

The Weather MUSCLE SHOALS AREA—Partly clear to cloudy with a few showers and thunderstorms tonight and Friday. Low tonight 55, high Friday 72.

Roaring Flames Gut Building: Six New York Firemen Killed As Factory Wall Collapses

Legislature Seems Set To Adjourn As Compromise Ends Filibuster

MONTGOMERY (AP)—The Alabama Legislature seemed all set for final adjournment of the fifth special session today, now that a compromise has ended a four-day filibuster.

Apparently the only threat to a friendly adjournment of the five-week session was the House approval of the revised oil well spacing bill which passed the Senate yesterday.

The House previously passed the bill, but insisted that the Senate approve it before it can be sent to Gov. James E. Folsom for his signature.

The Senate is expected to give speedy approval to the Hunteville oil well spacing bill, which the lawmakers thought important enough to warrant a continuance of the current session. The legislators were ready to quit two weeks ago but the Madison County delegation opposed it for five more legislative days.

They explained that the bill to expand the Hunteville oil limits was just ready for introduction after being advertised as required by law. A minimum of five legislative days are necessary to pass a bill even if there is no controversy.

The measure would allow the City of Hunteville to add 37 square miles to its area by expanding the city limits in all four directions. The city has been bustling at the seams because of a population influx brought on by stepped up activity at Redstone Arsenal, the army's guided missile center.

The Hunteville town fathers said the expansion was vital needed to allow loans that will provide necessary city services such as water, sewerage and garbage disposal.

As revised by the Senate in the compromise which ended a grueling three-day filibuster yesterday, the bill would allow a relaxation of some instances of the present spacing laws which require developing companies to sink at least one well on each 40 acres of leased land.

The compromise would authorize the state oil and gas board to allow oil firms to space test wells on (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)



WHERE SIX DIED—Firemen continue to battle against the multiple-alarm Bronx factory fire last night after six firemen were killed and 13 others injured by a wall which collapsed on them. (AP Wirephoto).

Police Sound Warning As: Local Negroes Reported 'Doused' By Teenagers

Warning that "somebody is going to get hurt," Florence Chief of Police Noah H. Danley today asked all parents to check-up on the activities of their teen-age children, some of whom have been "dousing" Negro citizens walking along the streets and driving along in cars with water-filled balloons.

The parents had better stop and take notice and help the police break up this practice before their children run into tragedy, he said, pointing out that reports have come from hospitals suffering from broken bones, lacerations, bruises and contusions of the ears, elbows and against the practice.

The police chief said that he knows this practice has been going on in recent days and that Negroes leaving churches and walking in the streets have had water poured over their heads and their clothing drenched with water by these teen-agers.

"It has been happening in our neighborhood for some time," he said, "and it has happened to them while they were bothering no one."

So far police said they have been unable to get the numbers or names of the cars involved but they are making a list of the names of the cars in order to definitely establish identity of the culprits. "We are counting the support of the Negro citizens in this effort," he said, "because we are convinced another law is going to be passed if it does not totally cease at once." (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Incidents Underway In Sheffield, Too

Sheffield Chief of Police Bob Price reported today that the throwing of water-filled balloons on Negro citizens by white teen-agers has occurred in Sheffield also in recent days, although on a lesser scale than in Florence.

An investigation is now under way into the incident, he said.

The Sheffield incident occurred Sunday about 9:15 p.m. at the Negro Calvary Baptist Church, near intersection of South Atlanta Ave. and Eighteenth Street.

Ten- and eight-year-olds in an automobile tossed the water-filled balloons at Deacon and Mrs. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Clean-Up Underway In Lexington, Tenn.

LEXINGTON, Tenn. (AP)—The big steam was well under way here today in the wake of a tornado that took three lives.

The third victim was 8-month-old Richard Kiser, who died yesterday.

The twister wrecked 46 homes Tuesday and damaged 450. Two business buildings were destroyed and 21 damaged.

J. D. Roberts, Henderson County tax assessor, estimated damage at \$1,200,000.

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ASC Committee Hits Reductions

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At The Theatres

SHOALS and COLBERT—"Hell On Frisco Bay," CinemaScope, color, with Alan Ladd, Edward G. Robinson, Van Heflin, and George E. Stone. Feature 8:30, 10:30. **COLBERT** feature 1:30, 3:15, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30. **COLBERT** feature 1:00, 4:00, 6:15, 8:15, 10:15.

PRINCESSE—"Border River," color, with Joel McCrea, Yvonne de Carlo, and George E. Stone. Feature 8:30, 10:30.

JOV-LAN—"All This Heaven Above," color, with Jack Edwards and George E. Stone. Feature 8:30, 10:30.

PARKWAY—"To Catch a King," color, with Gary Grant, Grace Kelly.

WILSON—"Female On the Beach," with Joan Crawford, Jeff Chandler, Van Heflin, George E. Stone, and George E. Stone. Feature 8:30, 10:30.

MARY—"Francis In The Navy," with Donald O'Connell, Martha Ryer.



TORNADO LANE—An aerial view of the devastation left by a twister that thundered through Lexington, Tenn., a town of some 3,500. Tuesday. Three persons were killed and some 51,210,000 worth of property was inflicted. The twister destroyed or badly damaged 121 homes, 23 business buildings and the high school. (AP Wirephoto).