

# Caudle Found Guilty In Tax Case

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(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Martin)  
James O. Walker Ready To Hoist Banner

### Flies Again Today

## Flag Nearly Began War Within War

By JIM SCOTTON  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
A Confederate battle flag that defied Nazi and anti-Nazi forces during World War II waves over Charlotte once more today.

The banner, which served as a rallying point for thousands of "Rebel" soldiers in the U. S. Army in the fight for Europe, was hoisted this morning in celebration of Flag Day. Its owner, James O. Walker, 21-year-old Beverly Dr., has kept the flag carefully preserved and displays it on various holidays.

"The Germans never did manage to hit the flag," said Mr. Walker, "but that Yankee officer almost brought it down."

"We had just crossed over from Holland into Germany," Mr. Walker related, "and I ran it up on the turret of an old German castle. We just did get it up there when this colonel came charging up and told us to get that thing down off there and fast."

"Well, I'm a Southerner all right," said the ex-soldier, "but I was only a master sergeant and this guy was a lieutenant colonel. I started taking those Stars and Bars down in a hurry."

"But just then my commanding officer arrived," told Mr. Walker. "He was a full colonel and he was from New Orleans. He told this Yankee that that flag would come down only over somebody's dead body. Any way," laughed the ex-sergeant, "the flag stayed up."

Mr. Walker first got the flag in France in 1944. His father,

### Evening Prayer

O God, our Heavenly Father, who hast made us in Thine own image, save us from slavery to low things. Grant us Thy grace that we may rise up and become true sons and daughters of Thine in Christ's name. Amen.

### What Will Their Parents Say?

## Stowaways To Hawaii Think of Future

HONOLULU — Two teenage stowaways, with less than \$4 between them, had one day of plush living in Honolulu, then headed homeward by plane last night.

Jean Damon of East Palo Alto, Calif., and freckled Dudley Taylor of Redwood City departed with new toothbrushes, bathing suits and a few appreciations. Their parents paid about \$300 each for their brief trip. It started Friday aboard the liner Lurline.

WONT BE EASY  
Although Jean's mother, Mrs. Nadine L. Damon, had said, "I applaud her," she wanted to do that all her life." The 17-year-old girl expressed the fear:

### Sentencing Scheduled For July 19

ST. LOUIS — Matthew J. Connelly, 47, former Caudle high officials in the Truman administration, were convicted today by a federal jury of conspiring to fix an income tax evasion case.

They sat motionless as the verdict was read. U. S. Dist. Judge Ruben M. Hulen set their sentencing for July 19, the same day he will hear motions which the defense said it would file for a new trial.

Connelly, 48, White House appointments secretary under former President Truman, and Caudle, once the Justice Dept. Tax Division could be sentenced to five years in prison and fined \$10,000 each.

NO APOLOGIES  
"I want you to know that my conscience is so clear and so open that when I face God, sweet children and my friends, I will have no apologies to make for anything I have done," Caudle said to reporters as he walked from the courtroom.

Caudle's attorney, Charles Margiotti of Pittsburgh, expressed his belief in Caudle's innocence and said, "I hope and pray that the time will come when he will be vindicated."

Caudle, wearing a dark blue double-breasted suit, a light blue shirt and a black figured four-band tie, went to the U. S. Commissioner's office where he posted a bond signed by Maj. Gen. Ralph E. Truman, Ret., a cousin of former President Truman.

Connelly, dapper in a grey suit, said "No comment, boys," when approached by a newsman. His \$5,000 bond was continued but Caudle was required to furnish a new \$5,000 bond because his bondsman died recently.

Connelly left the Federal Building immediately. He appeared terse and grim, obviously shaken by the verdict.

Mrs. Caudle, who has listened to testimony from the same seat in the spectators' section of the courtroom since the trial began May 7, like the defendants sat motionless as she heard the verdict.

The jury of eight men and four women, which took the case yesterday, deliberated eight hours and 43 minutes in a room at the home of Wadeboro, N.C., and Connelly, now a public relations man in New York, were convicted of conspiring to defraud the government by trying to sidetrack criminal prosecution of Irving Sachs, a St. Louis shoe manufacturer.

Sachs eventually was indicted and pleaded guilty to evading \$128,721 in taxes. He was fined \$250,000 and sentenced to prison on the grounds of poor health.

The jury had been in deliberation only an hour and 15 minutes today. It had been sent to bed last night by Judge Hulen after deliberating seven forenoon and 23 minutes.

When jury foreman Herbert A. Giesler of St. Genevieve, Mo., reported to the court the jury had reached a verdict there was a rush to the courtroom by spectators and others who had been waiting for the verdict.

He treated them to lunch at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, bathing suits, swimming and surfing at Waikiki and dinner.

"GOOD LUCK"  
The youngsters also met Gov. Samuel Wilder King who wished them "good luck."

Anthony said, "I just wanted to show a couple of teenagers a good time before they go home and face the music."

"Since our parents have spent so much money on our trip, it's a pity we can't stay a while and see Hawaii," Joan said.

Dudley nodded agreement. However, Anthony said his chaperoning included "getting them on that plane even if we

## Mystery Shrouds Fatal Fall Of Local Man From Airliner

### Sheriff Informed Victim Drinking

By CHARLES KURLAT  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A Charlotte bridegroom who opened an airliner door and hurtled 6,500 feet to his death had apparently been drinking heavily before boarding the plane; Cleveland County Sheriff Haywood Allen said today.

Sheriff Allen said the flight attendant, R. B. Barnes, told him 40-year-old Oren A. Pruitt appeared intoxicated when he entered the plane with his wife of one day.

