

U. S. Army Troops Now Retreating

10 Corporations Formed In County During Past Year

Ten new corporations with a total capitalization of over \$1,000,000 were formed in Harnett County during the past year, according to records in the office of court clerk Robert Morgan.

Eight of the new concerns are located in Dunn, while Erwin and Lillington boasted of one each.

Of the 10 corporations, all but one -- the Wellons Foundation -- are stock companies. The non-stock Wellons Foundation was formed for religious, charitable and educational purposes by John H. Wellons, C. G. Wellons and I. R. Williams, all of Dunn.

LARGEST STOCK GRANT
The largest stock authorization was granted for the O. W. Godwin, Inc., real estate firm, capitalized at \$250,000. The Dunn firm was formed by O. W. Godwin, Mrs. E. S. Hinson and V. A. Anderson.

VARIED BUSINESSES
The new firms include a retail store, a newspaper, two automobile agencies, an ice and fuel company, a drug store and a water company.

The most recent firm established was the Harnett Water Co., Inc., of Erwin, formed Dec. 18 with a capital stock of \$100,000. Incorporators were R. S. Kelly, B. E. Hudson and E. R. Thomas, Jr., all of Erwin.

LILLINGTON FIRM
In Lillington, the newest concern to be incorporated is the Brock Chevrolet Company, Inc. Founders are Earl Westbrook, T. B. Williams and Clifton H. Brock, all Dunn men.

A thousand shares were authorized at \$100 each.

Firms formed in Dunn, in addition to the two mentioned, are:

Godwin Building and Supply Company, Inc., by O. W. Godwin, O. W. Godwin, Jr., and D. H. Godwin, unlimited.

The Quality Shop of Dunn, Inc., by I. Rosenfeld, H. L. Rulnick, S. D. Mendelsohn and H. M. Rulnick, all of Fayetteville, unlimited.

The Dunn Ice and Fuel Company, Inc., by A. C. Burns, Earl Westbrook and Elizabeth E. Burns, unlimited.

The Strickland Motor Company, Inc., by Paul L. Strickland, R. Dennis Strickland and Dee M. Strickland, 100 years.

The Record Publishing Company, Inc., by Hoover Adams, Mellicent S. Adams and W. H. Twyford, unlimited.

Fitchett, Inc. (formerly Fitchett Drug Co.), by Carl E. Fitchett, Virginia T. Fitchett and Carl E. Fitchett, Jr., unlimited.

Each of the above six firms has a total of \$100,000 in authorized stock.

TO CALL RESERVES
CHARLOTTE, Dec. 29. — (UP) — Some 115 reserve Army officers from North Carolina will shake out their uniforms and dust off their equipment for a return to active duty in the next three months.

Police Radio Is Installed

Santa Claus was a little bit late getting here, but he finally showed up Friday morning with a two-way radio set for Dunn's Police Department.

Installation of some \$1,500 worth of broadcasting machinery was begun during the morning, when the city's patrol car got its receiver-transmitter hooked up. Deputy Sheriff B. E. Sturgill, assisted by Fireman Mann Norris, Jr., did the honors at Wilson Motor Company's garage.

The main station transmitter and receiver were slated for installation at police headquarters Friday afternoon, according to City Manager R. Thomas Hobbs.

After the radio system is set up, the city hopes to connect with the main State Highway Patrol broadcasting station in Raleigh, said Hobbs. This will connect the Dunn police radio with other police stations throughout the State.

Policeman Francis Hall will be in charge of upkeep and maintenance of the apparatus, the city manager stated recently. Eventually all members of the police force will be licensed to operate the machinery, he added.

Funds for the radio system were earmarked in the 1950-51 city budget.

Two Pile Up On Icy Road

Icy roads caused two cars to pile up on Highway 421 near the fire tower, the State Highway Patrol reported Friday.

Thomas D. Ray, 20, Lillington Rd. 3, lost control of his 1947 Hudson on an icy curve and plunged into a ditch on the left side of the road about 10:45 a. m. Friday.

A Marine, 22-year-old Charles L. Loecherer of Camp Lejeune, who was approaching Ray from the opposite direction, ran into a ditch to his left and overturned to keep from colliding with the other driver.

No one was hurt in the accident, but Loecherer's 1941 Buick suffered considerable damage.

Ray was headed south on the highway when he lost control of his vehicle.



