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## GI'S REPULSE CHINESE ATTACK



**SPEAKER AT BANQUET**—President William H. Ruffin of Erwin Mills (standing) congratulates employees just initiated into the Twenty-Five Year Club at a banquet Friday night in Erwin. President Ruffin himself made the presentation. Seated to his right is Dean Herbert J. Herring of Duke University, guest speaker at the event. (Photo by Lewis studio.)



**OLD AND NEW MEET**—Robert L. Stamper, left, oldest employe of Erwin Mills, shakes hands with the boss-man, William H. Ruffin, president and treasurer of the corporation. Ruffin was recently elected president of the National Association of Manufacturers. A veteran in the service of Erwin Mills, Stamper first went to work for the concern in 1897. He was the only 50-year member present at the Twenty-Five Year Club banquet given Friday night at Erwin High School. (Photo by Lewis Studio)

### Erwin Mills Pays Employees Honor

By JIM HENDERSON  
Record Staff Writer

Turkey, oratory and gold pins climaxed a quarter-century of effort for most of the 46 freshmen members of Erwin Mill's Twenty-Five Year Club Friday night.

The new members, meeting with older hands at the fifth annual Twenty-Five Year Club banquet, heard a speech by Dean Herbert J. Herring of Duke University's Trinity College and a short address by William H. Ruffin, president and treasurer of Erwin Mills and recently elected president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Dean Herring injected a sober note into the banquet by warning that the individuals of the nation must assume more responsibilities and ask for fewer privileges.

Viewing the plight of the United States as the unwilling leader of the free world, Dean Herring said that the nation must be ready to make sacrifices now for unborn generations.

**REQUIRES SACRIFICES**  
"The nature of our form of government and our way of life," he said, "is that we cannot preserve them without sacrifices."

"The very nature of democracy is that you and I have got to assume the responsibility for it," the speaker declared.

Presiding over the banquet, which began at 6 p. m. in the Industrial Arts Building of Erwin High School, was Dr. Frank T. De Vyver, vice president of Erwin Mills.

After Dean Herring had delivered his address, President Ruffin said a few words to the audience of some 300 Twenty-Five year men and women. (Continued On Page Four)

### Wellons Plans Annual Party

Jeff D. Wilson of Raleigh, Director of Public Information and Public Safety for the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association, will be the speaker at the annual Christmas party of Wellons Candy Company, to be held here Thursday night in the Dunn Armory.

Plans for the gala holiday event were announced today by Mr. Wellons. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wellons are close friends.

The company's more than 125 employees, their wives or husbands, and a number of special guests will be present for the event.

Mr. Wilson, son of Judge A. R. Wilson of Durham, a Dunn native, is scheduled to speak tonight to the Four Oaks Rotary Club. Herbert Honeycutt is in charge of that program.

**TREATED HERE**  
DeMestic Raynor, 24, of Four Oaks, Route 1, was treated at the Dunn Hospital Sunday for injuries received in an accident. His injuries were reported as painful but not serious.

### Appeal Made For Children

John A. McKay, prominent Dunn leader, today made an appeal for the Children's Home Society of North Carolina and called on all citizens of this section to give as liberally to the cause as possible.

Mr. McKay is a State director of the organization and has served in that capacity for years.

Although he suffered a heart attack a few days previously, Mr. McKay—who is Dunn's oldest business man—still carried on his work for the children from his bed.

Following is the complete text of Mr. McKay's appeal:

We sincerely hope that the people of Dunn, and all who may read this appeal will remember The Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Inc., 240 Chestnut Street, Greensboro, N. C., with as liberal Christmas donations as possible. What greater gift can we give at Christmas than giving for the tender care for helpless and homeless little babies, until good homes or the right adoptive parents are found for them? Thousands of these helpless little ones have been saved and given a chance in life.

The Society receives no tax funds whatsoever. It is financed solely by the VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS of thoughtful, kindly people who know their gifts to save a helpless baby grow in value with the passing years.

Mail your gifts direct to the address above mentioned, or I will accept and send in such donations. John A. McKay, Dunn, N. C. One of its Directors.