Neither Sheriff Allen nor anyone else investigating the bizarre tragedy would hazard an official accident verdict so far, however.

"There are still too many things to find out," Sheriff Allen said.

Mr. Pruitt left his wife's side 20 minutes after the Piedmont DC-3 left Charlotte Municipal Airport. He told her he was going to the men's room.

He apparently opened the wrong door and stepped into space, as his wife sat in her seat, "afraid to look back."

Flight attendant Barnes said he was passing out magazines when a passenger asked him what the temperature was in Charlotte.

When he walked into the cabin to ask the pilot, he said the copilot, H. A. Scholtz, shouted that the red light was on warning that the rear door hatch was open.

Barnes and Scholtz rushed back into the cabin to find the door open and Mr. Pruitt gone.

Mr. Pruitt, who lives at 1227 W. Trade St., was married to Mrs. Blaudene Tidd, 34, 10 Gubbery Apts., Tuesday afternoon in York, S. C.

GOING TO ASHEVILLE  
They were on their way to visit Mrs. Pruitt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt Smith, in Asheville.

Mr. Pruitt's body crashed into the yard of Zion Baptist Church, five and one-half miles north of Shelby.

Sheriff Allen said information he has gathered so far indicates both Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt had been drinking.

She denied this, however, in questioning at a Shelby funeral home, where she and her father drove today from Asheville to make funeral arrangements.

SURVEYOR'S ASSISTANT  
Mr. Pruitt was a former short-order cook at several local grills he was working before his marriage as a surveyor's assistant.

During the past year, he was convicted in City Recorder's Court of assault on a female, fornication and adultery and drunkenness.

His wife said "We were starting over. We were going to have a new life."

Both had been married previously.

Piedmont Airlines' investigation of the plane door mechanism is in progress, continuing.

Mr. Hagner said President R. D. Hagner said today from Winston Salem.

BACK IN SERVICE  
The plane was returned to service this morning.

Mr. Hagner said he expects an official Civil Aeronautics Administration inquiry into the death "within two or three weeks." CAA inspector R. C. Murray was not available for comment on his findings today.

It could not be determined early this afternoon whether Mr. Pruitt purchased airline insurance before boarding the plane.

Mrs. Pruitt's father said the dead man will be buried in Charlotte, tomorrow, but funeral arrangements were still incomplete.

A passenger seated near the door said he saw Mr. Pruitt "struggling to stay inside" a split second before he fell.

Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt were seen by Sheriff Allen.

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NEVER TOO OLD TO MARRY is the opinion shared by Hyman Grant, 63, and Lena Meiner, 22. They met while living in a retirement hotel in Miami and will be married Saturday, with other 150 hotel guests also wedding guests. (AP)

### Citizens Told To Obey Laws

## Bus Boycott Caution Urged

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Negro leaders advised caution today in two Florida cities where there has been talk of bus boycotts similar to those at Montgomery, Ala., and Tallahassee, Fla.

At Columbia, S.C., attorneys considered whether to appeal dismissal of a case involving segregation on city buses.

At Miami, Fla., the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People issued a statement last night advising "all citizens to comply with existing city and state laws governing seating on buses."

At Columbia, S.C., attorneys for Mrs. Sarah Mae Flemming Brown studied an order dismissing her \$25,000 damages suit against the South Carolina Electric and Gas Co. They have 30 days to file an appeal.

The Coast Guard said the patrol boat and brought to the water along with the seven crew members.

Three others were rescued earlier today.

The Coast Guard said the latest man rescued said he definitely saw one man drown and that another was critically injured and probably drowned.

The Coast Guard went down off the Mississippi coast yesterday. Rescued ships roved over the Gulf of Mexico during the night searching for survivors.

The 60-foot May Dee, owned by Stevens and Co. Inc., of New Orleans, sank in Grand Island Channel, about ten miles east of the Mississippi line as Gulf tides reached their highest point since the disastrous hurricane of 1947.

Clay Calhoun, general manager of the Stevens firm, said the May Dee went down while trying to rescue seven men from the barge.

The May Dee was swamped and the water along with the seven men from the barge.

Calhoun said the names of the 15 men were not immediately available. But the rescued included the May Dee's captain who was not identified.

A radio report monitored by the Coast Guard said the captain was picked up while swimming near a barge.

—WHAT'S INSIDE—  
Rock Quarry Gone And Here's One Who Mourns

THERE'S A CLOUD in every silver lining, reports Charles Kurlat in a warming word-portrait of the only man in town who mourns the passing of the Tremont Ave. rock quarry as a happy dumping ground. It's in his people column on page 1A.

A PROJECT DEAR to the hearts of history-minded Tar Heels—restoration of Governor Tryon's palace at New Bern—got a first-hand look by News Garden Editor Cora Harris this week. Her report is on page 7-B.

Partly cloudy and continued warm today, tonight and Friday with widely scattered afternoon and evening showers or thundershowers.

Low tomorrow morning—68.  
High today—92.  
High yesterday—93.  
High tomorrow—87.  
Sunrise today 5:08 a.m.;  
sunset today 7:39 p.m.

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### Ike Hopeful Of Freeing East Germans

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower told German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in a 10-minute phone meeting today he hopes for early action on reunification of Germany "to liberate the 17 million Germans" in the Eastern zone.

Eisenhower, clad in pajamas and sitting up in a chair, reportedly said "I am a very healthy organism."

"It was a very good talk," Dulles said.

"I have asked the doctor to explain this miracle," Adenauer said, "and he has said it is a healthy organism."

Dulles said Eisenhower "personally brought up" the question of German reunification.

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Adenauer's brief call on the President was expected to bolster his chances in his election campaign next year against formidable opposition.

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