

WEATHER

NORTH CAROLINA — Rain ending and turning colder in West. Rain and mild in East today. Clearing and somewhat colder tonight.

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RELEASE OF FLIERS IS DELAYED

Glover And Williams To Head Polio Drive In Harnett County

A meeting will be held tomorrow night between Roy Cameron, Harnett County Chapter Chairman and campaign Co-Chairman Floyd Glover of Erwin and Rev. Ted Williams of Lillington to discuss plans for the fund drive for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis this year.

QUOTA IS \$11,000.
In announcing the meeting, Chairman Cameron pointed out that the quota for the county this year has been set at \$11,000. For this reason, he said, it was decided to have two chairmen, one in each end of the county.

Due to the increase in the quota, the drive time of the drive for funds has been extended and the drive will open on January 2, instead of January 15. Harnett exceeded its \$10,000 quota last year, and Cameron feels sure that the additional amount needed this year can be raised.

Pridgen Rites To Be Friday

Mrs. Mary Eliza Pridgen, 71, pioneer Dunn resident and widow of D. L. Pridgen, died suddenly at her home here Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. She died suddenly in her kitchen.

Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Friday at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. R. R. