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Solons Bottle Liquor Question After Hearing

RALEIGH, Feb. 21.—(UP)—The General Assembly Joint Propositions and Grievances Committee bottled up the perennial liquor question today for action at a future date after hearing a two-hour wet-dry debate yesterday.

The Allied Church League, the Central Conference of Freewill Baptists and other dry forces turned out at a public hearing to urge a favorable report on two bills calling for Statewide "all or nothing" referendums on liquor, beer and wine.

Speaking against the bills were city managers and mayors of larger cities and several law enforcement officers. Eight persons appeared for the proposals and eight against them.

Francis O. Clarkson of Charlotte, representing the Allied Church League, headed the dry forces. He said the legislature "has put liquor into the State pie-meal" and contended the liquor question should be decided by the people of the State rather than the legislature.

Supporting Clarkson's argument were L. W. Powell of Northampton County, Paul R. Ervin, chair of the Methodist Board of Temperance, Dr. M. H. Higgins, chairman of the Baptist State Convention, and C. L. Patrick, representing the Conference of Freewill Baptists.

Otis Mull former speaker of the House, said the committee should refer the question to the people and "get it out of politics. Then we could be plain old-fashioned." (Continued On Page Six)

Lillingtonians Collect \$4,145

The Lillington center hit 34.6 per cent of its goal in the Campbell College Expansion Program by Monday, Chairman W. A. Johnson said today in his first report on collections.

A total of \$4,145 has been brought in by the three vice-chairmen and the ladies' team, he said. A second report tonight is expected to show even better results, he indicated. The report supper will begin at 7:30.

Top fund-raiser was Vice-Chairman Howard Watkins, who brought in \$1,825. The ladies' team was second, with collections totaling \$850. Next were Vice-Chairman H. H. Hamilton \$750; and Vice-Chairman Charles Loving, \$720.

"This assures us we can reach our goal," Johnson said. "The future of our college depends on our efforts, and we can win."



LOOK, MA—ONE HAND—An expert lesson in the almost lost art of building a cigarette with one hand is given by Carl Fitchett of Dunn at a Socony-Vacuum dealer's meeting at the armory Tuesday night. Learning the tricks are, left to right: Fred Herbst of Baltimore, Md., assistant marketing director for Socony-Vacuum oil company; Bruce Cotton of Charlotte, Socony industrial salesman for North Carolina; Fitchett, local oil dealer and master cigarette maker; and Claiborne Johnson, local oil executive.

(Record Staff Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

State News Briefs

INVESTIGATE "CRIME SCHOOL"

WILMINGTON, Feb. 21.—(UP)—Police believed the trial of O. L. Lanier, former Wilmington cafe operator, today might reveal the existence of a "crime school" here. Lanier was to appear in Recorder's Court while six youths under the age of 18 faced a juvenile judge. Officers said 96 counts of larceny and receiving had been placed against the seven.

Investigators refused to disclose any of their evidence before going into court. However, they intimated the trials might show a connection between Lanier and gangs of youngsters who have robbed garages, service stations and used car lots here during the last two months.

Automobile accessories, gasoline, tires, wheels and batteries were taken in the thefts, officers said. Meanwhile, James Alvin Rice, a small merchant, and William Henry Robinson, a Negro ice dealer, were arraigned yesterday on charges of receiving stolen goods.

Four warrants charged Rice with receiving cigars, cigarettes and an automobile spotlight from three juveniles. Robinson is charged with receiving automobile batteries stolen by the youths. Both men will be tried Friday.

COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS
WINSTON-SALEM, Feb. 21.—(Continued On Page Two)

Harnett Oil Dealers Attend Meeting Here

Barbecue and motor oil mixed well Tuesday night when a marketing specialist told a group of Harnett distributors that this county and the rest of eastern North Carolina will soon make a new market for Socony-Vacuum petroleum company's "light" products.

Fred Herbst of Baltimore, Md., formerly of North Carolina and a graduate of State College, treated some 20 county dealers to a lecture, a movie and slides on Socony's motor oils and gasolines.

AFTER TRACING THE history of Socony-Vacuum, he told the dealers that his company, which came to the Southeast and North Carolina in 1946, expects to sell a million gallons of gasoline in this region during 1951. Socony Mobil products were taken out of ago.

He pointed out that Socony's Mobil is the world's largest-selling.

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USAF Needs Skilled Vets

The Air Force has an urgent need for former servicemen who possess various skills and trades, Sgt. Winfield Pickett of the local recruiting office said today.

The men are needed both as instructors and on the job, Pickett said. He did not specify which skills were concerned, but said that veterans can get their old rates back "in most cases" if they qualify.