SCOUTS HONORED—These smiles of accomplishment belong to Dan Gilbert, Alonzo Parrish and Charles Holmes of Benson's Boy Scout Troop 19. These are the first Boy Scouts to receive their Second Class awards since Benson received its new Scout Charter in September. Sponsoring the Troop is the Benson-Meadow Kiwanis Club. Not shown is Wallace Parker, also awarded his Second Class Badge. The awards were presented by Bruce M. Boyers, Scout Executive for the Tuscarora Council. Presentation took place at a formal ceremony held in Smithfield recently. (Photo by Lewis H. Lawrence.)

Another Soldier May Lose Arms And Legs

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Dec. 29. — (UP) — A wounded 19-year-old soldier who gave his gloves to buddies so they could continue to fight the Chinese Communists in Korea, faced multiple amputation today from deep frost bite of his hands and feet.

Officers at Percy Jones Army General Hospital said that Pvt. Hubert Reeves of Joliet, Ill., is threatened with loss of portions of all four limbs, but denied he is a "potential quadruple amputee."

Earlier, a public relations officer at the hospital said it was too early to tell how much amputation would be necessary, although Reeves stood only a "good chance" to save portions of his arms and legs.

WOUNDED BY SHRAPNEL
Reeves was wounded in the legs from shrapnel near the Changjin Reservoir when the Communists attacked across the Yalu River in North Korea. His truck, carrying other wounded, was captured by the enemy.

He escaped by crawling into the snow in temperatures from 20 to 30 degrees below zero. The others, who didn't escape, were shot as they

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STATE NEWS BRIEFS

ELKIN, Dec. 29. — (UP) — Fire interrupted a prayer meeting here last night, driving some 35 persons outside into freezing temperatures while flames destroyed most of the inside of the West Elkin Baptist Church.

The Rev. J. L. Powers estimated damages at between \$10,000 and \$12,000. Insurance covered about \$4,000, he said.

MURPHY, Dec. 29. — (UP) — A 55-year-old ex-convict who had spent almost half his life behind prison bars admitted that he strangled his 12-year-old nephew to conceal perverted sex acts, Sheriff Frank C. Crawford said today. The sheriff said the confession signed by Will Henson ended the four-month-old mystery of the death of young Leroy Henson, an elementary school student and son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Henson of Murphy.

Henson admitted that he strangled the boy with a rawhide thong after 20 hours of questioning and a trip to the scene of the crime, the sheriff said. He was held without bond on a first-degree murder war-

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BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. — (UP) — Chairman John E. Rankin of the House Veterans Committee said today he will introduce a bill in the next Congress to give war veterans all GI benefits except unemployment insurance.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. — (UP) — About 35,000 Americans will have died in traffic deaths in the past year by New Year's Eve, a safety association said today.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 29. — (UP) — Brown-haired Jeanine Holland came out of the west to win selection as 1951's "Maid of Cotton" and show the Southland's staple crop to the world on a tall Texas frame. Jeanine, 21 and a senior at Texas State College for Women, was chosen here last night from a field of 19 girls from nine cotton-raising states. Her brown hair and eyes, five feet, six and three-quarter inches of height, and 124 pounds of modeled figure were shown at their best in a (cotton) organdy gown she made herself.

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 29. — (UP) — The Senate Crime Investigating Committee began public hearings today in this melting pot seaport whose criminal element appears to have nationwide connections through the "Mafia" underworld organization. Sen. Lester C. Hunt, D., Wyo., came here to conduct the hearings in an effort to pursue what a committee spokesman has called definite marks of Mafia connections with New Orleans, Chicago, Kansas City, Cleveland, Los Angeles and other cities.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 29. — (UP) — Robert Smith of the nation — about 30,000 of them — were asked today to help quadruple-amputee Pfc. Robert L. Smith, just back from Korea. Robert M. Smith, division president of the A & (Continued On Page Seven)

Food Prices Will Rise During 1951

GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO COMBAT INFLATION; HOARDERS ARE WARNED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. — (UP) — The government dug in all along the economic front today to halt advancing inflation, but officials predicted still higher food prices next year.

The major action was to require the nation's banks to withhold about \$2,000,000,000 more of their deposits as loan securities. The Federal Reserve board said the ruling would actually take \$12,000,000,000 out of circulation. That means fewer loans for autos, TV sets, refrigerators and other household goods.

The government also seized control of all rubber to make certain that the vital material is allocated fairly. From now on, the general services administration will ration rubber to manufacturers on priorities set by the National Production Authority. Military needs will get first call but the order has no effect on the sale of auto tires by manufacturers.