### Erwin Union Plans Event

About 700 children of union and non-union parents will be treated to a two-day Christmas treat at Erwin Saturday and Sunday, according to Lacy Dawkins, business manager of the Erwin Textile workers Union.

The annual event will begin at 2:30 p. m. Saturday with a Christmas party at the Erwin High School auditorium. Santa himself will be present to distribute bags of fruits, nuts and candy to each child. The bags will also contain presents.

**TO SHOW FILM**  
On Sunday the union will show the film, "Christ the King," at the auditorium. Beginning time for that part of the yearly celebration is 2 p. m.

Parents as well as children have been invited to attend the party.

**ERWIN SOLDIER WOUNDED**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(UP)—The Defense Department today announced that Pvt. Edward March Smith of the Army, son of James A. Smith, General Delivery, Erwin, N. C., has been wounded in the Korean fighting.

**STORES TO OPEN**  
Retail stores will remain open late this week, until 9 p. m. on Wednesday through Friday, for the benefit of Christmas shoppers.

The stores will be closed on Monday, Christmas day. They will reopen the following day.

New Year's day is not being observed as a holiday by stores here. Business places will be open as usual on that day.

### Quick Action By Congress Is Predicted

HIGHER TAXES, BILLIONS OF ARMS FUNDS AND CIVIL DEFENSE "MUSTS"

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(UP)—Democratic leaders were confident today that Congress will quickly approve three "must" mobilization bills: higher taxes, billions for arms, and a civil defense program.

They were scheduled to give President Truman a "progress report" today.

But Senate Democratic Leader Scott W. Lucas, Ill., said it probably will take until New Year's Day to get the work done.

The Senate Finance Committee was reported ready to approve a new tax on corporations to raise \$3,200,000,000 a year. The house passed a straight excess profit bill but the committee has combined it with an increase in regular corporate rates.

The Senate Appropriation Committee finished a study of Mr. Truman's request for \$18,000,000,000 in new defense funds and seemed ready to approve it. The House passed it last week.

Both Houses were expected to vote soon on the President's proposed \$3,100,000,000 program to defend American cities from air and atomic attack.

**ELSEWHERE IN CONGRESS**  
Servicemen—The House seemed ready to give \$10,000 free insurance to all servicemen. Opponents pointed out that the insurance could not be continued when the servicemen return to civilian life. Sponsors predicted approval.

Acheson—Secretary of State Dean Acheson continued to be damned and praised. Sen. James P. Kem, R., Mo., said his foreign policy has brought the United States to "the brink" of World War III. Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, D., N. Y., charged that Republican attacks on Acheson "played directly" into the hands of Communists.

### Two Soldiers Free On Bail

Sgt. Harold D. Roy, a Fort Bragg paratrooper accused of the Nov. 29 rape of a young Erwin girl, has been released from Harnett County Jail under \$5,000 bond, Robert B. Morgan, clerk of Superior Court, reported Monday.

Also released from custody was Pfc. James D. Slate held as an accessory before and after the fact. Slate's bond was set at \$2,000.

**HOOKS GAVE ORDER**  
District Solicitor Jack Hooks allowed the bonds, Morgan said. The men left the jail about 1 a. m. Sunday morning.

The two soldiers were bound over without privilege of bond for trial at the January term of Harnett Superior Court when probable cause was found by Judge H. Paul Strickland at a Dunn Recorder's Court hearing Dec. 7.

Mrs. Mary Lloyd Pope, 17, of Erwin testified that Roy raped her twice on the night of Nov. 29. Slate aided him in the attacks, she alleged. The young paratrooper sergeant attacked her once in a stretch of woods near Dunn, she said, and again in a parking lot on the Fort Bragg reservation.

## BULLETINS

**BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 18.—(UP)—**The United States told its European partners today to speed up and increase their rearmament program if they expect American help in building a defense against Communist aggression. U. S. Secretary of the Army Frank Pace sounded the warning in opening a meeting of defense ministers of the 12 Atlantic Pact countries.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(UP)—**The CIO TEXTILE Workers Union prepared today to carry its fight for higher wages and better working conditions into northern and southern cotton-rayon mills.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(UP)—**Senate administration leaders pushed towards final action today a bill which would hike corporation levies for the second time this year.

