

WEATHER

NORTH CAROLINA - Cloudy and cool with intermittent light rain today. Showers, thunderstorms windy and mild tonight. Cloudy, windy and colder Saturday with occasional rain ending in early afternoon. Clearing and much colder Saturday night.

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MAGGRATH MAY GO IN TRUMAN CLEAN-UP



DUNN LIONS HOLD LADIES NIGHT - President Waite Howard of the Dunn Lions Club is shown here last night as he welcomed Lester Rose, right, of Raleigh, speaker of the evening. The Ladies night Christmas party was held in the General Lee Room at Johnson's Restaurant. Looking on are Mrs. Howard, left, and Mrs. Nellie Vann, right. (Daily Record photo by J. W. Temple, Jr.)

Reds Agree To Permit Limited Troop Rotation

PANMUNJOM, Korea - (AP) - The Communists backed down slightly today and offered to permit limited troop rotation during a Korean armistice, but the Allies suspected the offer contained hidden pitfalls. The Reds also made two other seeming concessions to American demands in presenting a new six-point compromise program for policing an armistice. The proposals submitted to a joint subcommittee at first glance appeared to open the way to agreement after 17 days of stalemate, but United Nations delegate Maj. Gen. Howard M. Turner said: NO MAJOR HANGE "From the perusal we were able to make in one hour of the new Communist proposal, we were unable to detect any major change in its effect over the proposal the Communists submitted on Dec. 3. "We asked them many questions, the answer to most of which were extremely evasive. We are going to study it further for any gimmicks it might contain." The Reds appeared to have yielded on these three vital issues:

Darr Predicts Stable Prices

Robert Darr of Columbia, S. C., president of the Production Credit Corporation, predicted here today that farm prices will remain about the same as the present levels during the next year but will be considerably reduced in 1953. Darr, a native Tar Heel, was the principal speaker at the 13th annual meeting of the Dunn Production Credit Association, attended by farm members from every section of Harnett and Sampson counties. The meeting was held in the Dunn Armory Friday morning, with E. E. Seay of Turkey, president, presiding. Herman P. Green of Dunn is secretary-treasurer. Mr. Darr spoke on "Price Trends In Farming And Outlook for The Future." He sounded a note of general optimism, but advised the farmers to use caution and economy and to (Continued On Page Two)



CHRISTMAS SEALS RETURNS - Pictured are Mrs. John Dalrymple, left, in charge of Seal Sales for the Harnett County Tubercular Association, and Mrs. P. R. McKinnon, opening the return letters which were mailed out recently in connection with the Christmas Seal Sales. Returns from the letters they are shown opening and tabulating last night. Brought the total of contributions for the fight against tuberculosis to \$2,902.75. Those who have received letters containing seals are urged to make returns as soon as possible. (Daily Record photo by Louis Dearborn.)

Bush Sees No War In Generation

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Dr. Vannevar Bush predicted today that World War III may be averted "for at least a generation." The prospects of peace, he added, "have in my judgment improved during the past year or two." Bush, who directed scientific research for the government during World War II and helped develop the atomic bomb, is president of the Carnegie Institution of Washington. In his annual report on research developments, Bush said the life of many may be on the brink of "startling" improvement through science. But first, he said, "there must be peace." CHANCES BETTER In saying he believes chances have improved for avoiding a new all-out war, he added: "Apparently there is to be no grandiose solution in the form of immediate world government, and the price of peace is to be continual vigilance and a heavy coat in maintaining sufficient defensive power among the free nations. "Yet, hopes are rising, and patience, determination and collaboration may well avoid another war for at least a generation." Bush said "we are at an interesting point in the progress of scientific research in this country." Referring to "rosy predictions" (Continued On Page Two)

Lions Stage Yule Party

A total of 88 Lions and their wives and guests, enjoyed a humorous address by Lester Rose, manager of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce at the General Lee Room of Johnson's Restaurant last night. The occasion was the annual Ladies' Night Christmas party of the local civic club. Locke Muse was program Chairman, aided by J. N. Stephenson, Jack Jackson and Scott Ferrell. President Waite Howard opened the meeting, made the ladies welcome and then turned the meeting over to Chairman Muse who acted as Master of Ceremonies and introduced the speaker. The Dunn Lions Club recently changed its meetings from twice a month to every Thursday night, and last night's event counted as a regular meeting for the members who are trying to maintain their 100 percent attendance record. MRS. BLACK SINGS At the conclusion of his address, Rose acted as accompanist while Mrs. Edgar Black sang "White Christmas" and another song of Rose's own composition. Scott Ferrell, the Tall Twister, kept the crowd amused, before during and after supper, and his rendition of "Blood on the Highway" was completely out of this world. Frank Belote led in the group singing of several of the old favorite Christmas Carols. George Marks, the town's best pianist, played during the meeting.

Freak Accident Proves Fatal

Otis Preston (Dock) Harmon, 55-year-old Coats carpenter, died in Duke Hospital at Durham yesterday as the result of injuries received in a freak accident last Sunday. Harmon was riding with a friend, Samuel Pope, of Coats, and they stopped to help a colored woman get her car started. State Patrolmen Paul Albergine said Harmon stood on the rear bumper of the woman's car to assist Pope in making the two bumpers (Continued on page two)

Charter Is Lost By Harnett Firm

RALEIGH - Secretary of State Thad Euro suspended the charter of nearly 700 state corporations today for failure to file franchise tax reports or failure to pay the franchise tax. The only Harnett corporation to lose its charter was the Benner Lumber Company of Coats, which is no longer in operation. Euro said he took the action after (Continued on Page Two)

Judge Shows Mercy To Newlywed Couple

Judge E. Paul Strickland, rather than make a honeymooning couple wait until court reconvened at 2 o'clock yesterday, tried the case in which they were involved during recess. The couple, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Perry, Jr., had been stopped on Highway 381 by Corporal Rommie Williamson of the State Highway Patrol, who had clocked them for two miles at 70 miles per hour. Williamson brought them to the Police Station and explained that Perry had told him that he has just married and on his honeymoon. He asked if Judge Strickland would allow Perry to sign a waiver, although he was from Wilson. "NO WALKING COURT" As a general rule, a waiver is only a courtesy extended to drivers from other states, but the situation here was unusual. Perry, obviously did not want to wait to appear in a regular court session. Judge Strickland had just finished his lunch, and he good-naturedly consented to try the case at once. "But don't get the wrong impression," he added, "this is not a (Continued On Page Five)

Opposition Arising To Property Levy For Play

Dunn's city officials Monday night will tackle the question of whether or not an election shall be called to vote a special levy for recreation and will discuss other matters ranging from garbage disposal to greater water pressure needed at the Hotel Cotton Dale. The agenda was released this morning by City Manager Oliver O. Manning. Due to considerable sentiment in the town, the city manager has suggested that an election be called to determine whether or not the citizens want an extra tax levy to finance recreation for white and colored citizens of the town. WANTS EQUITABLE TAX It was evident today that the proposal will meet opposition from both members of the board and citizens who are against adding extra tax burden to property-owners. One city official, who said he would make his views known at the meeting, said he would oppose any sort of extra property tax and any other tax rate increase unless it is a tax that every citizen will pay and not just the property owners. "Property tax is high enough," declared the board member. The official emphasized that he favors a recreational program but only if a plan can be worked out so that every citizen shares the burden and not just the property owners. PREDICTS DEFEAT The city manager, also strong in favor of a recreation program, has likewise predicted that citizens (Continued on Page Two)

Dunn Firemen Get Two Calls

Dunn firemen answered two calls during the past 24 hours, Secretary-Treasurer Howard M. Lee reported this morning. Yesterday afternoon at 2:45, firemen were called to extinguish a grass fire in the 400 block of South McKay Avenue. The grass fire was on the property of Dr. Glenn L. Hooper, E. M. Howard and Howard M. Lee and threatened the Hooper residence. Nineteen firemen answered the call, quickly extinguished the blaze and were back at the station at 3:20. This morning at 12:30 o'clock, a footstool and rug caught fire at the home of George Upchurch at 610 North Orange Avenue. The blaze was extinguished before the 20 firemen arrived, however.

State Prison Head To Speak Saturday

Director Bill Marshburn urges all young people, particularly of High School age, to attend the meeting of the Youth for Christ, to be held tomorrow night at the High School auditorium at 8:00 p.m. The program is dedicated to these young people and the speaker, Walter F. Anderson, will have a message of special appeal to this group. Mr. Anderson is head of Central Prison in Raleigh and one of the outstanding Methodist Laymen of the state. He will bring with him a brass ensemble from the prison who will offer special musical selections, in keeping with the season. Another high spot of the entertainment portion of the program will be the Maxwell Family Trio from Falcon.

LAST MEETING THIS YEAR

This will be the last Youth for Christ meeting of the year. The meetings are directed primarily toward the younger people, of course, but their elders will find them interesting. All meetings are addressed by speakers on a strictly non-dogmatic and non-doctrinal basis, and church groups are urged to attend regardless of denomination. The meeting tomorrow night is dedicated to high school students.

Sale Of T B Seals Lagging In County

The 1951 Christmas Seal Sale in Harnett County totals \$2,902.75 to date, as of last night, it was reported today by Dr. Charles W. Byrd, president of the Harnett County Tubercular Association. This amount is less than half the minimum amount that will be needed in order to fully carry out the program for 1952 in Harnett County. The greater the amount contributed, the better the program can be.