HOARDERS WARNED

The NPA issued a stern warning to hoarders: They will be jailed for one year and fined \$10,000 if they hoard or stockpile more than they need or if they sell on the black market.

In spite of these increased controls, Agriculture Department experts warned that food prices will continue to rise. They figured housewives next year will pay \$1.10 for what they bought for a dollar in 1950.

Economic stabilization officials felt they could do little beyond possible voluntary agreements — unless Congress grants them more authority to control food prices.

President Truman refused to discuss conference yesterday to discuss what could be done. But he said government experts are working hard to find a solution.

Most foods now are selling at prices which give farmers less than parity — the formula designed to give farmers' dollar the same purchasing power it had in 1910-14. The government is forbidden to freeze prices below the parity level.

BIRTH AND DEATH

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Barefoot of Erwin announce the birth and death of an infant son in Good Hope Hospital, Erwin, early Friday morning. Burial was in the Bethesda Church cemetery near Benson Friday afternoon.

The child is survived by his parents; one sister, Peggy Louise Barefoot, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Barefoot of Dunn Rd. 2 and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Martin of Erwin.



GORDON GRAY, shown here, president of the Greater University of North Carolina and former Secretary of the Army, will be the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce on Thursday night, January 25th. Dunn civic clubs will join the chamber for this meeting and an attendance of more than 500 is expected.

Godwin Is Renamed Market President

E. E. Godwin, potato grower of near Benson, was renamed president of the corporation. Other officers were named as follows: Joseph L. King, Faslon, first vice-president; Ralph Secler, Newton, second vice-president; G. H. Altman, Dunn, third vice-president; H. D. Andrews, Mt. Olive, secretary; Buck Curry, Dunn, treasurer.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR
The auditor's report showed a highly successful first year of operation. The market here was ranked second in the state by the U. S. and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture.

The Federal-State Inspection Service reported that 98,752 bushels of sweet potatoes were inspected here, placing the market among the leading ones of the state and pointing up the fast development of the local market during its first year.

Tabor City ranked first in the state, with other leading markets as follows: Dunn, second; Bethel, third; and Benson, fourth.

Gilbert Funeral To Be Sunday

Mrs. Emma H. Gilbert, 77, wife of the late Albert R. Gilbert, died at home of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Brockman, in Salisbury Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

She had been in declining health for the past four years and seriously ill for four weeks.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Hannah's Creek Primitive Baptist Church near Benson. She was a member of the church. Officiating will be Elder T. Floyd Adams of Willow Springs and Elder King of Greensboro. Interment will be in the Benson city cemetery. The body will remain at Rose Funeral Home in Benson until one hour prior to the service, at which time it will be taken to the church.

Surviving are two sons, Chief Petty Officer William H. Gilbert of Key West, Fla., and First Engineer Ovid B. Gilbert of the Maritime (Continued On Page Four)

Dunn Firemen Hold Election

The Dunn Fire Department's top five men will automatically succeed themselves to office Jan. 1.

Howard M. Lee, secretary-treasurer, said Friday that the officers, all reelected during the Nov. 14 meeting of the Fire Department, will start a new year of service Monday.

The officials are Mayor Ralph E. Hanna, fire chief; Charles Henry West, assistant fire chief; Mann Norris, Jr., lieutenant; E. Freeman Wood, captain; and Lee, secretary-treasurer.

No installation services for the officers have been scheduled.

Four-Prong Offensive Is Awaited

CHINESE ARE REPORTED MASSING FOR FURTHER ASSAULT IN KOREA

TOKYO, Dec. 29. — (UP) — The U. S. 8th Army pulled back the eastern flank of its defense line above Seoul at least 7 1/2 miles today under steadily-mounting Communist attacks.

Chinese and North Korean Reds also skirmished sporadically with 8th Army patrols along most of the rest of the 100-mile United Nations defense line across the Korean peninsula.

It appeared the all-out communist assault against Seoul would not be long delayed. A front dispatch predicted a four-pronged offensive by upwards of 250,000 Chinese and North Koreans within 10 days.

Field dispatches and communications from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters told of increasing pressure against South Korean forces holding the eastern flank of the 8th Army line. The Reds seemed to be building up for an attempt to outflank Seoul and cut the 8th Army in two.

OTHER RETREATS MADE
Two South Korean withdrawals on the eastern flank — one of at least 7 1/2 miles and the other of nearly two miles — were reported by an 8th Army spokesman. One and possibly two more retreats were disclosed in headquarters communiques.