One veteran discharged in 1945 as a private was recently taken back in as a technical sergeant, he pointed out. The man had attended an accredited school after discharge and received a diploma in a field useful to the Air Force, Sergeant Pickett explained.

Veterans desiring further information.

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C of C Leader To Visit Dunn



Duane Strawbridge of Washington, D. C. program advisor for the southeastern division of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, will speak here February 28, before going to Benson to address the local chamber there.

The announcement was made today by Joe McCuller's manager of the Dunn chamber.

Strawbridge, a former Merchant Marine officer, will deliver his address here at the Municipal Building Courtroom at 4 p. m. February 28.

His Benson speech will be given the following Sunday at the Carolina Hotel in Benson, according to Lewis Lawrence, manager of the chamber there.

A native of Dallas, Texas, and a

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Aid Of Friends Determines Winner Of Record Contest

By BILL & DORIS GUPTON
Contest Editors

The contestant who wins the beautiful new 1951 Packard 4-door sedan, grand capital prize, in The Record's big "Everybody Wins" subscription contest, as well as those who win the second grand prize of \$750 cash or the other cash Bonus Awards will do so through the cooperation and help of friends. Yet, paradoxically, the participant who has the most friends may not be the one who will win the Packard sedan.

Quality as well as quantity counts in friendship. One might have dozens of "fair weather friends" and yet not have a single one who is willing to stand behind him or go to a little trouble in enabling him to achieve a most worthy ambition.

Here is Opportunity. Here is an opportunity to show the true worth and value of friendship. If an acquaintance is competing for one of the big prizes in The Record's prize subscription contest, he would not have entered the drive unless he felt he would have the wholehearted support of many, many friends and neighbors. This contestant has—in other words—thrown his or her hat in the ring and publicly staked his faith in friends against any who would challenge him.

Don't let him or her down. Remember—this contest is more than a dry tally of competing votes. It is a trial of courage, perseverance and determination. Above all, it is a test of true loyalty of friends who are willing to "go the limit." The winner will be the one who has the staunch, enthusiastic backing of true friends—and his greatest award will be the heart-warming gratification of discovering just how many REAL friends he or she has, and how much they think of him or her.

The contest is fast reaching the final stages with less than 21 working days remaining before the closing day, Saturday, March 17.

Your favorite contestant is doing his best to contact all of his or her acquaintances. It would be impossible for them to see everybody, however, in the short time remaining. If you know someone in the contest and have been "thinking about" helping them, but have been putting it off, now is the time to offer them your subscription. Even if you have to go a little out of your way.

Friends Are Best. "We take care of our health, we lay up money, we make our roof tight and our clothing sufficient, but who promises wisely that he shall not be wanting in the best" (Continued On Page Six)

Reds Flee Central Front Stiffen Western Defenses

Erwin Workers May Strike In March Walkout

The management at Erwin Mills in Erwin, had more than production problems to wrestle with Wednesday morning.

Erwin local No. 256 of the Textile Workers Union of America handed it two headache-makers—a minor one and a real skull-splitter.

J. Thomas West, union manager, said the local will "absolutely walk out" March 15 in a nationwide strike of cotton and rayon millworkers called by the union's leaders unless wage and pension negotiations are settled satisfactorily by then.

AFFECTS 470 PLANTS
The walkout was called last night by TWUA. It will effect some 200,000 workers in 470 plants throughout the country. Already woolen and worsted plants are idle from a five-day-old strike of 70,000 CIO union members.

The union is asking a 12 per cent increase in wages, plus other benefits.

West stated that he was not at liberty to say whether or not the Erwin local will strike if directed to do so, even though negotiations with the Erwin chain have been completed by March 15.

He said that the required 30-day notice has been served informing Erwin's management that the union will strike on the date specified. West indicated that the notice is a legal technicality. Actual negotiations on wages and pensions will begin about March 1, he added.

DRAWS RESOLUTION
A lesser trouble was visited on the mill owners when the Erwin local.

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POST OFFICE CLOSURE
The Dunn Post Office will be closed Thursday for Washington's Birthday, a national holiday. Postmaster Ralph Wade announced today. There will be no deliveries except special delivery mail, he said, but incoming and outgoing mails will be distributed as usual.

Bouchard Resigns As Head Of Cape Fear Music Group

Joseph Bouchard of Raleigh, director of the Cape Fear Festival Association for the past two years, has tendered his resignation, effective at the close of the current season.

His resignation was announced this morning by Manager Joe McCuller of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce, who serves as president of the organization for the promotion of culture and higher type entertainment in the Cape Fear area.

