temperature expected today 65 degrees.

Low temperature this morning 32 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight 28 degrees.

Lodge issue 5:4 A. M.; sunset 7 P. M.

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## EVENING PRAYER

God of all men, who doth yet hear the prayer of one man, give us always the consciousness of Thy presence in this world of human responsibility and aloneness. We request the presence of Thy grace for our need. Thy forgiveness for our sins. Thy wisdom for our tasks. Abide with us we pray. Amen.

## Comic Dictionary

SVELTE  
Contrast with the way she looks.