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Dunn Leaders Go To New York For Industry

Congress May Put Check On Truman Power

PRESIDENT ASKS FOR POWER TO RESHUFFLE EXECUTIVE BRANCHES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—(UP)—A move was reported in the Senate today to set up some sort of congressional check on any emergency reshuffling of government agencies by President Truman.

Mr. Truman has asked Congress for authority to reorganize executive agencies. He said he needs this power to speed defense mobilization.

After a closed session of the Senate Executive Expenditures Committee, some senators were represented as fearing the President might use the power in a way Congress wouldn't like.

For example, a committee member said, he might use it to establish a welfare department—which Congress has vigorously refused to do by legislation.

Sen. Karl E. Mundt, R., S. D., said that if the committee decides that the President really needs the proposed power, it may write in a provision for periodic congressional reviews of reorganization orders.

OTHER CONGRESSIONAL DEVELOPMENTS:

Too early—Defense Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson said after meeting with some senators that it is "too early to tell" how deeply rearmament will cut into civilian production. He said "we are still in the analyzing stage—we are analyzing like hell."

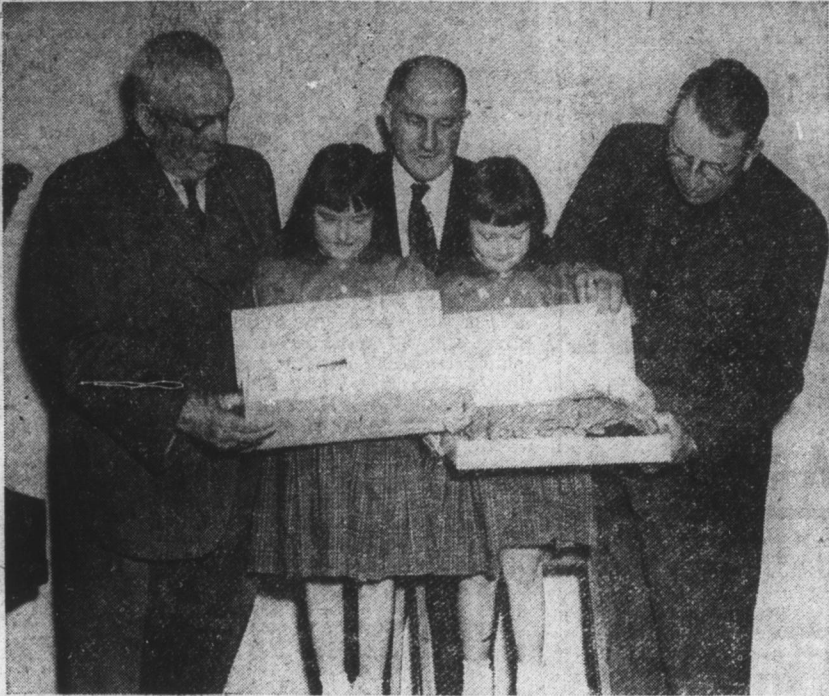
Money—Ror lack of House quorum, Congress can't give final approval to the emergency \$20,000,000,000 defense-atomic bill before Jan. 1. So the house adopted a resolution authorizing the defense department and atomic energy commission to start spending the money at once. The Senate was expected to concur.

Subversive—The 12 Congressmen who put the McCarran anti-subversive act in its final form told Attorney General J. Howard McGrath he has been interpreting it too strictly. McGrath has read the law as meaning it excludes from this country all aliens who ever belonged to a totalitarian organization for whatever reason. But the 12 congressmen said that wasn't their intent. They never intended, they said, to ban anyone to join such an organization in his youth or as a result of coercion.

Civil Defense—The Senate hustled to approve a \$3,100,000,000 civil defense bill after hearing military warnings that an atomic Pearl Harbor could knock the country out in one day.

NEW BERN, Dec. 23 — (UP) —Customers of New Bern's municipally owned Electric Power Company received a Christmas present today of a 10 per cent reduction in electric rates.

The city board of aldermen voted the reduction yesterday and said it would become effective with bills sent out after the first of the year.



ROTARIANS PLAY SANTA—These pretty seven-year-old twins from the Dunn Free Will Baptist Orphanage were busy admiring their gifts from the Dunn Rotary Club last night when this picture was made. Helping Doris McLamb, left and Dorothy McLamb, right, open their gifts were, left to right, Rotarians Lofton A. Tart, Earl H. Mahone and Emmett C. Edgerton. (Record Staff Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

Orphans Presented Gifts, \$750 Cash

Last night was "Orphanage Night" at the Dunn Rotary Club's weekly meeting, and the Rotarians presented Christmas gifts to each of the 29 children of the Dunn Free Will Baptist Orphanage, and \$720.25 in cash to Superintendent J. Edward Johnson.

