WEATHER
Mostly cloudy and not much change in temperature today or tonight. Light rain in coastal area today.

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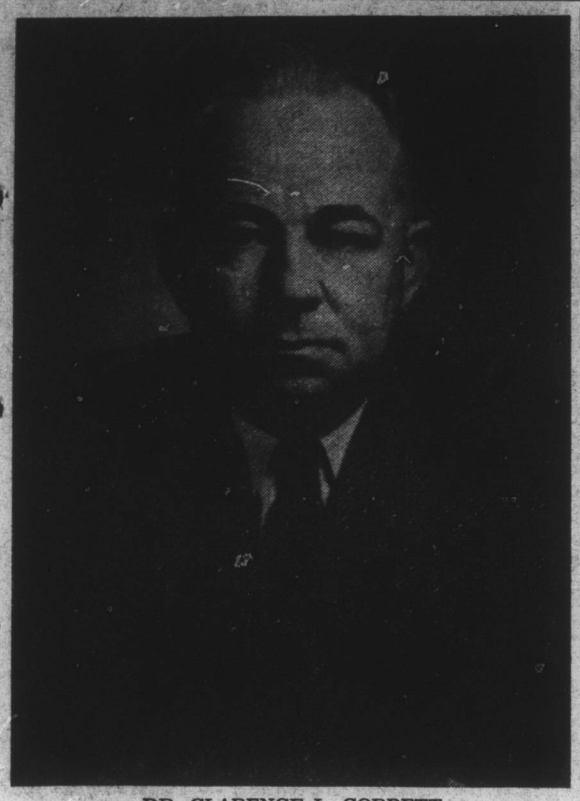

DR. CLARENCE L. CORBETT

Dr. Corbett Is Named Physician Of Year

Dr. Clarence L. Corbett, prominent Dunn physician, business, civic, social and religious leader, has been elected by the Harnett County Medical Society as "Harnett County's General Practitioner of the Year" and will be the county society's nominee for the title, "North Carolina's General Practitioner of 1951."

Selection of Dr. Corbett for the high honor was announced this morning by Dr. W. B. Hunter, president of the county society, and Dr. Charles W. Byrd, who is preparing Dr. Corbett's nomination for the State award.

One of the outstanding physicians in this section of the State and beyond, Dr. Corbett has been practicing in Dunn for the past 23 years and during this nearly quarter of a century has also played an important role in other affairs of the community.

MANY HONORS

For the past eight years he has served as chairman of the Dunn school board, has served as both president and vice president of the Harnett County Medical Society, is a trustee of Dunn Hospital and the Dunn Free Will Baptist Orphanage, served last year as Chief of Staff of the Dunn Hospital and is also president of the Touchdown Club, local athletic organization,

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Around Capitol Square

By LYNN NISBET
RALEIGH CORRESPONDENT

NEWSPAPERS — Newspapers published in North Carolina now have aggregate circulation of well above one and a quarter million, according to latest available authoritative information. This total circulation is fairly evenly divided among three major groups—morning dailies, afternoon dailies and weekly or semi-weeklies. The fact that daily newspapers published in North Carolina have almost a million subscribers, in a state with approximately four million people of all ages and classifications, is believed to be a record for newspaper coverage.

BREAKDOWN — According to the "red book" issued each year by Editor & Publisher there are seven morning papers in North Carolina with aggregate circulation of 456,159. There are thirty-six afternoon dailies listed with aggregate circulation of 446,068. The red book listing omitted the Tyron Bulletin, (which lays claim to being the smallest daily newspaper in the world). Counting in the Bul-

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Big Easter Egg Hunt Scheduled Sunday 4 P. M.

A big treat is in store for all children of the Dunn-Erwin section.

Manager L. B. Richardson of the Center View-Drive-In Theatre, located between Dunn and Erwin, announced today that the theatre will stage a big Easter Egg hunt Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

It's all free, and parents are invited to bring their children and let them join in the search for hundreds and hundreds of candy Easter eggs which will be hidden for the hunt.

section. No advance reservation

This will be the biggest Easter Egg hunt ever staged in this is necessary, said Mr. Richardson today. He said he wanted all children to attend.

CONCERT TONIGHT

The choir from the Fayetteville State Teachers College will give a concert tonight at the Harnett County Training School. The concert will begin at 8 o'clock.

