

WEATHER

Mostly fair with little change in temperature today and tonight, except partly cloudy and slightly warmer in east portion today.

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CHINESE OPEN RESERVOIR TO HALT ALLIES

Solons Rush To Clean Up Work Of Legislature

RALEIGH, April 9—(P)—North Carolina's lawmakers rolled up their sleeves today for an all-out effort to clear up this year's legislative work done by the end of the week.

Both House and Senate were to convene at noon for an early start on the mountain of last minute bills. The early meetings were the first departure the General Assembly has made from its usual Monday night sessions.

The legislators had cleared the chief hurdles to adjournment—the appropriations and finance measures—but still had other money bills to dispose of.

One of these would provide approximately \$35,500,000 for construction of State buildings. Another would allow State agencies and institutions to shift some \$31,500,000 appropriated for permanent improvements to more essential projects. Both bills awaited senate action.

CONSIDER SUPER HIGHWAY

The proposal for a commission with power to construct a toll superhighway through Piedmont North Carolina was up for final consideration by the House. The senate has approved the bill but the House tacked on an amendment which requires Senate ratification. The amendment would require the tollpike authority to provide (Continued On Page Five)

Vets Threaten Bonus March

GRAHAM, April 9—(P)—Alamance County veterans spokesman Andrew Del Vescovo said today that Tar Heel veterans will stage another bonus march on the State Capitol tomorrow.

Del Vescovo urged veterans from 14 counties at a meeting here yesterday to bring pup tents and prepare to stay in Raleigh until their demands are granted. "We'll pitch our tents and stay right on Capitol Square or at the governor's mansion if we have to," he said.

The Alamance group was unsuccessful last week when a caravan of some 65 cars invaded the Capitol. The veterans want a Statewide referendum on a bonus plan to pay \$500 to each Tar Heel serviceman, \$750 if he served overseas and \$1,000 to families of men who died or were killed overseas.

Del Vescovo said the group would leave here at 8:30 a. m. tomorrow and would stage its Capitol march in Raleigh at 1:30 p. m.

Around Capitol Square

By LYNN NISBET
RALEIGH CORRESPONDENT
VOICELESS—Speaker Frank Taylor isn't speaking much these days. The impact upon his vocal chords of continuous repetition of stock phrases such as "the bill having passed, its second reading will, without objection be read a third time, the clerk will read," in addition to the numerous other statements, announcements and rulings required of the presiding officer finally almost silenced them. The House of Representatives didn't suffer by reason of the speaker's incapacity. Rep. Kerr Craige Ramsay of Rowan, who presided over the 1949 house, took over the gavel and rattled off the ritual as efficiently as ever.

TRUSTEES—The joint committee on trustees of the University (Continued On Page Five)

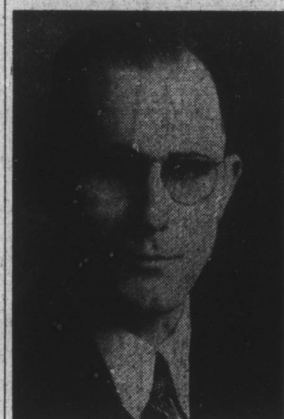
Johnson To Preside At Principals' Meet

Principal A. B. Johnson of the Dunn district schools, president of the district principals division of the North Carolina Education Association, will preside over the annual meeting of the principals to be held Friday at Asheville in connection with the annual convention (Continued On Page Five)

Three-Way Race For Mayor's Post Opens As Earl Vann Files

Dunn's mayoralty race became a three-way affair this morning when City Commissioner Earl G. Vann paid his filing fee and announced his candidacy for the town's No. 1 office.

He is opposing Mayor Ralph E. Hanna and Herman Neighbors, who announced for the office last week.



J. Leon Godwin



Earl G. Vann

Vann's announcement today came as no surprise as it had been reported for several days that he would take the race.