Bouchard expressed much regret at being forced to relinquish the position, but pointed out that the growth of his studio in Raleigh and his various other activities require so much of his time that he would not be able to give the festival association position sufficient time to do it justice another season.

EXPRESSES APPRECIATION
He expressed his appreciation to the people of Harnett and the other

Draft Law Stymied By Troops Problem

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(UP)—Quick passage of a law lowering the draft age appeared to be stymied today by the controversial troops-for-Europe issue.

The House Armed Services Committee has informally approved a bill dropping the draft age from 19 to 18½. But Rep. Harry L. Stowe, R., N. J., a committee member, demanded that the military settle the troops problem before the draft measure is passed.

In the Senate, Democratic leaders said they may sidetrack the troops issue in favor of the Senate Armed Services Committee's bill lowering the draft age to 18.

Such action would reverse previous plans. But some senators feared the draft then would bog down in debate until the troops issue is settled.

ELSEWHERE IN CONGRESS
Troops—Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee rebuked Republican

leaders who demanded more exact estimates of the cost of sending troops to Europe. The Texas Democrat charged Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry, R., Neb., tried to "drum up witnesses" against sending U. S. Troops overseas, but Wherry countered that Connally "hasn't called for a word of testimony on the cost of the program."

Crime—Chairman Estes Kefauver of the Senate Crime Committee said he would recommend sending to U. S. Attorney George Morris Fay the conflicting testimony of a Philadelphia police official and a former numbers operator. The Tennessee Democrat said either George Richardson, assistant police superintendent, or Harry Stromberg "made a false statement." He added he believed Richardson's statements.

CHARGE FEE—TAKING
RFC—A Senate subcommittee (Continued On Page Six)

Clark Says Trainees May Replace Veterans In Korea

On the western front, Korea, Feb. 21.—(UP)—Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of U. S. field forces, indicated today that the Army may begin bringing U. S. troops home from Korea and replacing them with trainees on a large scale this summer.

"A rotation plan is desirable and we wouldn't want the burden of this war carried by the people already here," Clark said as he boarded a plane at a Korean front-line airfield for a return flight to Tokyo.

"But before rotation on a large scale can begin, we must build up our forces in the Far Eastern Command. It's going to take some time—several months at least."

He said the start of any rotation program will depend upon the number of replacements who can be trained and brought to Korea.

At sea the 45,000-ton U. S. battleship Missouri thundred back into action off the northeast Korean coast.

The "Mighty Mo's" 16-inch guns knocked out three bridges and reduced railway installations to a mass of twisted wreckage yesterday at Tanchon, Red-held port 170 miles north of the 38th Parallel.

Other U.S. warships bombarded the Wonsan area 120 miles to the southwest for the seventh consecutive day and also hit the Seoul area.

FLY RECORD SORTIES
Allied pilots destroyed or damaged at least 15 tanks and three Communist trains while flying a record 1,335 sorties yesterday.

The toll of six enemy tanks destroyed and nine damaged was the largest since mid-December. They were spotted all the way from Wonsan to a few miles behind the Communist front lines.

Even more Russian-built tanks (Continued On Page Six)

Lay Preacher To Speak Here

Dr. J. Rufus Moseley, outstanding spiritual leader and non-denominational lay preacher, will begin a series of services at the Divine Street Methodist Church Thursday night. He will speak there Thursday and Friday nights at 7:30 P. M. and at both the 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. services Sunday, as well as at 10 A. M. Friday and Saturday mornings. Next week Dr. Howard P. Powell, popular pastor of Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, will continue the services at the local church. Thus a continuous 10-day series of services will be held.

IS IN DEMAND
Dr. Moseley is in great demand and is a very vigorous speaker despite his advanced age. He is in continuous services witnessing in the power of Christ in his life. Dr. E. Stanley Jones says of him: "In

Enemy Repulses Allied Attempts To Enter Seoul

TOKYO, Feb. 21.—(UP)—Red armies retreated north all along the central Korean front today abandoning their dead and supplies in hasty flight.

On the western front, however, Chinese and Korean Reds served bristling notice that they will defend the Han River against any Allied attempt to force it and take Seoul on the north bank.

Entrenched Communists poured a deadly rain of fire into Allied positions on the south bank of the Han and threw back two United Nations spearheads which crossed the river.

REPORT LIGHT FIGHTING
But nowhere across Korea were more than patrol actions reported. The fighting seemed to have entered another lull such as that which preceded the start of the 8th Army's "limited offensive" Jan. 25. That carried the Allies 30 miles north to the outskirts of Seoul.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur ordered the UN forces to "resume the initiative" during a battlefield visit yesterday.

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