CHURCH PLANS SALE

Pies, cakes, fresh vegetables in season and eggs will be sold each Saturday by members of the women's auxiliary of the Falcon Pentecostal Holiness Church. This curb market type of sale will be held at Wellons Mercantile Co. in Dunn each Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock. All of the produce will be donated by the ladies, and proceeds from the sales will be given to the building fund of the church.

Assembly Ends Money Raising Activities Today

RALEIGH, March 21—(UP)—The money raising section of the General Assembly's work was complete today but the lawmakers still awaited a revised budget proposal outlining State spending for the next two years.

The Joint Finance Committee, responsible for drawing the budget revenue bill, completed its work yesterday and was ready to recommend passage of a revenue bill giving the state a general fund income of $292,753,000 during the next two years.

NO TAX CUTS, INCREASES

The bill recommended by the group represented the attitude of the predominant hold-the-line group which consistently killed any attempts to increase taxes by any appreciable amount and at the same time refused any sizeable cut in taxes.

Revenue Department officials estimated that the new revenue bill would be only about $40,000 less than the original estimate for the biennium. The original estimate of income was $146,001,514 for the first fiscal year of the next biennium and $146,752,014 for the second fiscal year.

Most of the amendments adopted by the committee during the session raised or lowered State income only a few thousand dollars and for the most part cancelled out.

Samples were the final actions of the group yesterday in rejecting an amendment to remove the wholesale tax on food and approval of one to allow a wife to claim a $2,000 exemption on State income tax if she earns more than half of the family's support and her husband earns less than $500 per year. The Revenue Department estimated this would lose $19,000 in State income.

A rejected amendment would have cut state income by $140,000 a year. It had been proposed by Rep. James Vogler of Mecklenburg.

In its final sessions the committee also killed an amendment to cut $50 from the State tax on theaters seating not more than 400 people. That amendment to the revenue bill had been proposed by Rep. Sam O. Worthington of Pitt.

Choir To Give Easter Cantata

The Choir of Divine Street Methodist Church will present an Easter Cantata "The Greatest Love by H. W. Petrie on Easter Sunday at five o'clock in the afternoon.

This will be the first cantata this choir has given in several years and should be an outstanding Easter event. Mrs. Paul Hood is director of the Methodist Choir.

SOLOISTS NAMED

Soloists for the performance will include Mrs. Jack Gates, Mrs. Thad Pope and Miss Patsy Cromartie, sopranos; Mrs. David Nelson, contralto; Mr. Willard Burrage, tenor; Mr. John Snipes and Mr. Joe McCullers, baritones; Mr. Hugh Prince, bass.

Other members of the choir include the following: Mrs. James Yates, Mrs. Blanche Barefoot, Mrs. Paul Hood, Mrs. Preston Parker and Miss Peggy Ezzell, sopranos; Mrs. Ed Hood, Mrs. John Snipes, Miss Polly Pope and Miss Jean

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Proffit To Succeed Reid Ross As Head Of County Schools

Glenn T. Proffitt, who served from 1944-46 as Harnett County's wartime school head now superintendent of the Orange County Schools, will return to Harnett on July 1 to become superintendent of the Harnett County schools.

He was unanimously elected last night by the Harnett County Board of Education to succeed C. Reid Ross, who has resigned after 14 years to become superintendent of the Fayetteville city schools.

Chairman Sidney G. Thomas presided over the meeting, which was attended by all the other members, Bob Baggett, W. M. Pearson, Charles Skinner and W. E. Nichols.

Voting was by secret ballot and was unanimous on the first ballot.

In announcing the selection today, Chairman Thomas said the board felt fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Proffit, who has made an outstanding record in local and State school circles.

KNOWS HARNETT SCHOOLS

Mr. Proffit will return to Harnett as no stranger. He spent a total of 12 years in Harnett, first as superintendent at LaFayette, then as principal at Dunn and served as acting superintendent

GLENN T. PROFFIT

from 1944-46 while Mr. Ross was on active Navy duty.

Mr. Proffit is a native of Wilkes County and after attending the University of North Carolina, where he received his master's

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Judge Is Angered Over Jury Decision

Twelve good men and true received a sharp rap across the knuckles when they returned a verdict which displeased Presiding Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn in Harnett Superior Court Tuesday.