Another contest developed when J. Leon Godwin, well-known Dunn business man, filed for commissioner in Ward I against Commissioner Leck Coats, the incumbent.

Another prominent Dunn citizen, Harvey D. Strickland, is reported considering the race in this ward

and is expected to announce. Strickland was also urged to make the race two years ago, but declined.

GROUP WANTS CLEAN-UP
Meanwhile, Dunn's Citizens Committee for Law Enforcement has met to discuss the organization's support of candidates who will carry out their program.

Chairman Oliver W. Godwin said (Continued On Page 7)

Supplemental Money Bill May Be Cut Again

WASHINGTON, April 9—(P)—The House got its licks today at a supplemental appropriations bill which already has been slashed almost in half by one of its committees.

The chamber might make more drastic reductions of its own.

The bill, as approved by the appropriations committee, carried \$478,136,000 for a dozen federal agencies to use in the remainder of this fiscal year ending June 30. President Truman asked for \$843,463,000.

The committee cut the president's request by \$365,327,000—or almost 44 per cent.

ELSEWHERE IN CONGRESS:

Taft—Three Ohio Republicans are taking soundings to decide whether to set up a campaign organization to seek the 1952 GOP presidential nomination for Sen. Robert A. Taft, R. O. Friends of the Senator said, however, that Taft is taking no part in the pule-taking. He has said he would not work for the nomination but would take it if offered. Taft unsuccessfully sought the nomination in 1940 and 1948.

Draft—Chairman Carl Vinson, D. Ga., said his House Armed Service Committee would accept his amendment to water down universal military training in a move to off-set a substitute draft bill without UMT. Vinson's amendment provides for a training commission to draw up a UMT program which would have to be approved by Congress before going into effect.

Crime—Republican demands for extension of the Senate crime investigation threatened to touch off a legislative brawl. Sens. Charles W. Tobey, R., N. H., and Alexander Wiley, R., Wis., were ready to ask the Senate for \$150,000 to extend the inquiry from May 1 to next Jan. 15. The move, however, might (Continued On Page Six)

Harnett Sales Make Big Gain During Decade

Retail sales in Harnett County increased from \$4,145,400 in 1940 to \$19,289,779 in 1950, a gain of 365 per cent, according to figures compiled by the department of tax research of North Carolina.

Harnett's gain was one of the largest of any county in this area. Sales in Lee County increased 317 per cent; sales in Hoke County increased 304 per cent; sales in Moore increased 266 per cent; and sales in Chatham County increased 382 per cent.

COUNTY BREAKDOWN
The breakdown by counties is as follows: Chatham: total sales in 1940, \$1,837,814 while in 1950 sales amounted to \$8,865,908, an increase of 382 per cent; Lee: \$3,972,738 in 1940 against \$19,397,418 for 1950, an increase of 312 per cent; Harnett: \$4,145,400 in 1940 compared with (Continued on Page Eight)

Hobbs And Citizens Row Over Play Area

City Manager R. Thomas Hobbs today was charged with "using dictatorial methods and taking the law into his own hands" by two prominent Dunn citizens as the result of an episode that occurred Saturday morning.

The charge was made by Everette L. Doffermyre and Silas Whitten, two members of a neighborhood group who had marked off a portion of a public street for use as a community playground.

They charged that Mr. Hobbs, "without authority and without regard for the law or respect for

the rights of private citizens," illegally and unlawfully ordered Police Chief G. A. Jackson to confiscate the chain and two posts which they had used to mark off the area.

HOBBS COUNTERS
Mr. Hobbs countered the charge with an accusation that the area had been marked off without authority and that the two men had failed to comply with the provisions set up by the city board.

It was reported that a heated exchange of words took place Saturday morning between Doffermyre (Continued On Page Six)

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, April 9—(P)—Speaker Sam Rayburn said today after a talk with President Truman that "we are in terrible danger" because Russia is building up troop concentrations "in a great many places."

