

PRISONER EXCHANGE BLOCKED

Open Spigots Cause Serious Water Plight

Yesterday the water supply at the Erwin teacherage failed. Pressure was off, and in order to gain sufficient pressure an appeal was broadcast over the radio, asking persons in Erwin who had left spigots open to close them.

The situation brought to light a condition which is the cause of grave concern to City Manager Oliver O. Manning, and one which could cause grave consequences, particularly if it were necessary to draw upon the water supply in case of a major fire.

The average daily water consumption of Dunn and Erwin at this time of the year runs about 1,150,000 gallons. On Monday and Tuesday of this week, however, 3,789,000 gallons of water were pumped into the system or an average of 1,390,000 each day. This was 240,000 gallons (Continued On Page Three)

Fire Destroys Harnett Home

The handsome country residence of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker, located on the Cape Fear River Road around ten miles from Lillington was totally destroyed by fire last night around 8:00 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker and their two-year-old daughter, Rebecca, and month-old son, John, were at the home of Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. Walter G. Murchison in Lillington for supper when the fire occurred.

A washing machine and deep freeze were the only furnishings saved. Passes by also pushed Baker's truck, parked near the house, out of the range of the blaze to prevent it from burning.

\$40,000 LOSS

The loss was estimated in excess of \$40,000.

The residence, which is one of the finest built in the county in recent years, stood on the crest of a hill in a huge grove of white oaks. The seven-room frame house, which was one story, opened on a 100-foot brick terrace on the front and a new bedroom wing had only recently been completed. Other features of the house included a pine-paneled den, screened breezeway two baths, and a kitchen modern in every respect.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker, the latter the former Miss Mary C. Betha, (Continued on Page 3)



PLENTY OF PORK CHOPS HANGING HERE — Hog-killing is no small event at the big hog farm of Edward and Roy Byrd at Bunnelev. Edward Byrd, right, and H. J. Honeycutt, left, are shown here with 22 big porkers they slaughtered yesterday. The 22 Black Poland China hogs weighed a total of 5,949 pounds. And, brother, that's a lot of pork chops and "chittlins." (Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

UN Officials Busy Studying Red POW List

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — Armistice negotiators turned over the deadlocked truce policing issue to staff officers today as the 8th Army completed plans to airlift Allied prisoners to Japan when an exchange agreement is reached.

However, hopes for the release of prisoners by Christmas dwindled as the Allies refused to resume discussions on an exchange of war prisoners until the "pitifully small" roster furnished by the Reds is studied and analyzed.

ONLY 7 MORE DAYS

Only seven days remain before the 30-day "cease-fire" period ends. In an effort to break the three-week deadlock on armistice supervision—item No. 3 on the agenda—the joint subcommittee instructed staff officers to draw up a set of principles acceptable to both sides.

Col. Don O. Barrow and Communist Col. Chang Chung San were to work immediately on the problem. However, the subcommittee was scheduled to meet again at 1 p. m. Friday (11 p. m. Thursday EST) regardless of what progress the staff officers make.

The staff officers' session began after the subcommittee adjourned at 4 p. m. (2 a. m. Thursday EST).

TEMPERS FLARE

The subcommittee met twice on Thursday for a total session of three hours and 10 minutes but bogged down in flaring Communist tempers and made "no progress."

After meeting for about two hours, the staff officers adjourned until 10 a. m. Friday (8 p. m. Thursday EST).



JUST A LITTLE STICK OF CANDY FOR CHRISTMAS — The Wellons Candy Company of Dunn, which sells candy to all states east of the Mississippi, fills all sorts of orders. Johnnie Wellons, center, owner of the big manufacturing concern, and Sales Manager Bill Marshburn, center, are shown here as they delivered this big stick of Christmas candy to Wilton Parker of Four Oaks. The weight of the stick was large, but can't be told since Mr. Parker is planning to have a little fun making his friends guess the weight. On Friday night, Wellons Candy Company will entertain its more than 200 employees at a Christmas party in the Dunn High School cafeteria. (Daily Record Photo by J. W. Temple, Jr.)

Truman Clean-Up Campaign Announcement Is Awaited

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman may make his expected announcement today or tomorrow that he has created a special commission headed by Federal Judge Thomas F. Murphy to rid the government of corruption.

White House officials kept a tight lid of secrecy on Mr. Truman's "drastic" program to oust "wrongdoers" from the federal payroll.

Sen. A. S. (Mike) Monroney announced today that he will introduce a four-point "clean-up" bill aimed at corruption and influence peddling in federal agencies.

MONRONEY'S PLAN

The Oklahoma Democrat told newsmen that the legislation would:

1. Make it a federal crime for a Congressman to intervene, directly or indirectly, in a tax case.
2. Put the Internal Revenue Bureau completely under Civil Service, with special rules to protect its employees from political influence. The internal revenue commissioner and other top bureau officials would be appointed by the president.

