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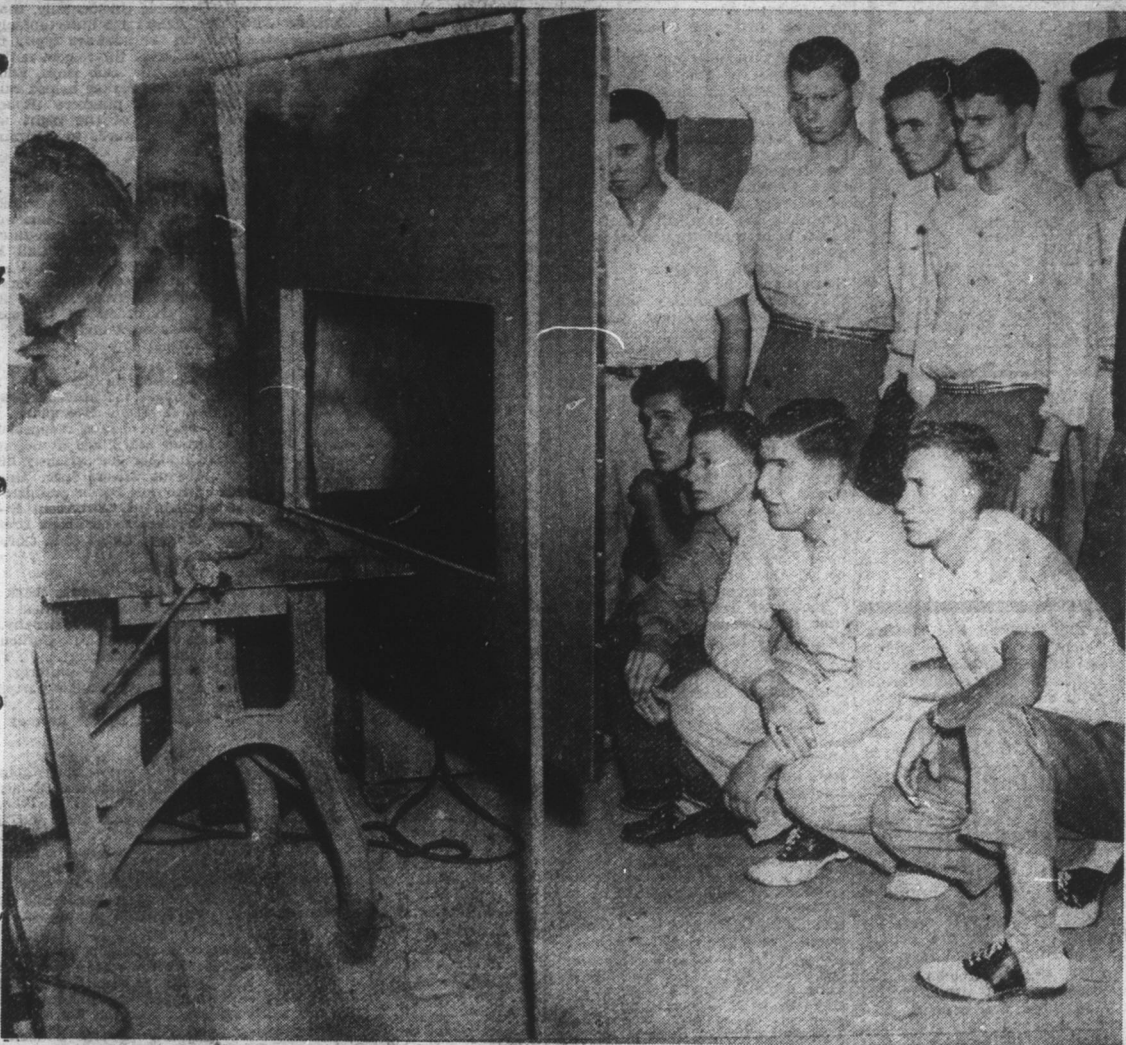
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Reds Near South Korean Capital



STUDENTS AT LILLINGTON—High School watch welding demonstration through shield developed by agricultural teacher John Blackmon, and shop instructor Howard Morrison. (Photo by Daily Record staff photographer Talbert Stewart.)