TOKYO, April 9—(P)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's highly mechanized army must be prepared for a massive enemy air blow "with little advance notice," a U. S. congressman warned today.

HONG KONG, April 9—(P)—A Siamese Airways transport plane believed to be carrying 16 persons crashed into the sea off Hong Kong today after running out of fuel.



ROTARY SPEAKER—Dr. Edwin S. Preston of Raleigh (center), director of public relations at Meredith College, was featured speaker Friday night at a joint meeting at Dunn Army. Shown with Preston are A. B. Johnson (left), principal of Dunn district schools, who was in charge of the program; and Marvin Rayne, president of the Dunn club, who presided. (Photo by Lewis Studio)



STRIKE MEETING SPEAKERS—Striking workers at Erwin overpowered the auditorium of Erwin school Friday night to hear the union speakers shown above. Chief speaker for the evening was George Baldanzi of Hawthorne, N. J., seated, center, national vice-president of the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO. Others seated are J. Thomas West (left), manager of Erwin Local 250, who presided and introduced the speakers; and Howard Parker, an Erwin native who is manager of the Durham joint board of TWUA. Standing, left to right, are Howard Harris of Durham and R. C. "Ted" Thomas of Charlotte, national TWUA representatives. (Photo by Lewis Studio)

Strike Commissary Planned For Erwin

Strikers in Erwin will begin registering at a union commissary shop early this week, according to Local 250 headquarters.

The order to set up commissaries for some 40,000 striking workers in North and South Carolina, Virginia, Alabama and Louisiana was sent out by union officials Sunday. Estimated cost of upkeep is \$250,000 a week for all the strike centers.

Purpose of the commissaries is to feed the workers while mills are shut down during the strike. Friday night a cheering crowd overflowed the auditorium of Erwin school to hear George Baldanzi of Hawthorne, N. J., national vice-president of the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, and other speakers.

UNION OFFICIAL SPEAKS
Baldanzi predicted that the United States government may soon intervene in the strike, now entering its second week, if the rayon and cotton manufacturers Flowers brothers directed the (Continued on Page 7)

Flowers Trial Opens Today

Seven Johnston County men went on trial in Federal District Court in Raleigh today on charges of defrauding the United States government.

On trial with them will be a former federal officer, James C. Halthcock. The former ATU agent is indicted for allegedly warning the other seven of an impending raid on one occasion and of taking "protection" money.

Charged with bootlegging are James T. and J. Percy Flowers, Lonnie D. Allen, Roy L. Dyson and Clovis Sullivan of Wiley's Township, Johnston County, and Abner Eule, Negro, of near Smithfield. BEASLEY TESTIFIES
All eight were indicted when Charles Beasley of near Smithfield, sentenced to five years in Atlanta, Ga., federal prison for violating federal narcotics laws, testified that the men had been involved in bootlegging activities.

According to the indictment, the (Continued on Page 7)

Scouts Prepare For County Camporee

Harnett County Boy Scouts today were busy getting their camping gear ready and completing arrangements for the big county-wide camporee to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Maynard's Lake, a few miles from Erwin.

Commissioner W. M. Latta said today that he is expecting at least 200 Scouts from 11 troops in the county to attend the camporee.

The theme and purpose of this year's camporee will be to train and help prepare the Scouts for duty in the event of any national emergency.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
They will be given tomorrow. (Continued On Page Five)

Final Action Is Slated On County Bills

By WADE LUCAS

RALEIGH, April 9—Final action is slated this week on several bills affecting Harnett county. Some of the measures have passed either the House or Senate and it is matter of time before they become law.

The Senate has passed and sent to the House a substitute for Senator J. Robert Young's bill to provide that Harnett county commissioners cannot direct the sheriff or tax collector to refuse to issue to amusement enterprises operated in connection with agricultural fairs approved by the State commissioner of agriculture. The bill was requested by J. O. West of Dunn and other Dunn members of the American Legion Post there.