The greater part of the Christmas Seal dollar remains in this county to wage the year-round battle against Tuberculosis here, Dr. Byrd pointed out. Of the total, 25 percent goes to the North Carolina State Tuberculosis Association, which forwards six percent to the National Association with which the state and county associations are affiliated. 75 PER CENT REMAINS The percentage of the Christmas Seal dollar remaining in the county, 75 percent, is used for partial payment of a visiting nurse, medicines for tuberculars unable to afford it, and supplement to diet where this is needed. Dr. Byrd also explained that the Christmas Seal allocation to the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association helps pay for the maintenance of mobile X-ray units, and other work on a state level. "With the small percentage of Christmas Seal funds going to the National Association, people of Harnett County who buy Christmas Seals also contribute to re-

Reports Say His Job Is Less Secure

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Truman pushed ahead today to get his government cleanup campaign in full swing as reports persisted that Atty. Gen. J. Howard McGrath's job is getting increasingly less secure. Mr. Truman hoped to complete his housecleaning play by Sunday. However, some members of his staff believed he would not announce the blueprint of his "new and drastic action" until next week. NIXON ISSUES CHALLENGE Sen. Richard M. Nixon today challenged the President to prove the sincerity of his anti-corruption drive by firing four of his top aides. The California Republican said the "minimum program" for a cleanup drive should be the ouster of Secretary of Treasury John W. Snyder, McGrath, Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, the President's military aide, and Donald S. Dawson, his personal adviser. Nixon also said that House intelligence scandal investigators should call Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark for questioning about his appointment of T. Lamar Caudle as assistant attorney general in 1948. At that time, Clark was attorney general. CLARK MAY BE CALLED The House ways and means subcommittee digging into tax irregularities has been reluctant to call Clark because of his high position in the judiciary. However, his name has cropped up repeatedly in the inquiry - especially in testimony involving Caudle, who was fired by Mr. Truman. "Unless both McGrath and Snyder are fired," Nixon said, "you can be sure that unparalleled corruption in the Justice Department and Internal Revenue Bureau will continue to be defended, condoned and covered up." Nixon referred to Vaughan "with his deep freezers" and Dawson "with his free hotel rooms." Both White House aides have been criticized in Senate investigations for accepting gratuities. Although the President told newsmen yesterday he knew of no pending cabinet changes, a new development (Continued On Page Five)

DEAR SANTA

Dear Santa, I want a new doll and a suit case for my doll clothes if I stop biting my nails. I will get a pretty ring for Christmas. I would like some doll clothes too. I would like a walking doll or a story book doll. I am four years old and can read some "but I cannot write. I am getting real excited about Christmas, so hurry and come and see us. Love, Cathy Bahen, 306 S. Wash. Ave. Dear Santa, Please bring me a bicycle. I am in the second grade at school and like it very much. I can read pretty good and make good marks in my spelling. I would like to get two guns and a cowboy hat. I promise to study hard and be a good boy if you will bring me something. (Continued on Page Two)

Joan Bennett's Hubby Shoots Alleged Lover

HOLLYWOOD - Screen actress Joan Bennett tearfully denied today any romance with a handsome actor's agent her husband, movie producer Walter Wanger, shot in a jealous rage. Wanger is expected to recover from Jennings Lang had been strictly business about a forthcoming television show. Lang, in Midway Hospital, is expected to recover from a bullet wound in the groin. The 55-year-old Wanger, jailed overnight on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder, said he had waited several hours for his wife yesterday afternoon in a parking lot across the street from the Beverly Hills police station. When the raven-haired actress returned to her car with Lang

about 5:30 p. m., he said he approached the couple and fired two shots, one of which hit Lang and the other nicked the leader of Miss Bennett's cast. Wanger said he had waited for her in New York last January that he would "shoot anybody who went up my home." The beautiful 42-year-old actress was questioned at the police station and when she left her car, she was red-rimmed from weeping, her cheeks puffy and her lips smeared. She denied any romantic involvement with Lang and blamed Wanger's mental difficulties for the shooting. She said the producer had returned to her car with Lang (Continued on Page Two)

BULLETINS

LONDON (AP) - King George, continuing to improve after his recent lung operation, gave a small family luncheon at Buckingham Palace today on his 56th birthday. CHAPEL HILL (AP) - The chairman of the Governor's advisory committee on highway safety laid the blame for a growing traffic death toll today on "plenty of good cars and too many incompetent and careless drivers." TUCUMCARI, N. H. (AP) - City Police Chief Houston Bragg said today that he is convinced there was no sabotage in yesterday's water tank collapse which took four lives. WASHINGTON (AP) - Charles Oliphant testified today that Henry W. Grunwald once told him he spoke on behalf of Sen. Styles Bridges R-NH in requesting information about a tax case. PITTSBURGH (AP) - Government mediation experts met with U. S. Steel Corp. officials today in an effort to spur action in "big steel's" deadlocked wage talks with (Continued on page two)

MARKETS

COTTON RALEIGH - Opening cotton quotations middling and strict low middling based on 1 and 1-32 inch staple length: Dunn: 42.25; 40.25. Lumberton: 42.35; to 40.50. Monroe: 42.25; 41.25. Tarboro: 42.50; to 41.12. Roanoke Rapids: 42.30; 40.55. EGGS AND POULTRY RALEIGH - Today's egg and poultry market: Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers and broilers steady, supplies adequate to heavy, demand fair. Heavy hens steady, supplies generally short, demand fair to good. Fryers paid producers FOB farm: Fryers and broilers 25, heavy hens 26-30, mostly 26-28. Fo the week: Fryers and broilers steady to mostly one cent stronger; heavy hens steady to one cent stronger. Eggs: Mostly steady to one cent weaker, supplies barely adequate, demand fair. Prices paid producers and handlers FOB local grading (Continued on Page Three)