

THE PENSACOLA NEWS

WEATHER FORECAST
Partly cloudy and warm
through Wednesday with
widely scattered mainly
afternoon thundershowers.
High 84-87. Low 70-73.



Flower Power

ST. PETERSBURG — There was enough love for everybody at Sunday's Williams Park love-in, even for this St. Petersburg police sergeant, one of several law enforcement officers who kept close tabs on the hippies and teeny-bop-

pers. Over 500 young people crowded into the park for the flowery event. The flowers came from back yards and funeral homes. They adorned person's ears, legs, wrists, and flourished atop poles proclaiming, "Make Love, Not War."

(Pensacola News-AP Wirephoto)

Tony Knight's Good Evening

Former Gov. Farris Bryant looks as if he's not going to run for the senate seat slated to be vacated by Sen. George Smathers.

For months Floridians have thought Bryant was going to resign from his national administration post 'n run for the U.S. Senate in '68.

However Bryant seems to be happier polishin' the LBJ apple than he does makin' any commitments for himself.



FARRIS BRYANT



L. B. J.

Bryant's job as director of the Office of Emergency Planning seems to mean he's supposed to make the governors love the "Prez." His last weekend trip to Florida was to upgrade the Johnson image.

If the former governor could see some of the answers being given to the Pensacola News-Journal "How Do You Like LBJ?" poll he'd realize he has plenty of work to do rite in his own state of Florida.

Poll closin' time is Friday morning. You may make your thoughts known by replyin' to the NJ

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Britain Plans Troop Pull-Out In Far East

LONDON (UPI) — Britain announced today it would withdraw most of its soldiers from the Far East and abandon its aircraft carriers by the mid-1970s despite strong American objections.

The Labor government of Prime Minister Harold Wilson, fighting to save the nation's economy, today released a white paper on British defense for the next 10 years and outlined plans to pull out all of its troops from Singapore and Malaysia and most of its forces elsewhere in the Far East.

The United States had issued strong appeals to Wilson to keep British military presence east

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Three Inmates Said Guilty Of Arson

By ANNE SAUL
and
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MILTON — Guards on duty at State Road Camp 12 at Berrydale Sunday night at the time a raging fire took the lives of 37 convicts are innocent of any negligence, a coronor's jury ruled today.

The jury, summoned Monday by County Judge Mahlon McCall, did find, however, that three of the prisoners who died in the inferno were guilty of the "criminal act of arson."

The jury's verdict, to be signed at 3 p.m. today, said the 37 men met death by fire and/or asphyxiation.

Additionally, the jury found that there was no racial violence involved although a short time after the fire broke out at 9:30 p.m. Sunday, a State Road Department employee who supervised the camp's prisoners at work indicated there might have been.

Pasco Rowells told reporters at the time that there had been incidents of racial difficulties at the camp since 16 white men had been integrated into the previously all-Negro facility two weeks ago.

Named as the instigators by the jury, according to Judge McCall, were Thomas Eugene Ard and Earl Franklin Hoffman, both white, and Joseph Wynder, a Negro. All three died in the blaze that swept through the ancient frame building.

Meanwhile, in Tallahassee, State Sen. L. P. Gibson, D. Perry, announced he planned to ask for a legislative investigation of the "flagrant negligence" in the fire at the camp, located 20 miles north of Milton.

He said he would introduce a resolution during the special session next week to create a six-member legislative group with subpoena powers to make a complete probe through personal visits to every division of correction place where prisoners are confined in the state.

He said the investigation was needed to let the public "be aware of the incompetency which obviously exists in the

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Mercy Request Accepted

Rapist Is Sentenced To Life Imprisonment

A 23-year-old man who pleaded guilty Monday of raping a 66-year-old woman four years ago was sentenced to life imprisonment Tuesday by Circuit Court Judge Ralph M. McLane.

Willie George Boyd, 1011 W. Haynes St., represented by attorney Joe Crowell, remained silent throughout the passing of the sentence.

In imposing the sentence, which can be punishable by death under Florida law, Judge McLane said he would accept recommendations of mercy made for Boyd by State Atty. William Stafford.

Stafford made the mercy recommendation after Boyd pleaded guilty to raping the 66-year-old victim on Jan. 26, 1963, in a building in the 1200 block of West Cervantes Street.

Judge McLane said he recognized Boyd needed medical treatment and would notify prison authorities of the need.

Boyd originally pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. That plea was withdrawn Monday after a jury had been chosen to hear the case.

New procedure requiring every judgement of the court of guilty or innocent in felony cases be placed in writing and signed by the presiding judge was followed today for the first time in Escambia County.

Where the defendant is found guilty, his fingerprints must be affixed to the judgement in the presence of the judge in open court and the judge must certify that the fingerprints are those of the defendant.

The requirements of this new law were carried out today by Identification Officer Charlie Grant of the Escambia County Sheriff's Department, who fingerprinted Boyd in Judge McLane's presence.

Instant Editorial

FLORIDA Gov. Claude Kirk says the Johnson administration "is like Nero in Rome—eat, drink and be merry." That's right. While Nero Bird fiddles, taxpayers burn.

In Fire That Claimed 37 Lives

Prison Guards Found Innocent of Negligence

For First Time

More Americans Being Killed Than South Vietnamese in War

SAIGON (UPI)—For the first time in the Vietnam war, more American troops are being killed than South Vietnamese. U.S. combat reports today also said more Americans died in the first 27 weeks of this year than in all of 1966's combat.

The reports gave more evidence that the burden of fighting major Communist forces has shifted from the South Vietnamese to the Americans.

