

THE WEATHER:
Winds along the North Carolina coast will be gentle to moderate southwest to northwest through Wednesday.

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More Farmers To Get Lights During 1951

TYLER PREDICTS MUCH WORK WILL BE DONE DURING YEAR

The electric industry looks to 1951 as the year when almost every farmer in America will have electricity available, said Henry Tyler, local manager for Carolina Power and Light Company, in a year-end review.

In this state, he said, about 89 per cent of all farmers now have electricity. For the nation as a whole, the percentage of farm electrification is 86.3. Even this figure fails to reveal the true picture, Mr. Tyler continued, because many of those not now using electricity actually have it available but prefer not to use it. It is estimated that 95 per cent of America's farms have power available to them.

On his company's lines in North Carolina alone, he said, there are nearly 87,000 farm and rural customers. Over the whole system, which includes a portion of South Carolina, there are more than 102,000 such users. Since 1938, CP&L's customers in this classification have increased by about 428 per cent. Farm and rural customers comprise approximately 40 per cent of the company's total of 253,216 customers.

MORE USED LAST YEAR

Rural customers in 1950 used more power than ever before. In the 12 months ending August 1944, the average rural consumer on CP&L lines was consuming 105 kilowatt hours per month, for which he paid an average rate of 3.33 cents per kilowatt hour. His average monthly electrical bill was \$3.51.

In the 12 months ending August 1950, the same class of customer was using 158 kilowatt hours per month, bought at an average rate of 2.75 cents, with an average monthly bill of \$4.36.

The figures show that while the farmer's total power bill is up only 30 per cent, he is using 50 per cent more power and paying an average of 17 per cent less per kilowatt hour.

In addition to its own rural retail customers, Mr. Tyler's review showed, the company in 12 months ending August 1950 sold \$6,890,000 kilowatt hours of electricity to REA groups in North and South Carolina at an average wholesale rate of 7.77 mills per kilowatt hour. In the nation, the average cost of power generated by REA itself was

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Alphin Bros. Add Tamworth Hogs To Stock

Alphin Brothers, farmers and market operators, Dunn, R. 4, has purchased registered Tamworth hogs to add to the stock on their farm, lease Alphine said yesterday.

Describing the Tamworth breed as an extremely lean, bacon type of hog, Alphine said he believes the new breed will be very valuable here, both in its own right and crossed with local breeds.

The purchase of four registered gilts and a service boar was made from Dr. McFerguson, breeder of Hereford cattle and Tamworth hogs, of Burlington.

The Tamworth is an exceptionally long hog, with rather small hams, Alphine said. Large litters are a matter of course with the breed, he pointed out, and this is another point in their favor. He recalls seeing a litter as large as 23 pigs raised successfully.

Traffic Offenders Appeal Cases To Superior Court

Traffic law violators topped the list Tuesday in Judge Floyd Taylor's Recorder's Court in Lillington. Two men found guilty during the morning session appealed their cases to the next term of Harnett Superior Court.

James Junior Blackwell of Clinton, charged with careless and reckless driving following an Armistice Day wreck, appealed to the higher court after he was fined \$25 and costs.

Witnesses said that Blackwell, driving in foggy nighttime weather, wandered across the center line of the highway between Clayton and Lillington, striking an automobile driven by a Negro woman, Jewelista Bank.

DID NOT DIM LIGHTS
The Bank woman claimed that Blackwell did not dim his lights when she signaled him. She said she was partly on the shoulder of the road when Blackwell's car



CASHIER NORWOOD STEPHENSON AND MRS. HOWARD JOHNSON POUR ANOTHER BAG INTO THE COUNTER.

They've Got So Much Money It Takes Machine To Count It

COMMERCIAL BANK HAS NEW MACHINE THAT COUNTS OUT SILVER

J. N. Stephenson, cashier at the Commercial Bank, poured a double-handful of coins into the hopper of his favorite infernal machine, and smiled happily as his new coin sorter and counter gobbled up, sifted and stored away \$11.33 in hard money—less than 10 seconds.

"It's really some gadget," Stephenson remarked with satisfaction, patting the bank's coin juggler.

Machine Is A Wizard

Stephenson's observation was pure understatement. Here are some of the things which the machine can do: sort pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and halves, count them, and drop them in the proper receptacles. Two separate takes of coins can be sorted without the need for emptying the drawers immediately. And the whole shebang can be disassembled in 50 seconds.