After putting their heads together in the jury room, the jurors decided that Tyson Stewart of near Coats was not guilty of drunken driving.

"Gentlemen," snaped Judge Burgwyn, "I don't see how you expect to enforce the law in your county when you bring in a verdict like that."

Defending Stewart, who did not take the stand, was Attorney Duncan Wilson of Dunn.

W. J. Sauls, former Coats constable, testified that he arrested Stewart last June 17 after following him home from Coats.

PAYS FOR INJURIES

A young Negro who drove into two pedestrians and maimed them missed a jail term when he volunteered to pay $700 to compensate them for their injuries.

Charlie Bass was booked for hit and run driving, driving drunk and driving without a license. He pleaded no defense to hit and run and the drunken driving charge was nol prossed.

According to Patrolman R. B. Lockamy, who investigated the acident, Bass ran off the road and hit a Harnett County farmer and his daughter. Bass said he "went to sleep" while driving and left the road.

The man's left arm, leg and shoulder were broken, while the daughter suffered a broken leg. Both came to court on crutches.

LICENSE SUSPENDED

On Solicitor Jack Hooks recommendation of mercy, Judge Burgwyn gave Bass two years on the roads, then suspended the sentence for five years. Bass was put on probation, instructed to pay the $700 settlement to the clerk of court, and told not to drive a car in North Carolina for five years. He was also taxed costs of court.

Mrs. Eva Tart of Dunn, booked for careless and reckless driving and driving without a license was taxed costs when she pled guilty to the latter charge. The careless and reckless driving charge was nol prossed with leave.

"You Can't Do This To Me," Prisoner Writes In Letter

Maggie Hughes thought Justice was blind. So she decided Tuesday to take things in her own hands.

Sentenced to Central Prison in Raleigh for larceny after passing through Judge Floyd Taylor's Lillington Recorder's Court some time back, Maggie felt that she was dealt with unjustly.

Taking pencil in hand, she wrote the following note to "the judge." It fell into the hands of Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, now presiding over Harnett Superior Court. Said the note:

"Dear Sir:

"Will you please change that (the sentence) and send me to the Kinder home. I have a child and looked a other one any time. I don't want to stey tile I gets 20 years old if I gets out of this.

"I am going to get my child and get marry and going back to Lumberton.

"You all kent do this to me because I am two months gones."

JUDGE QUIZZES SHERIFF

At this point Judge Burgwyn turned to Sheriff William E. Salmon and asked if a physical check had been given Maggie to determine if she were pregnant.

Salmon admitted that he did not know, at which point his brother, Lawyer Neill McK. Salmon, remarked: "You ought to know; you've had her in custody for over two months."

"I didn't know the Sheriff's Department was supposed to take care of that," the sheriff retorted.

Continued Maggie: "I think I will write to Washington and see what they will say about this. You all will pay for this. You all will

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Church Names New Deacons

Four new deacons have been elected by the First Presbyterian Church in Dunn, it was anounced this morning by the Rev. Richard Rhea Gammon, pastor.

The new deacons are: W. M. Bryan, Carl Fitchett, J. W. Purdie, and Ottis Warren.

Warren and Purdie were both reelected and Bryan and Fitchett succeed Adrian Williams and A. W. Blanchard, whose terms had expired.

MUSE IS CHAIRMAN

Locke Muse is chairman of the board of deacons and other members are: Waite Howard, Ed Purdie Grover C. Henderson, J. Norwood Stephenson, Johnnie Wilbourne, Lewis West and Paul Walker.

No elders were elected this year. J. E. Black is clerk of session and has held that post for a number of years.

On the first Sunday in April, the deacons will meet to elect a chairman.

Gammon also announced this morning that the church has adopted the largest budget in its history, and the budget for the year is more than $1200 higher than that of a year ago.

Myres Tilghman, a leader in the church, pointed out that this is the first year that the congregation raised even more money than the

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BULLETINS

NEW YORK, March 21—(UP)—The Senate Crime Investigating Committee today gently nudged Gov. Thomas E. Dewey toward its witness chair, heard former Mayor William O'Dwyer branded as the actual boss of Tammany Hall while it had close connections with gangland, and then re-called its star but reluctant witness, underworld leader Frank Costello.

WASHINGTON, March 21—(UP)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today the United States wants peace but its citizens will not sell our souls for it.