**DETROIT, Dec. 18.—(UP)—**General Motors stopped sales of all Chevrolets, Pontiacs and Cadillacs shipped to dealers after today. The action of the world's largest automaker will freeze one-third of U. S. car sales. Cars now in dealers' showrooms or enroute were not affected by the order.



**SANTA COMES TO BENSON**—Santa Claus came to Benson Saturday for the Johnston County town's big opening Christmas celebration. Santa is shown here with some of the hundreds of letters he took out of Benson's special Santa Claus mail box. The two youngsters shown with him are having the time of their lives—and what child doesn't when he's with Santa. The celebration was termed by Chamber Manager Lewis Lawrence and others as a tremendous success. (Record photo by Norwood Sorrell.)

### Dunn Lawyer Blasts Scott For Letting Slayer Die

EVERETTE DOFFERMYRE SAYS "STUPIDITY" SENT MAN TO DEATH

An official of the Harnett County Bar Association today came to the defense of Superior Court Judge Luther Hamilton in the case of Emmett Garner, executed Harnett slayer, and charged that Garner went to his death "because the Governor of North Carolina did not have the intelligence and wisdom to follow the advice and counsel of a person who is learned in law."

Everette L. Doffermyre, prominent Dunn attorney and vice president of the county bar, made the statement in a letter to The Daily Record.

Judge Hamilton charged recently that Governor Scott ignored his recommendation in the case of Emmett Garner, a Harnett tenant farmer who beat his wife to death with a singletree, and allowed Garner to be executed.

Mr. Doffermyre declared in his letter today that "I believe the reports and attacks made upon Judge Hamilton in The News and Observer are a deliberate attempt to cover up for the stupidity of Governor Kerr Scott and his little Caesar, Dr. Johnson, the paroles commissioner."

**SAYS JUDGE DID RIGHT**

"The people who have any conception about the administration of justice know that Judge Hamilton did what was right, fitting and proper under the circumstances that surrounded the Garner case and because the Governor of North Carolina did not have the intelligence and wisdom to follow the advice and counsel of a person who is learned in law, of which the Governor is totally ignorant, it is sickening and disgusting to see how some people will attempt to shift the blame to a person who exhausted every effort to do what was right, just and equitable." (Continued On Page Four)

### Legion Chief Says We Must All Help

Anyone who can "earn a dollar through his own might" will find a place in America's present struggle for survival, National Commander Earle Coker, Jr., told American Legionnaires and other listeners at the Dunn Armory Friday afternoon.

Anticipating President Truman's announcement of a national emergency Friday night, Coker stated that every person who is not bed-ridden or crippled may be used in defending this country.

"We have lost time in putting our house in order," the 29-year-old commander added, emphasizing that the emergency call was "long overdue."

**EMERGENCY CALL LATE**

"If universal military training had been passed as late as 1949, we wouldn't be in the mess we're in now," he declared.

Commander Coker, who arrived here about 4:30 p. m. Friday, was introduced by State Commander Hugh Alexander of Kannapolis. The young Dawson, Ga., veteran stopped here for half-an-hour before going to Fayetteville on his tour of North Carolina.

Speaking chiefly to Dunn's Legionnaires, Coker urged that membership in the Legion be increased. The national and international situations, he said, call for stepped-up interest in the Legion's program. Individual members, he remarked, should try to make better Legion members of themselves.

Present at the gathering were (Continued On Page Two)

### 12 Nominated For Posts

Ballots were mailed Friday by the Dunn Chamber of Commerce, for the annual election.

Twelve men are listed on the ballot, and members are asked to vote for three. The three men receiving the greatest number of votes will be named to the board of directors.

At a meeting of the board of directors, immediately after Christmas, officers for the following year will be selected from among the board membership, according to Manager Joe McCullers.