Last-Minute Yule Rush Is Now On Here

Dunn streets and stores were thronged with shoppers this morning, making purchases for Christmas.

Christmas business in the city compares favorably with that of last season, according to Joe McCullers, manager of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce.

McCullers, who keeps in close contact with the retail merchants and local business conditions reported today that volume of business will probably be near that transacted last Christmas season, although a greater volume of this business is being done on credit.

Clear, cold weather has fostered the development of the Christmas spirit this week, and has probably aided the Christmas trade. Local stores will remain open late tonight. (Continued On Page Four)

Ever since the Dunn Orphanage was established by the Free Will Baptist Church, Dunn Rotarians have helped sponsor the institution as a civic group and the Christmas program is an annual event.

Rotarian J. Shepard Bryan, a trustee of the orphanage, had charge of the program and presented the Rev. Mr. Johnson. In turn, Mr. Johnson presented various members of his group.

FINE PROGRAM
Several gave recitations, others sang, and an outstanding program was enjoyed.

Rotarians Herman Green and Carl Fitchett, Jr., distributed the Christmas gifts to the children, and then Mr. Fitchett presented Mr. Johnson with the check. The orphanage official expressed his appreciation. The money was solicited by the club members from business firms and citizens here.

The orphan children who attended the meeting were:
Lala Reeves, Elizabeth McLamb, Martha Dowless, Viola Russ, Margaret Harralson, Margaret Sadler, Shirley Moore, Bithie McLamb, Joyce Ann Harralson, Hilda Holmes, Sallie Sadler, Doris McLamb, Dorothy McLamb, Carolyn Faye Holmes, Mae Carol Raines, Helen Jean Moore, J. A. Gaine, Jr., Albert Dowless, Edward Gaine, Lawrence Gaine, Stacy McLamb, Thomas. (Continued On Page Seven)

Churches Plan Programs For Christmas

SPECIAL MUSIC AND PAGEANT ARE LISTED AMONG EVENTS

Dunn churches are planning several programs in observance of the Christmas season, scheduling them this week end.

At the First Presbyterian Church, the fourth annual Christmas Eve service will be held at 11:30 Sunday evening. The service will consist chiefly of traditional Christmas carols and scripture readings.

The service will be conducted by the pastor of the church and the combined adult and young people's choirs. It is open not only to members of the church, but to the public in general, and the church invites anyone who wishes to join them at this time. The service will be climaxed with observance of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

PAGEANT SLATED
At the Hood Memorial Christian Church, there will be a Christmas pageant presented by the children's department taking the place of the regular evening service, at 5:30 p. m.

The Divine Street Methodist Church will also have a Christmas program presented by the children at 5:30 p. m. This will be a White Christmas service, and there will be caroling afterward.

At the First Baptist Church, there will be Christmas vesper music at 4:30 p. m. The final showing of the live nativity scene, which has been witnessed several nights this week on the church lawn, will again be shown at 5:45. No evening service is planned.

The Riverside Presbyterian Church will observe the season with a Christmas tree at 7 p. m. Saturday. The church is located on the Dunn-Erwin highway.

In Erwin, the First Baptist (Continued On Page Seven)

TWO ARRESTS

Two arrests were recorded Thursday by Police. Frank Kehnon Borden, 23, of Goldsboro was hauled in for speeding 55 in a 35-mile-per-hour zone. Constable O. R. Pearce made the arrest about 7 p. m.

Officers J. F. Hassell and W. M. Denning arrested Climmie Mercer, Negro, 18, of Fort Bragg for public drunkenness. Mercer was caught about 2:30 a. m. on N. Wilson St.

Herbert Taylor Has Rare Church Record

By ARNOLD SNOW
Record Staff Writer

After ten years in the position, Herbert B. Taylor has resigned as treasurer of the First Baptist Church here.

Holding a position of service to the church or community for a number of years is no novelty to the affable insurance agent. The new thing about this situation is that he is leaving such a position.

The record of such part-time employment on his part is a long list. Representative samples—not the full list—are as follows: 32 years an officer in either the church or Sunday school; 25 years as general secretary of the Sunday school; 15 years as church trustee; two years

general superintendent of the Sunday school.

Nor has he confined his part-time service to the church. For four years, he was treasurer of the City of Dunn, and for eight years he served the city as mayor.