KEY WEST, Fla., March 21—(UP)—The United States has doubled the size of its armed forces since the start of the Korean War and its strength now exceeds 2,900,000 men, the Little White House revealed today.

WASHINGTON, March 21—(UP)—The Voice of America cut loose today at Russia for failing to settle its lend-lease

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Chinese Are Pulling Out Of Chunchon

TOKYO, March 21—(UP)—United Nations forces rammed in strength within 8½ miles of Korea's 38th Parallel today and already may have sent patrols across that controversial line.

Front reports said the communists were abandoning Chunchon, their last major base in South Korea. Their retreating rear guards held only a narrow, steadily-shrinking strip of territory south of the parallel.

Eighth Army headquarters reported allied holding forces within 8-½ to 13 miles of the 38th Parallel at four points along the 140-mile front.

Reconnaissance patrols roved out far to the north in search of retreating Red armies and well may have crossed the Parallel—old border between South and Communist North Korea.

AUTHORIZES CROSSING

President Truman has authorized Gen. Douglas MacArthur to cross the Parallel if he sees fit to do so.

There was intense speculation in Tokyo that a turn in the war is imminent — either militarily, politically, or both. But official sources declined comment.

Eighth Army headquarters disclosed the four-pronged advance within artillery range of the 38th Parallel in lifting its 14-hour censorship band on the progress of allied forces toward the old frontier.

Communiques reported communist rear-guard resistance still negligible.

South Korean units on the east coast made the closest announced approach to the Parallel. They drove eight miles north of Kangnung to within 8½ miles of the old border and sent patrols probing farther north.

On the central front, one tankled U. S. task force punched two miles northwest of Hangye to within 11½ miles of the Parallel. Another drove within five miles south of Chunchon, only 7½ miles below the Parallel.

U. S. forces pushing up the Seoul-Chunchon road on the west-central front were 13 miles south of the dividing line.

FIGHT TO DEATH

The Reds put up their stiffest rear-guard resistance in the mountainous center of the Korean peninsula, where three task forces were advancing relentlessly northward.

Chinese fought to the death from crags overlooking deep moun-

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Jesse S. Byrd Taken By Death

Jesse S. Byrd, 73, of Linden, retired merchant and farmer and prominent leader of that section, died early this morning in Good Hope Hospital at Erwin. Mr. Byrd retired several years ago because of poor health. He had been seriously ill since last Thursday.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 3:30 at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pryor Crumpler, in Linden. The Rev. D. A. Petty, pastor of the Erwin Methodist Church, the Rev. O. K. Ingram, former pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the Parker's Grove Church Cemetery.

Mr. Byrd, a native of Harnett County and member of a pioneer Harnett family, was the son of the late Richard E. and Frances Penny Byrd. He owned large farming interests and also operated a large business establishment at Linden.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Betty Byrd of Linden; one daughter, Mrs. Pryor Crumpler of Linden; one son, Jesse H. Byrd of Linden; one sister, Miss Rachel Byrd of Bunnlevel; one brother, B. F. Byrd of Smithfield RFD; and four grandchildren, Jesse H. Byrd, Jr., and Catherine Byrd and Frances Crumpler, all of Linden. He was an uncle of Dr. Charles Byrd, prominent Dunn physician.

MRS. NORRIS DIES

Mrs. Luther Norris of Bunnlevel died at her home this morning at 2:45 o'clock. She had been in ill health for sometime. Funeral arrangements were still incomplete today at noon.

MR. ALPHIN DIES

Lonnie H. Alphin, 68, of near Benson, died last night at 10:45 o'clock at his home. Funeral arrangements had not been completed this morning.

Buck Currin To Serve On Board To Promote Production Of Yams

BUCK CURRIN

RALEIGH, March 21—(UP)—Marketing Specialist Joe B. Gourlay of the State Department of Agriculture said today a State organization of sweet potato growers is being planned to promote increased production of North Carolina yams.

North Carolina's annual sweet potato crop is currently valued at approximately $15,000,000 Gourlay said.

This could easily be developed into a $50,000,000 to $75,000,000 industry by increasing the acreage devoted to the production of high quality yams.