McArthur Says Reds Number Over Million

UN PLANES HAMMER
AWAY AS COMMIES
CONTINUE ADVANCES

By EARNEST HOBRECHT
U P Staff Correspondent

TOKYO, Dec. 27.—(UP)—The Chinese Reds massed some 200,000 troops within 35 miles of Seoul today and sent patrol spearheads stabbing within 27 miles of the South Korean capital.

The Communist patrols plunged at least seven miles into South Korea in probing attacks paving the way for an imminent offensive to capture Seoul.

Ready to back up the front-line forces in the coming assault are potential Communist reserves of well over 1,000,000 troops, a special communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported.

It gave these estimates of Communist strength:

In Korea: Manchuria or en route—1,350,406 troops.

Already in Korea—444,406 troops, comprising 271,733 Chinese and 167,233 North Koreans.

Against these forces the United Nations have arrayed an estimated 250,000 men, including the U. S. 10th Corps evacuated intact from the Korean northeast coast to Pusan in the Southeast coast.

United Press War Correspondent William Burson reported from the front that the Communists already have concentrated 150,000 to 200,000 Chinese and 25,000 North Korean troops within 35 miles of Seoul for an imminent offensive.

Another 75,000 to 100,000 troops from the revived north Korean army are in line farther east for a possible attempt to sweep around Seoul's flank and cut the 8th Army front in two, Burson said.

He said the consensus at the front was that the Reds might capture Seoul any time within the next 10 days to two weeks.

If they launch the expected powerful offensive, he said, the 8th Army may abandon Seoul and make a stand farther south. But if it proves only a limited assault, he said, the UN forces may make their stand before the Capital.

U. S. PATROL WITHDRAWS
Chinese and North Korean combat patrols jabbed at the 8th Army line all along a 90-mile front in preparation for the offensive.

An American patrol withdrew after encountering 500 to 700 Red troops moving south through Changchon, seven miles south of (Continued On Page Seven)



SCENE OF SLAYING—Police Chief George Arthur Jackson is shown in the doorway of the home where Julia Adams, 40-year-old Negro woman, was shot to death here last night. Chief Jackson is pointing to the large puddles of blood where the woman fell. Buster Byrd, 28, charged with the slaying, allegedly stood a few feet away and fired at the woman with a shotgun. The blast ripped a hole the size of a half dollar in her chest. Policeman Gaither Riley, standing outside, looks on. Byrd managed to escape. The man and woman allegedly had an argument before he shot her down. (Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

Half Hundred In State Die By Violence

By UNITED PRESS
North Carolina counted more than half a hundred persons dead by accidents or violence today as the state ended its four-day celebration of Christmas.

Belated reports of Christmas and Christmas Eve deaths pushed the total to 42 and a rash of post-Christmas shootings which broke our yesterday boosted the number to 52.

Three persons in one family were killed near Asheville yesterday as C. L. Shelton, 28, turned a .22 caliber automatic rifle on his wife's family. Shelton's mother-in-law, Mrs. Dora Pittman, 49, brother-in-law, Delmos Pittman, 14, and three-year-old stepson Harold were killed.

In another shooting, William Burchette, 58-year-old former prison camp superintendent, was killed near North Wilkesboro. Hubert Ester, 35, was charged with the murder.

At Statesville, Calvin Lassenby, 22-year-old Fort Bragg Negro soldier, shot and killed his estranged wife and then himself with a shotgun.

KILLED BY TRACTOR
Donald Laverne Michael, eight— (Continued On Page Seven)

Novel Shield Protects Welding Class Pupils

The torch singer who moans "Smoke gets in your eyes" would be out of place in one of John Blackmon's welding classes at Lillington High School.