Squatting on a table near Cashier Stephenson's window, the sorter-counter takes up little room with its 16-inch-square base. The whole thing is not over 18 inches high.

Tastefully knocked together in gray metal, with chrome trim, the gadget is electrically operated, has two rows of drawers in the base for coins. When the top row is filled, the coins may be dropped into the lower tier at the pull of a lever, leaving the top row empty again.

Gadget Saves Time

The coin hopper, situated atop the machine, is about the size of a dinner plate. A slotted wheel, looking much like a circular saw blade, whips the coins up to the top of the hopper and drops them through a slot. From there, the coins chuckle, clink and tinkle in the inner recesses of the sorter, then fall into the proper drawers.

The machine is quite a time-saver, Stephenson commented, especially on large coin collections, such as those handed in after the plate has been passed in church. The scores of church collections which roll in very Monday morning are merely fed into the machine, which raised successfully.

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Santa Claus Is Coming To Benson On Saturday

Santa Claus, with free gifts for children, will arrive in Benson on December 16, it was announced by the Chamber of Commerce today.

Already several hundred children have dropped their letters for jolly St. Nick into the Santa Claus Mail Box located on Benson's Main Street. The big red box was provided by the Chamber of Commerce so that small tots could mail their letters direct and free of charge.

Lewis Lawrence, C of C manager, has stated that 1500 free gifts for children will be handed out during the one-day program, which will begin at 4:30 P. M. at the corner of Market and Church Streets near the Town Hall.

The Benson High School Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs.

State News Briefs

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 12.—(UP)—Charles Burkes, 21-year-old negro soldier, was killed near here yesterday when the car in which he was riding crashed into a dump truck loaded with sand.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 12.—(UP)—A total of \$25,000,000 will be available for new school buildings in North Carolina by next July 1, Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction said yesterday.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 12.—(UP)—Duke University was in line for a \$1,500,000 grant from the Rockefeller General Education Board, providing the university can raise a matching fund of \$2,500,000 this year.

President Hollis Eiden announced the proffered grant yesterday afternoon at the meeting of the Duke National Council on the 26th anniversary of the establishment of the Duke Foundation.

The money would be used for "developing and intensifying" the graduate program, Edens said.

Tarboro, N. C., Dec. 12.—(UP)—R. V. Knight, chairman of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Peanut Committee, warned that if quotas are not approved by two thirds of voting growers price supports will be at only 50 per cent of parity.

Knight said his committee was well-aware of growers' dissatisfaction over the 16 per cent blanket (Continued On Page Seven)

Phone Rates Hiked Again

RALEIGH, N.C., Dec. 12.—(UP)—Subscribers of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Tarboro including those in Harnett, today were paying new rates designed to boost the company's income \$750,000 a year.

The increase was \$500,000 a year less than the company had asked, the state utilities commission said in announcing approval of new rates late yesterday.

JAMES DISSENTS
But commissioner Joshua S. James said that the increase still was at least \$100,000 bigger than it should have been.

The Tarboro Company is one of the larger and stronger utilities corporations operating in the state and stockholders are getting "an enviable return on their investment," he said in a dissenting opinion.

SAYS RETURNS LOW
The company had asked for the higher rate schedule on grounds that returns were too low to attract new capital necessary for expansion and new services.

Four of the five commissioners agreed that higher rates were necessary, but not as much higher as the company originally asked.

UN TROOPS BRACE FOR NEW ASSAULT BY CHINESE HORDES

County School Work Is Now Third Finished

BOSS MAKES REPORT TO BOARD OF EDUCATION; OTHER ITEMS HANDLED

Harnett County's school construction program is just about one-third completed, and \$213,890 of the \$678,220 appropriated for the work has been spent.

A report on the progress of the building program was made by County Superintendent C. Reid Ross to members of the Harnett County Board of Education at its monthly meeting last night.

WORK DELAYED

Mr. Ross reported to the executives that all 15 contracts have been let and that all the work is underway. He told the board members that the work has been slowed some on account of shortage of cement and steel, but that cement once again is available.

"Under the circumstances," said Mr. Ross, "I feel that substantial progress has been made and that we should be well pleased."

He said, however, that it is doubtful that many of the buildings will be ready for this school term.

Mr. Ross gave the officials a detailed account of expenditures on each project. Under the law, the contractors cannot be advanced more than 65 per cent of the funds.