W. B. Bufkin of Whiteville is heading a seven-member committee to form the growers organization, Gourlay said. Other members of the committee include A. B. Currin of Dunn, Charles C. Brown of Fayetteville, J. J. Edwards of Ayden, G. H. Becton of Goldsboro, T. B. Weldon of Nor-

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Baptists Will Launch Evangelistic Crusade

One of the greatest evangelistic efforts of all time will begin Easter Sunday. This will continue for two weeks, until April 8th. All Baptist Churches east of the Mississippi River are asked to take part in this great evangelistic movement. There are some 19,000 of these churches; 584 associations, and approximately four and a half millions of members. More than half of these are part time churches, however, and some will not continue the services for the entire two weeks. Wherever possible, the pastors are asked to do their own preaching.

Much preparation has been made in all this vast territory for this great crusade. Books on the subject of evangelism, and other related subjects have been taught in the churches. The crusade has been publicized from pulpit in the press, and over the air. Much attractive advertising matter is being used to call the attention of the people to this very important program of soul-winning. Prayer meetings are being held in homes, in churches, and other places. Organizations have been perfected in associations, and in local churches for the successful conduct of these meetings. Evangelistic singers are very much in demand, and many preachers are being invited from the churches west of the Mississippi River.

In the twenty-eight churches of the Little River Association, with some 8500 members, much interest has been manifested. Under the capable leadership of Rev. G. Scott

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Church Choirs Plan Program

Kipling and Angier Methodist Church choirs will combine to present jointly in each church a special program of Easter music next Sunday morning, it is announced by the pastor, Rev. E. Roderick Dail. The Easter cantata, entitled, "The Cross of Redemption," will be given at the Kipling Methodist Church at 9:30 a.m., and at the Angier Methodist Church at 11 a.m.

The two choirs, bringing together thirty-two mixed voices from the two churches, will be directed by Mrs. Blanche Ogburn DuPree, of Angier, and Miss Doris Bradley, of Kipling, will play the Hammond organ in each service.

Rev. F. Roderick Dail, pastor, will bring a special Easter message at both churches.

Outdoor Theatre Available For Sunrise Service

A beautiful location and all the facilities are available for a sunrise Easter service if any group wishes to avail themselves of the opportunity.

L. B. Richardson, manager of the Center View Drive-In Theatre between Dunn and Erwin, said today that he would be happy to turn the theatre over to any church group wishing to use it on Easter.

The theatre is equipped with a stage and public address system and has receivers for each automobile. It would be parti-

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ERWIN GIRL CHOSEN

Miss June Ruth Tew of Erwin has been selected as a Junior Attendant to the May Queen for annual May Day exercises to be held at Louisburg College on Saturday afternoon, May 5 at 4 p.m.

REVIVAL SLATED

A revival meeting will begin Sunday night at the Antiock Freewill Baptist Church near Erwin. There will be preaching each night during the week at 7:30. The Rev. P. O. Jackson and the Rev. J. M. Gregory will be in charge of the services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

VFW MEETS TONIGHT

The William McLeod Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Dunn Armory, Commander George F. Blalock reminded this morning. He said important business matters will be discussed. Harry L. Thompson is the adjutant.

Hallman Is On Trial For Slaying Negro

Sam Hallman, 25-year-old Harnett farmer, went on trial in Harnett Superior Court this morning for the slaying of John Clifford McLean, 25-year-old Negro.

Hallman allegedly shot the Negro to death on Sunday afternoon, March 11 after a row at an alleged bootleg establishment operated by Hattie Hicks, near Mamers, in Western Harnett.

District Solicitor Jack Hooks announced this morning that he would not place Hallman on trial for his life, but would ask for either a second degree or manslaughter verdict.

Presiding Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn appointed a jury officer to see that jurors do not discuss the case and that they be kept isolated from the public through the trial.

Assisting Hooks with the prosecution is Attorney Everette L. Doffermyre of Dunn. Defending Hallman are Attorneys Neill McK. Salmon, Duncan C. Wilson and W. A. Johnson.

Four witnesses testified today.

The most damaging testimony was offered by Robert Mitchell, brother-in-law of the dead man. He swore that he saw Hallman at the kitchen door of the Hicks home with a rifle in his hand. He said the Hicks woman ordered him to leave so Hallman went back out to the road.

A moment later, he testified, he heard two shots and then saw McLean lean against a tree and fall to the ground, mortally wounded. Death came several hours later in the Dunn Hospital.

The first witness was Coroner Grover C. Henderson of Dunn who told of his investigation, and described the bullet wound he found

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