Ennis Funeral Rites Slated

LEE DANIEL ENNIS, 74,
ONE OF DUNN'S
OLDEST RESIDENTS

Lee Daniel Ennis, 74, of Dunn Rt. 3, died Tuesday at 6:30 p. m. at his home, after a critical illness of several days.

A native of Johnson County, he came to Dunn at the age of 17, and had lived here since that time. He had been a merchant here, and for many years he had operated a bicycle sales and repair shop. A gifted musician, he was also intensely interested in political affairs, both local and national.

OLDEST BAPTIST
At the time of his death, he was the oldest member of the Dunn Baptist Church. He was forced by poor health to retire from business about 20 years ago.

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Truman Works On Message

MESSAGE WILL CALL FOR
\$75 BILLION, MOSTLY
FOR THE ARMED FORCES

By MERRIMAN SMITH
U P White House Reporter

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 — (UP)—President Truman worked on his State of the Union message today after reviewing with his top advisers late developments in the world crisis.

The new 82nd Congress will convene January 3. The President's State of the Union address traditionally is delivered within several days thereafter.

It was learned that Mr. Truman's budget message, usually sent to Congress the day following will call for a \$75,000,000,000 spending program for fiscal 1952.

Two-thirds of the sum would be used to build up the nation's armed forces.

Mr. Truman flew back to Washington late yesterday from a brief (Continued On Page Seven)

Federal Men Arrest Trio

Three Harnett County men were bound over to Federal Court on whiskey charges at a preliminary hearing held this morning before Mrs. Mollie Adams Jackson, local United States Commissioner.

Johanne B. Bryant and Claude Harris are charged with operating a still and possession of 600 gallons of mash and 20 gallons of whiskey.

Handy Crawford is charged with (Continued On Page Seven)

Third Murder In Four Days Occurred Here Last Night

Harnett County's third murder in four days—and the second for Dunn—occurred here last night.

Julia Adams, a 40-year-old Negro woman, was shot to death about 8:30 last night as she stood in the doorway of her home, a tiny shack located near the fertilizer plant in a section known as "Skeeter Bottom."

The shotgun blast, apparently fired at close range, ripped into the woman's left chest and left big puddles of blood where she fell. She died enroute to the Dunn hospital.

BUSTER BYRD SOUGHT

Police Chief George Arthur Jackson said this morning that his force is seeking Buster Byrd, 28-year-old Negro, accused of the murder. He escaped after the shooting and was still at large this morning.

The officers said that both the slain woman and her accused slayer have had reputations. The woman has been convicted in the Dunn court for bootlegging and Byrd has a reputation for bootlegging, stealing and other offenses.

Police have combed the town and the entire area for Byrd ever since the slaying took place.

By an unusual coincidence, Deputy Sheriff Oscar Pearce said this morning that he stopped Byrd last night a few minutes after the shooting and searched him for whiskey. He didn't know about the shooting at the time, however, and released Byrd when he found no intoxicants on him.

The officer said he asked Byrd what he was doing walking around in the neighborhood and the Negro replied, "Just looking a little drink."

Chief Jackson said it had been difficult to get a straight story on the shooting, and police have not yet had time to question all witnesses.

The woman was standing in her (Continued On Page Seven)

BULLETINS

The worst cold wave of the season gripped the nation today from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Coast, plunging temperatures far below zero. The mercury nosedived to 31 below zero early today at Rochester, Minn., the coldest spot in the country, and it was 30 below at Lone Rock, Wis.

CHARLESTON, S. C. Dec. 27.—(UP)—A raging fire destroyed \$500,000 worth of Atlantic Coastline Railroad property on Younge's Island last night including the railroad wharf, freight shed and station. Company officials (Continued On Page Seven)

Linden Preacher Starting Final Chapter Of Adventurous Life

By JIM HENDERSON
Record Staff Writer

The Rev. Frank S. Blue, a country preacher whose life reads like a best-selling novel, has begun the final chapter in his story of a man who missed his calling — then found it again.

After a crowded existence which included tries at some half-dozen professions, the Rev. Mr. Blue has resigned as pastor of Sardis, Palestine and Westminster Presbyterian churches in the Linden community of northern Cumberland County.