SAYS
All this outside activity might give anyone who has not met the energetic Mr. Taylor the idea that he has little to occupy his time with his regular business. But this is not true. He operates an insurance agency, with the assistance of his daughter Kitty, whom he refers to as "the boss," which was organized many years ago by his father. The agency wrote the first fire risk in town, he revealed, and the house is still standing.

PIONEER CITIZEN
He is one of the oldest residents of Dunn, having lived here all his life. He served the town as mayor for 10 years—longest term ever held

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JOHN A. MCKAY

Funeral Rites Today For John A. McKay

Funeral services were scheduled to be held here Saturday afternoon for John A. McKay, 87, prominent Dunn industrialist, business, civic and religious leader and the town's oldest citizen and oldest business man.

The pioneer Dunn leader—one of the early settlers who helped build the town—had been ill since about ten days ago when he suffered a heart attack. Death came at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Mr. McKay, who was remarkably active for his age, was owner of the John McK. Manufacturing Company, a concern which for more than a half century has manufactured farm machinery, truck trailers and other equipment here.

He was a trustee of the Children's Home at Greensboro and despite the heart attack which caused his death, he had carried on a fund-raising campaign for the institution from his bedside during the past week.

The services were to be held at the home. The Rev. Ernest P. Russell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was to have officiated. Burial was to have been in Greenwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were to be Lister McKay of Buie's Creek, Mike Williams, H. P. Harrington, Earl McD. Westbrook, Herbert B. Taylor, and William Pearsall, Jr., all of Dunn.

BORN NEAR BUIE'S CREEK
Mr. McKay was born June 3, 1863 near Buie's Creek, son of Dr. John A. McKay and Christiana Virginia Foy McKay. A member of an old (Continued On Page Six)

New Payrolls For The Town Being Sought

CONTRACTS WILL BE MADE WITH MANY INDUSTRIAL FIRMS

A three-man delegation from Dunn is going to New York City Jan. 2 to attempt to lure some big-time industries to Harnett's principal town.

Mayor Ralph E. Hanna, who will represent the town on the northern tour, made the announcement Friday.

The other two members of the industry-seeking delegation will be Guyton Smith, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Joe McCullers, chamber manager.

WILL MAKE CONTACTS

The three Dunn men expect to stay in New York about two or three days, the mayor said. While there they will attempt to make contacts with representatives of industries which might possibly be moved to the Dunn area.

"Somebody's got to start it," the Mayor commented, "so we decided to get the ball rolling."

Mayor Hanna pointed out that money will roll in with that ball if a large plant, can be located here. He cited the city's low income, due to a lack of large payroll, and its consequent high rate of taxation, as reasons for bringing in industries with large payrolls.

The only time money in sizable amounts come here is in the fall, immediately after the farmers have sold their crops, he said. Otherwise, there is no constant turn-over of currency here. That is the remedy which the delegation is seeking to cure, he said.

Mayor Hanna said they would bank on the tendency of large industries to decentralize and to move to the South, nearer the source of raw materials.

DUNNS ADVANTAGES

He cited four advantages working in Dunn's favor in this project:

1. Excellent railroad connections and highway facilities.
2. A nearly inexhaustible supply of labor, at lower wages than predominate in the North.
3. Ample land for industries "of almost any size."
4. Water and electricity in unlimited amounts.

Lack of nearby water route—such as a canal or large navigable river—may preclude the movement of certain industries here, he said.

Hanna admitted that there are no industries definitely interested in moving here at the time being, but said that he and his two companions will do everything possible to stir up that interest.

MAY DO GOOD

"I feel as though it may do some good," he remarked in reference to the proposed trip. He pointed out that just such ventures have helped Wallace, Kinston, Lillington and other towns to attract large industries, mostly in the textile field.

The results of the trip, he continued, will take months to show themselves. First must come surveys of locations, surveys of facilities, soil texture testing and a number (Continued On Page Six)



NATIVITY PAGEANT — Shown above are three scenes from the Nativity tableaux being staged through Christmas Eve by the First Baptist Church of Dunn. In all, the show, which began Wednesday night, employs some 112 persons. The scene at left shows the wise men coming to Bethlehem, while the center one depicts the angels revealing themselves to the shepherds. In the third panel is shown the Nativity scene itself. The pageant

is on view from 7 to 10 p. m. through Saturday, while a final one-hour showing will be held at 9 p. m. Sunday. In addition to the tableaux, the three choirs from the church sing Christmas carols at 8 p. m. At other times in the evening recorded carols are played, and the Christmas story from Luke and Matthew is read over the amplifying system every 45 minutes. (Record Staff Photo by T. M. Stewart.)