Following is a list of the projects, showing the total amount of the contract and the amount already paid out to the contractors:
Erwin Negro school, \$104,410 appropriated and \$21,421 spent; Harnett County Training School in Dunn, \$38,976 and \$27,905 paid out; Shawtown school at Lillington, \$19,284 and \$11,711 spent; Angier, \$32,745 and \$8,728 spent; Mary Stewart school, \$19,500 and \$8,214 spent.

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Long Rites Held Today

SISTER OF PAUL GREEN DIES AT HOME AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Alda Green Long, 75, of Lillington, Route 1, sister of famed playwright Paul Green, died at her Harnett County home Monday morning at 11:50 o'clock. She had been in ill health for several years and critically ill for the past week.

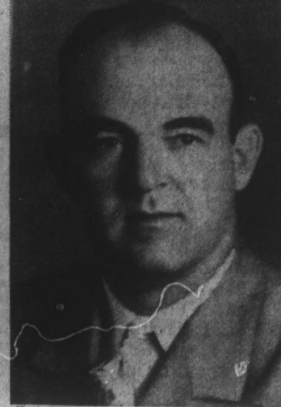
Mrs. Long, a native and lifelong resident of Harnett, was the daughter of the late William A. and Elizabeth Spence Green. She was a member of the Pleasant Union Christian Church and took an active part in all the affairs of her community.

Her husband, Archibald McLean Long, died in 1934.

AT PLEASANT UNION
Funeral services for Mrs. Long were held Tuesday afternoon at (Continued On Page Seven)



PRESIDENT SPRULL



VICE PRESIDENT WILSON

Methodist Group Picks 1951 Officers

Frank Sprull, well-known Dunn business, civic and religious leader, has been elected president of The Methodist Men of Divine Street Methodist Church for the coming year.

The election of Mr. Sprull and the other new officers took place at the monthly meeting of the organization held last night at the church.

Mr. Sprull, who came to Dunn last May from Wilson, is the traveling representative of a clothing concern. He has taken an active part in church affairs and other activities here. He is also vice president of the Wesley Bible Class. Mrs. Sprull likewise is an active church worker and is adult counselor of the Young People of the church.

Other new officers elected were: Duncan C. Wilson, vice president; Wesley Fowler, treasurer; Billy Godwin, secretary; Preston Parker, assistant secretary; and L. C. Langston, Methodist layman.

Mr. Johnson is the retiring president and presided over the meeting.

The speaker of the evening was the Rev. A. A. Amerine, pastor of the Glad Tidings Church here. Mr. Amerine talked on "The World Situation and its Relationship to Christianity." He pointed out that throughout history all nations which have left Christ have been destroyed or met disaster. He made an exceptionally fine speech.

During the business session, plans were discussed for reorganization of the Cub Scout troop sponsored by the group.

Retiring President Johnson has made an outstanding record. Other retiring officers are: James Snipes, vice president; Wesley Fowler, treasurer; and John Lewis, secretary.

Jaycees Plan Holiday Event

Dunn's Junior Chamber of Commerce, in session last night at the Hotel Cotton Dale Restaurant, discussed plans for several community projects and set Wednesday night, December 20th as the date for the organization's annual Christmas party.

HOOD IS CHAIRMAN
Ed Hood was named chairman of a committee to make plans for the party, which will be held at the Bon-Air, a night club in Raleigh. The Jaycees and their ladies will enjoy dining and dancing.

Other members of the committee who will assist Mr. Hood are Hubert Feay and Linwood Hindon. The Jaycees discussed the project for numbering houses and erecting name plates at the various streets. Details of the project are yet to be worked out.

Ray Halvorsen, newly-elected president of the reorganized unit, presided at the meeting.

Reserve Unit To See Film

Members of the Harnett Reserve Training Unit tonight will see an outstanding movie on the first 48 days of the Korean war.

Plans for the meeting, to be held at 7 o'clock in the Dunn Armory, were announced this morning by Major Ray J. Brown, commander of the organization.

Captain Oliver O. Manning has charge of the program and will present the film.

"It is a program which no member will want to miss," said Major Brown. "We said it would also be open to the public."

Large Whiskey Stills And Two Men Captured

Federal ATU agents and Cumberland County ABC officers made a "big haul" yesterday afternoon a few miles from Dunn in Sampson County when they cut down two 600-gallon whiskey distilleries and arrested two operators.

Arrested in the raid were Malcolm Bunnell, 25, white, and Cleveland Adams, 26, colored assistant.