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Chinese Reds Present Gifts To UN Soldiers

SOMEWHERE IN KOREA (AP) — Chinese Communists moved Christmas ahead five days today and presented U. N. soldiers with a sackful of propaganda gifts.

Stockings of "gifts" were delivered by several means along the U. N. fighting line by the Communists. A North Korean farmer in one instance played a most reluctant Santa.

He struggled up a slope to a U. N. position loaded with a sack of gifts, a white truce flag and a large sign reading:

"Christmas presents by the Chinese People's Volunteer Army" and "Merry Christmas to you."

Unbelieving U. N. troops withheld their fire. He handed over his load of stockings, which he said Chinese Communist soldiers forced him to deliver, and scurried down the slope.

PASS TO SURRENDER

The stockings were about 12 inches long and made of coarse cheese cloth. Each contained a handkerchief, a cigaret holder, a Christmas card, propaganda leaflets and in some cases the U. N. soldiers were impressed by the gifts and a safe conduct pass to surrender.

The handkerchief was a piece of colored muslin printed with a text and pictures.

Along the border was printed: "Withdraw all foreign troops from Korea. Leave Korea to Koreans. Demand peace. Stop the war. From the Chinese Peoples Volunteers, Korea, 1951."

There was a dove of peace on a blue background in one corner with the word "Peace."

Another corner showed North Korean and American soldier shaking hands with a benevolent Chinese soldier standing between them with his arms around their shoulders. "Let all the peoples be friends," it said.

There were similar pictures on all borders and in the center of the handkerchiefs. One was of a beautiful blonde with the caption "Why not go back to her."

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

SMITHFIELD (AP) — George L. Byrd, 32, of Clayton, began a three to four-year prison term today for the fatal stabbing of a Marine who objected to a remark Byrd made about the Korean fighting.

Byrd pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of Cpl. Francis Salimardi, 22, of Waterbury Conn., on the night of Nov. 8. He said he knifed Salimardi to break a strange hold.

SANFORD (AP) — Flaming gasoline ignited a pumping plant here last night and touched off an explosion that wrecked the plant and a transport truck, causing damage.

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Dunn Recorder Hears Varied Cases Today

According to his statement in Dunn Recorder's Court, the white liquor that officers found at his home was some that he had purchased for his mother. However, he was found guilty on charge of possession.

Judge H. Paul Strickland sentenced Johnnie Jones to 90 days, suspended 12 months, on payment of \$25 and costs on condition he does not have any illegal liquor in his possession or on his premises, and permits search with or without a search warrant.

"That applies equally to you and your mother," Judge Strickland warned the defendant.

Evative action on the part of Lindsey Hampton Byrd, failed, to shake off the pursuit of Highway Patrolman David Matthews. Byrd cut off his lights and turned off the truck lane when he recognized the patrol car.

Patrolman Matthews cited him to court for speeding and having no lights. He was fined \$5 and costs, with prayer for judgment continued six months.

According to the testimony of C. D. McNeill, colored minister and school teacher, a car driven by Raymond Faison, backed from an alley across the street from the Dafford Funeral Home and struck his car.

He told the court that the driver, whom he identified as Raymond Faison, came into the funeral parlor and told him of the incident and promised to pay the damage. When he changed his mind, McNeill swore out a warrant charging carelessness.

MRS. LEE INJURED

Mrs. Howard M. Lee, prominent Dunn resident, was badly injured when she fell down the steps at her home here this morning. Her leg was fractured in one place and she also received a broken toe. She will have to be confined to her home for several weeks.

BULLETINS

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — Orders were issued today for a mass airlift of American prisoners of war to Japan if a Korean armistice is concluded.

ASTORIA, Ore. (AP) — The Danish freighter Erria caught fire today and passengers and crew members abandoned ship, but the Coast Guard said some may be missing.

ATLANTA (AP) — The first "Enoch Arden" case of the Korean war turned up here today when a 22-year-old woman, who remarried after her husband was reported killed in Korea, learned he is listed as a Communist prisoner of war. "I just don't know what to do," stammered Mrs. Agnes Sasser. "I haven't been able to think it all through yet."

WASHINGTON (AP) — House tax investigators hoped to

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DUNN CHAMBER OFFICERS — C. N. Blackman, left, has been elected president of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce for the coming year, and Hiram Egan, right, has been elected first vice president of the organization. Both are prominent in the business, civic and social life of the progressive Johnston town. Emory Miller is the retiring president.

Employees Of Erwin Mills Get Sheets, Pillow Cases

It's going to be a white Christmas at Erwin. No doubt about that.

Erwin Mills, Inc. this morning presented each of its approximately 2,800 employees in the mills with a set of nice, snowy-white sheets and a set of matching pillow cases.

The sheets and pillow cases are of the finest quality percale and were manufactured in the company's mills at Durham.

This new type sheet has been in production by Erwin Mills for only about six months. The sheets and pillow cases are of such fine quality that they look almost like silk.