The biggest withdrawal of 14,000 yards was made by South Korean units under "heavy enemy pressure" from enemy forces believed north Korean in unknown strength, the 8th Army spokesman said.

Another 8th Army group nearby fell back 6,000 yards in a skirmish with 2,600 enemy troops, also believed North Korean, he said.

The spokesman placed both actions 16 miles south of the 38th parallel and 25 to 35 miles inland from the east coast — presumably in the area south of Yongpo, 75 miles northeast of Seoul, and below Oron, 63 miles northeast of Seoul.

MacArthur's headquarters communiques said pressure from two enemy regiments — about 2,500 troops — forced 8th Army forces to yield ground northwest of Oron. Other 8th Army units fell back under attack by a Communist regiment southeast of Yongpo, the communique said.

United Press War Correspondent William Burson said in a dispatch from the front that upwards of 250,000 Chinese and North Koreans arrayed northwest, north and northeast of Seoul are expected to launch a four-pronged offensive within the next 10 days.

Police Still Seek Slayer

Police were still searching for Buster Byrd Friday, as a coroner's jury decided that Julia Adams died as a result of gunshot wounds he inflicted Tuesday evening. If he is caught, Byrd will be held without bond for action of the grand jury. Witnesses in the case, all residents of the area with the exception of K. M. Fall, of the Dunn Police Department, told essentially the same story: that Buster Byrd argued with the victim of the shooting on two occasions during the afternoon and evening, and that he shot her as she attempted to leave the house. According to the testimony of Janie Blue, occupant of the house (Continued On Page Four)

Dunn Stores Open Monday

Dunn will become a quiet town again Monday when city offices, the post office and banks close down for the New Year's Holiday.

Stores, however, will remain open. Earlier in the month the Retail Merchants' Committee of the Chamber of Commerce voted to take off a single day for both the Christmas and New Year's holidays. That vacation was observed right after Christmas.

Likewise, The Daily Record will continue to turn out its daily offering, rather than closing as it did Christmas Day.

The City Council will meet a day later for its first get-together of 1951. The councilmen voted in early December to hold their bi-monthly meeting Jan. 2, instead of on the Jan. 1 holiday.

A reminder for celebrants who are tempted to toast the New Year too often: the Police Department will also remain open for business Jan. 1.

College May Change Terms

Final exams will face Campbell College's students when they return Jan. 2 from the Christmas holiday.

President Leslie H. Campbell said Friday that final exams for the fall semester will be held during the week of Jan. 22-27. The junior college's 420 students will have some three weeks in which to bone up before exams begin.

President Campbell also said Friday that the school is tentatively (Continued On Page Seven)

Gregory Sells Dairy Firm To Ballentine

The labor shortage has hit the milk business in Harnett County. You can take the word of Carson Gregory, it's almost impossible to hire men to get up at 3 a. m. and milk cows.

For that reason, the prominent Harnett dairyman, farmer, businessman and State representative announced today that he has sold his dairy — known as Carson's Dairy.

Mr. Gregory announced the sale of the dairy equipment to L. Y. Ballentine of Varina, State Commissioner of Agriculture, and owner of Ballentine's Dairy.

NO OTHER CHANGES
In his announcement today, Mr. Gregory pointed out that there will be no change in personnel, no increase in price and no change in quality. He pointed out that Mr. Ballentine will continue to improve the dairy and its services.

"It has been my pleasure to serve you in the milk business for 20 years, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your patronage and friendship throughout these years," said Mr. Gregory.

Mr. Gregory owns more than 70 head of cattle, and has also established milk routes in Angier, Dunn, Erwin, and Coats. Mr. Ballentine will continue to serve all of these customers.

Mr. Gregory and his brother operate Red Bird Taxi, he is an extensive farmer, operates a crop dusting business and said today he also plans to expand his hog business. For several years, he has been producing champion purebred swine stock.



POLICE GET RADIO — Installation of the Dunn Police Department's new two-way radio system was begun Friday morning when Deputy Sheriff B. E. Sturgill (above, right) hooked up the generator and rectifier for the patrol car's receiver-transmitter. Fireman Mann Norris, Jr., (left) kibitzed while the wires were being connected. Erection of the main station at police headquarters was started during the afternoon. Cost of the entire project will run around \$1,500, according to City Manager R. Thomas Hobbs. (Daily Record Staff Photo by T. M. Stewart.)