The raid was made in Dismal Township, just across the line from Cumberland in Sampson.

Both stills were in full operation. The officers poured out 35 gallons of whiskey, and confiscated 15 cases of fruit jars and 29 (Continued On Page Seven)

Market Today Is Irregular

New York, Dec. 12.—(UP)—Stocks gained irregularly in moderately active trading at the opening on the exchange today.

Airlines issues, developing strength near closing time yesterday, were among the strong features today. Pan American Airways opened 5,000 shares at 6 1/4 up. United Air Lines issued registered new highs on fractional gains and the common had a 3,000-share block.

Aircrafts also extended the previous session's gains.

UTILITIES STEADY
Utilities held steady with commonwealth Edison active. Coppers also moved around the previous close.

Low's, Standard of California, American Cyanamid, American Tobacco, and Westinghouse Electric rose small amounts in their respective sections.

Small losses were noted in Sially Oil, U. S. Rubber, Allied Chemical, Admiral Corp., Martin Peary, American Radiator, and J. I. Case.

Trading quieted after the opening with prices steady to firm.

Dunn's Seal Drive Is Badly Lagging

Mrs. William Wright, county chairman of Dunn's 1950 Christmas seal campaign, is making a last-minute appeal for more seals.

"The drive is badly lagging," she said. "I am sure that many of our citizens who have not contributed to do so as soon as they can."

Dunn's total seal count was \$1,390, but only \$400 had been raised. Last year, approximately \$1,900 was collected.

"It is a disgrace," she said. "I am sure that many of our citizens who have not contributed to do so as soon as they can."

Mrs. Wright said she would like to see a \$1,000 seal drive in Dunn. She said she would like to see a \$1,000 seal drive in Dunn.

General Says Situation Is Very Serious

BIG ARMADA OFFSHORE IN CASE EVACUATION BECOMES NECESSARY

By United Press

Two tough Mongolian Cavalry divisions poured into Korea today as United Nations troops, outnumbered about two to one, braced for a new assault by Chinese Communist hordes.

There was only scattered fighting between the reds and UN forces but most of the Chinese Reds were advancing slowly south from the Pyongyang area, apparently in preparation for an attack on Seoul.

The entrance of the Mongolians on their sturdy horses brought the number of Chinese in the war to more than 300,000 men. Another 700,000 were believed in reserve in rear areas, while the UN had about 160,000 troops in Korea.

Much of the activity of UN troops was veiled by a security blackout in Korea. In Tokyo, Gen. MacArthur asked correspondents to abide by a voluntary censorship code, because of the "quite serious" war situation.

Correspondents were asked not to write about planned UN activities or those in progress, strategic enemy movements, the effectiveness of specific UN weapons or the activities or locations of UN troops unless they are in combat.

YANKS ESCAPE
The Chinese broke off their assault in Northeast Korea after the last of 20,000 encircled U. S. 1st Division Marines and 7th Division infantrymen had escaped into the safety of the Hamhung-Hungnam headland.

Enemy movements of the escaped forces and 40,000 other 10th Corps troops were kept secret, but a huge armada stood offshore for a Dunkerque evacuation, should that become necessary.

One of the biggest all-jet air battles of the war broke out near the Manchurian border when eight Soviet-built Mig-15s attacked four American F-80s over Sinuiju, in Northwestern Korea.

The Communist planes broke off the engagement five minutes after they started it and fled across the Yalu River frontier into the safety of Manchuria. One Russian plane was damaged. None of the Shooting Stars was hit.

F-84 Thunderjets joined other planes of the 5th Air Force in bombing, rocketing and strafing enemy targets throughout northern Korea. In 335 sorties, the Allied pilots claimed they killed or wounded 800 Communists, attacked 18 towns suspected of harboring the enemy, and destroyed or damaged 70 buildings, 20 vehicles, three bridges and one supply dump.

One F-80 jet was lost. The pilot's fate was unknown.

OTHER WAR DEVELOPMENTS
LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y.—Arab-Asian proposals for a cease-fire in Korea and a seven-nation peace conference on the entire Far Eastern crisis were to be passed before the United Nations.

WASHINGTON—Secretary of State Dean Acheson was expected to fly to Belgium next week to attend a special meeting of the Atlantic Pact foreign ministers called to discuss Western Europe's defenses.

WASHINGTON—President Truman sought to clear political hurdles so he can make a national radio broadcast (Continued On Page Seven)