Manager E. H. Bost pointed out that it was a gift any person should be proud to receive.

PRESENTED IN DEPARTMENTS

The method of distribution was changed this year. Previously, the presentation of Christmas gifts has been made in the gymnasium. This year, the presentations, or assisting, were: Manager Bost, Assistant Manager W. H. Muse, A. M. Woodruff, Byron Stevens, Gilbert Woodworth, Carl Matthews, B. F. Aiken, R. A. Hughes, M. S. Williams, Carl L. Byrd, Hughie A. Norris, E. J. (Continued on Page 3)

Royal Romance Blossoms Into Wedding Today

A college May Queen and King, whose springtime acquaintance blossomed into romance, will become Mr. and Mrs. today in a December wedding ceremony.

Miss Anne Bridges Green, 24, of Lillington will be married to Mr. Billy East Mason, 24, of Wilmington today at 5:30 p. m. at

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South Dakota Town Trapped By Blizzard

MILLBORO, S. D. (AP) — Trapped residents of Millboro and two nearby towns rationed precious food and fuel supplies today as a howling blizzard blocked all roads with snow drifts up to 12 feet deep.

The wintry blast stranded about 30 persons in Millboro, Keyapaha and Clearfield, S. D., and blocked efforts of rescue agencies trying to bring in additional groceries and fuel oil.

Winds up to 30 miles an hour swirled the snow over roads leading into the small communities and the mercury dipped to 10 to 15 degrees below zero.

AUTOMOBILE USELESS

Automobiles had been out of commission since the snow, cold and high winds hit Dec. 5. Farmers in outlying homes drove tractors or rode horses to get the needed supplies from the towns' general stores.

But most of the time the residents shivered inside their homes, going out into the cold only to perform the most pressing farm chores.

Mail had been delivered only once since early December. Air planes equipped with skis evacuated the ill.

Yesterday, a bulldozer pulled a supply truck through the drifts to Keyapaha. It took the truck, bringing food for the residents, five hours to travel nine miles.

MUST CONSERVE

"I think we have enough supplies for a while," said Dan Lawler, 47, of Keyapaha. "But before long we

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Dunn VFW To Play Santa To The Needy

Members of the William McLeod Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars here, are planning to play Santa Claus to a needy family this year by taking care of all of this family's wants during the Christmas season. Roy J. Brown and Robert Smith are in charge of the project.

Their first stop was at the office of Mrs. Grace Swain, executive secretary of the Dunn-Erwin Chapter of the American Red Cross. She offered several suggestions and the two selected the family they thought most in need.

The father is middle-aged, about six feet tall and weighs about 160 pounds. One son is 19, but tall and large for his age. Another son, 24, requires clothing of 16 year old size. One daughter, 16, is of average size and two other daughters, 9 and 6 are average for their ages. A baby girl is eight months old.

NEEDS EVERYTHING

The family is in need of nearly everything, food, clothing, milk for the baby, bedding and fuel. Toys, although not a necessity, would be helpful for the younger children.

Commander Harry Thompson, urges all the members to get behind this project and make Christmas happier for this family. Any contributions can be left at the Marjori Smith Store on the Fayetteville Highway and all will be delivered to the family on Christmas eve. Contributions should be left at the store not later than Saturday.

The project need not necessarily be one for the VFW alone. Any other person who has anything they feel that this family can use can share in the project by leaving the items at the store.

People Buy Unique Gifts For Christmas

NEW YORK (AP) — The holiday spirit touches some of us in an extremely daffy way, veteran retailer Max Hess, Jr., said today.

For proof, he ticked off such novel shoppers as the husband who bought his wife a case of cleaning tissues for Christmas, the young lady who had a boy and girl chinchilla sent to her again, and the wife who played 90, Nick to her spouse with 300 one-pound bags of fertilizer all wrapped up with a big red ribbon.

As director of the consumer education committee for the National Retail Dry Goods Association, Hess knows the country stubbornly securing sales clerks that the custom-

ner is always right, "no matter how goofy he sounds." Sometimes that isn't true, Hess just finished a book for relatives called "Erry Deller Counts," which he pointed out that the dimmest order a customer makes is often be entirely sensible, the facts are all known.

FERTILIZER IDEAL

"Take the lady who ordered the fertilizer," Hess said. "I got the background on that because it was used in my own department in Allentown, Pa. It was a very good idea."

He noted the husband who on riding gave Hess a book on riding.

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MARKETS

COTTON

RALEIGH (AP) — Opening cotton quotations, middling and strict low middling, based on 1 and 1-32nd inch staple length:

Dunn: 41.50; 40.50.
Monroe: 41.50; 40.50.
Roanoke Rapids: 42.00; 44.50.
Tarboro: 42.00; 41.00.

EGGS AND POULTRY

RALEIGH (AP) — Today's egg and poultry markets:

Fryers and broilers steady, supplies adequate to plentiful demand.

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