The lists of dead tell the story.

In the first five months of 1967, the South Vietnamese suffered 3,681 battlefield deaths. The Americans lost 2,833. But in May, June and the first week of

July the Americans lost 2,337 men and the South Vietnamese 1,922.

This supported allied reports that the tough, now experienced American forces are taking on the North Vietnamese army and Viet Cong battle forces. The South Vietnamese more and more are being deployed to do the job the Americans cannot do. That is to provide village by village protection for civilians in the allied pacification drive to win the loyalty of the nation's peasants.

In terms of manpower the South Vietnamese forces outnumber the Americans. South Vietnam has about

620,000 men under arms. A large percentage are the militia-like men of the popular and regional forces which live and fight in their own home village areas.

The American forces total 466,000 men. This includes 303,000 Army troops, 78,000 Marines, 56,000 in the Navy and 1,200 in the Coast Guard. The Navy figures do not include the men of the U.S. 7th Fleet which shells Communist shore targets and launches raids from its carriers against North Vietnam.

The swing toward more American casualties than South Vietnamese was especially marked in the latest combat

tally, that for the week ending July 8. In that seven-day period two Americans were killed for every South Vietnamese soldier slain in battle.

The Americans lost 282 killed. The South Vietnamese suffered 144 men slain.

In 1966 U.S. forces suffered 5,008 men killed and 30,093 wounded. In the first 27 weeks of 1967 they had suffered 5,172 men killed in combat and 33,303 wounded.

For the whole war period through July 8, the United States has suffered 11,977 men killed, 71,040 wounded and 675 reported missing in action.

Says J. E. Hall

Lowest Teacher Pay: \$4,900

By ANNE SAUL
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Escambia County teachers will get a minimum starting salary of \$4,900 for the next school year, Supt. J. E. Hall said today.

Just returned from a Monday meeting with State Department of Education officials in Orlando, Hall said he was told the county would get an additional \$300 toward the present \$4,600 salary base for each teacher in the 1967-68 school year.

"But we're trying to boost that to \$5,000, he added.

A salary schedule was not given the teachers when they requested it two months ago, but the school board decided it would contribute no less from

county sources than they were giving now.

Present local contribution on the \$4,600 base is \$1,350.

The pay increases, Hall said, would be given at the beginning of the school year, rather than in two steps per year as recommended by Gov. Claude Kirk's appropriations bill.

Hall also said the state appropriation was expected to be increased by an additional \$225 for the 1968-69 school year.

Additional money to boost the beginning salary to \$5,000 this year could come from the half mill the school board did not use last year.

Local voters approved six mills for schools, but the board had agreed to use no more than

\$1.6 million which came to 5½ mills.

The additional half mill would give the county another \$300,000, Hall said.

Total amount expected to come from the Minimum Foundation Program for the 1967-68 school year is \$8,064,996, Hall said.

MFP allocation for the last school year was \$8,300,448.

The amount given by the state is the net figure after the minimum county effort is subtracted.

The superintendent added that he had expected the state appropriation to be higher than it was.

"They didn't give us any sunshine," he said.

Rail Dispute Panel Selected

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson today named a blue-ribbon panel headed by Sen. Wayne Morse to seek settlement of the long-standing railway labor dispute. He said he was "very hopeful we can get agreement between the parties."

Johnson took the action under the legislation he signed Monday ending the two-day old rail strike.

In addition to Morse, an Oregon Democrat, members of the mediation board are:

Frederick Kappel, former president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.;

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Box Explodes

Demolition Expert Wounded by 'Mines'

News-Journal Bureau

FORT WALTON BEACH — An Air Force demolition expert was injured Monday in the explosion of numerous "mini-mines" which had been recovered from Choctawhatchee Bay.

T-Sgt. Johnny R. Brady, 37, of 722 Tuxedo Dr., received head injuries and was temporarily blinded when a box of the military devices exploded as he took them from a truck.

He was reported in good condition today at Eglin Air Force Base Hospital.

Sgt. Brady had participated in a search for the quarter-sized "mini-mines" which were dropped from an Air Force aircraft into Choctawhatchee Bay Saturday.

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Four Lines Shut Down

Some Trains Roll Again

By United Press International

Trains began rolling again today, signaling the official end of a nationwide strike, but four railroads still were shut down completely.

The Association of American Railroads said in Washington four others still were affected by the machinists' strike.

These lines, the AAR said, were shut down completely: The Louisville and Nashville, the Norfolk and Western, the Seaboard Coast Line and the

Terminal Railroad of St. Louis.

The AAR said the Baltimore and Ohio and the New York Central still were without full service and the Southern Pacific was still inoperative in the Los Angeles area. The Milwaukee Railroad was not operating in the state of Washington, the AAR said.

An AAR spokesman said the St. Louis Terminal Railroad still was shut down and was keeping the Louisville and Nashville, the Norfolk and Western and the

Seaboard Coast Line from operating.

Most of the picket lines began coming down after Congress rushed anti-strike legislation to President Johnson for his signature Monday night. The strike began officially at 12:01 a.m., Sunday.

Bill Irvin, spokesman for six shopcraft unions for the Santa Fe Railroad in New Mexico, said the carrier had so far refused to reach agreement with the union about employes

not being discriminated against or losing their positions. He said the union considered this constituted a lockout by the Santa Fe and telegrams saying so were sent to President Johnson and the president of the Santa Fe.

Milwaukee Road trains did not get under way in Milwaukee until after 8 a.m. when the Milwaukee Road branch of the International Association of Machinists staged a wildcat

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