The Rev. Mr. Blue has moved back to Burlington, scene of his first ministerial charge. His retirement, forced on him for reasons of health, will become official Jan. 1, 1951.

Ministry over the three Linden churches marked the third charge for the Rev. Mr. Blue, who graduated from Union Theological Seminary in 1932. Before taking over the three rural churches, the Rev. Mr. Blue was pastor of Presbyterian churches in both Burlington and Raleigh.

Native of Moore County
The slight, slender preacher, who (Continued On Page Eight)

Glen McCarthy Is Sore; Daughter Weds Poor Boy

By JACK GATES
UP Staff Correspondent
HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 27.—(UP)—Oilman Glenn McCarthy was reported "furious" today over the marriage of his 17-year-old daughter to a cobbler's son.

McCarthy, whose fortune has been reckoned at \$200,000,000, was a poor boy himself when he eloped 20 years ago with the daughter of an oil millionaire.

However, he curtly refused comment yesterday on reports that his daughter, Glenlake, had been married to 19-year-old George Pontikes, sophomore football player at Rice Institute.

Friends who called at the \$700,000 McCarthy mansion Christmas Day told the 43-year-old oil magnate appeared "stunned and at a loss for words."

HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEARTS
Young Pontikes and Miss Mo- (Continued On Page Seven)

Agriculture Teacher Blackmon and Shop Instructor Howard Morrison, hampered by the small-sized classes allowed by their old equipment and worried lest someone be burned by flying metal sparks, put their heads together and came up with this year with an answer to the problem.

Their solution, installed in October, is as simple in principle as the screw or the mill-wheel. It consists of an inch thick wooden screen in which a glass window is mounted. When swung down into position, the screen allows the students to stand at a safe distance and watch the welding instructor without danger to their eyes or bodies from the intense light and molten metal.

The glass itself, measuring 46 by 19 inches, is of double thickness, with three polaroid light filters between the outside panes. It has been chemically treated to enable it to withstand the blasting heat of the shop's portable welding unit.

Previously only four or five students, all wearing heavy welder's helmets and protective clothing, could watch while the instructor went through his welding or cutting paces. Vision was necessarily limited by the thick, narrow glass panel on the helmet.

New comments Teacher Blackmon, the students actually get a better view of the proceedings than does the instructor.

Classes of 15 students can be accommodated quite easily in front of the wide glass screen, which gives a clear view of the proceeding in-side. Built of three-quarter inch plywood on the students' side, the screen's frame is backed on the inside by fireproof masonite board.

Added protection is given on two sides by the concrete block sides of the shop building and on the fourth side by a fireproof leather curtain.

When not in use, the shield is swung up by means of a pulley and locked in position above its metal tubing frame.

The novel gadget has been so successful at Lillington that the district superintendent has recommended it to all the school shop instructors in his bailiwick. And since there are more than 400 school shops in the state equipped with welding units, the useful possibilities of the shield are almost unlimited, says Blackmon.

A similar screen has been (Continued On Page Seven)

Cows, Women Have Hard Time In Korea

The cows and women have a hard time in Korea, reports Jesse Surles, who just made it home for Christmas from

Surles, who arrived home at 501 N. Clinton Ave. on Christmas day, spent several months in Korea with the First Corps, in the transportation service. He owes his visit home to an injury received when a train derailed. He's the son of Mrs. Lillian Surles of Dunn.

Korean women, the soldier explains, are expected to work in the fields, keep up with their housework and manage the children, and how they can possibly live up to these expectations is anybody's guess.

And the cows fare just as badly, according to the returned soldier. They are expected to give milk, but between times they are used a plow and work animals in the fields.

PERVERSE LOYALTY
One of the greatest troubles to the combat soldier in Korea, Surles reports, is that of telling friends from enemy. Sometimes the U. N. forces would have a man, pretending to be a South Korean, working for (Continued On Page Seven)



SERGEANT SURLS