Voting members were requested to return ballots to the Chamber of Commerce office, in an accompanying letter from the chamber manager. "The success of your chamber of commerce depends on the wisdom and far-sightedness of the individuals who comprise the board of directors," Manager McCullers reminded voters in his letter.

Candidates for the three board vacancies were nominated by a (Continued On Page Four)

### City Council Meets Tonight

A recommendation that employees of the City of Dunn be placed under the social security program beginning Jan. 1 will be one of the matters to be discussed at the meeting of the city council tonight.

In scheduling this discussion, City Manager R. T. Hobbs today recommended that the city enter the program, with necessary funds to be transferred from the contingency funds of the general fund and utilities fund to a special social security account. The program calls for one and one-half per cent to be deducted from the worker's pay and a similar amount to be paid by the city.

**GARDEN PROJECT**

Also on the agenda will be discussion of a plan by the Dunn Garden Club to sponsor a project on US 421 at the western city limits, to seed the shoulders of West Cumberland St. and to plant dogwood trees along this route. Manager Hobbs has recommended that the council pledge cooperation to the club in this project.

Other matters to be considered at the meeting will be erection of a screen or partition for greater privacy in the women's section of the jail; enforcement of the plumbing code; revision of the city tax ordinance and license tax ordinance; and other routine business.

### Sabre Jet Fighters Being Used

CHINESE REDS STEP UP ASSAULT, BUT MANY SLAUGHTERED

BIG MO ARRIVES

TOKYO, Dec. 18.—(UP)—The U. S. Battleship Missouri arrived off the shrinking United Nations beachhead in Northeast Korea today and trained its 16-inch guns on massed Chinese Reds besieging the escape port of Hungnam.

The 45,000-ton "Mighty Mo" joined the beachhead battle as the Chinese stepped up their attacks against battered 10th Corps forces still holding out in the tiny beachhead.

There was no immediate word whether the Missouri had begun hurling its one-ton shells at the enemy, but it was assumed the firing order would be given as soon as appropriate targets were found.

TOKYO, Dec. 18.—(UP)—The Chinese Reds stepped up their assault on the shrinking United Nations beachhead in Northeast Korea today.

Wave after wave of Chinese charged the U. S. 3rd Division line a scant four miles north of the escape port of Hungnam against a massive land, sea and air bombardment that slaughtered them by the hundreds.

Some 800 Chinese were killed in the past 24 hours alone around the beachhead perimeter.

At 2:30 p. m. (12:30 a. m. EST), two companies or more of Chinese troops were attacking Americans and South Koreans dug in on the north approaches to Hungnam.

Awaiting the signal to join the assault from the rugged, snow-washed foothills just north of Hungnam was a Chinese regiment—2,500 to 3,000 enemy troops.

Renewed attacks from the West and Northeast also were expected momentarily. Some 12 to 14 Chinese divisions—up to 140,000 men at full strength—were massed around the melting 10th Corps defense arc.

The United Nations line was believed to run six miles southwest of Hungnam, three miles west, four miles north and five or six miles northeast.

**EVACUATION ADVISED**  
On the other side of Korea, leaders of Seoul's nine wards advised the capital's 1,250,000 civilians to get out of the city as rapidly as possible ahead of an expected Chinese offensive.

However, the ward leaders ap- (Continued On Page Two)

### Miller Is Elected By Benson Chamber

Emery L. Miller, widely-known Benson furniture dealer and prominent civic, social and religious leader, has been elected president of the Benson Chamber of Commerce for the coming year.

Mr. Miller was elected at the organizational meeting of the chamber's new board of directors. He succeeds W. Baggett Herring, who is retiring after a very successful term of office. Mr. Herring served as the chamber's first president.

Howard Benton, well-known commercial printer of Benson, was elected vice president of the chamber and Walter Strickland, cashier of the First Citizens Bank and Trust Company, was re-elected treasurer.

**LAWRENCE RENAMED**  
Also re-elected was Lewis Lawrence, the bustling secretary of the Benson chamber.

Members of the board of directors, in addition to those named, are Mr. Herring, C. E. Benton, and (Continued On Page Four)



EMERY L. MILLER