Passed by the Senate and now in the House are two bills of Young's to increase the pay of the judge of the Harnett recorder's (Continued on Page 7)

Masons Plan Annual Ladies' Night Banquet

Dunn Masons will hold their annual Ladies' Night banquet on Thursday night, April 19th at 7:30 o'clock in the Dunn Armory. It was announced today by Master Vic Lee of Coats.

This is one of the biggest events held each year by the lodge and usually draws a crowd of several hundred Masons and their wives. The speaker this year will be Dr. J. Ben Eller, pastor of the Coats Baptist Church and widely known Baptist minister.

Past Master Henry G. White (Continued On Page Five)

Pukhan River Rises 4 Feet In 40 Minutes

TOKYO, April 9—(P)—The Chinese Reds opened the floodgates of Hwachon reservoir today in an attempt to halt the Allied advance north of the 38th Parallel in central Korea.

Millions of gallons of water surged south through the Pukhan River valley, up which United Nations forces were striking deeper into Communist North Korea.

Within 40 minutes, the Pukhan River had risen four feet in the Chunchon valley of South Korea, some 15 miles south of Hwachon. Three of the 18 gates at the reservoir were opened fully and a fourth half-opened between 8 and 9 a. m. United Press War Correspondent Joe Quinn reported from the central front.

CHINESE REPORTED MOVING

The communist action coincided with reports that Chinese forces were moving south out of Hwachon itself, four miles west of the reservoir and seven miles above the 38th Parallel, for what may be the start of the long-expected Red counter-offensive.

UN forces thrusting up from the south reached the south bank of the reservoir at one point four miles north of the Parallel yesterday.

The Hwachon reservoir has a capacity of 19 one fourth billion cubic feet of water and runs east and west four to nine miles north of the Parallel.

It was not full when the gates were opened, but had backed up as far as Yanggu, 15 miles east of Hwachon.

Engineers estimated the area south of Hwachon as far as the Chunchon valley might be flooded. There was a possibility that the backwash also might overflow the Soyang River, which flows east (Continued on Page 7)

State News Briefs

WASHINGTON, April 9—(P)—Joseph Graham Rutledge, Jr., former cashier of the Bank of Aurora, faced federal charges of making false entries and misapplying funds today in connection with a shortage of \$66,000 in bank funds.

FBI Agent Charles W. Brown of Charlotte said a complaint against Rutledge was filed with Federal Commissioner George Taylor here, charging that the cashier violated the Federal Reserve Act.

Rutledge was employed as cashier from 1936 until his discharge last July 8. The bank closed July 22.

The FBI took jurisdiction in the case since the bank had been insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

SANFORD, April 9—(P)—Funeral services were to be held today for Emerel U. Upchurch of Laurel Springs, Md., formerly of Sanford. Upchurch was accidentally electrocuted Saturday while working with a power company.

CHAPEL HILL, April 9—(P)—State and University officials will (Continued on Page 7)

College Honors Harnett Girls

RALEIGH, April 9—Three Harnett County students at Meredith College have been elected to top campus offices by their classmates this week (Thursday, April 5) to serve for the 1951-52 term. Rosalyn Poole of Dunn will serve as the vice-president of the Student Government Council, Jean Dula of Kipling, first vice-president of the Baptist Student Union, and Mary

Ann Westbrook, Dunn, third vice-president of the B. S. U.

The newly-elected officers will assume partial duties in their new offices during the final month of the current semester, in preparation for full responsibility next fall.

Miss Poole, who succeeds Patsy Emory of Northside in the Student Council vice-presidency, is the daughter of Dr. M. P. Poole of 800

South Layton Avenue, Dunn. She moves up from her position this year as treasurer of the S. G. Having also served as reporter for the student newspaper, the TWIG, and a member of the student committee managing the Bee Hive, student supply store. In her first year at Meredith, she was elected president of the freshman class, and (Continued on Page Six)



Mary Ann Westbrook



Jean Dula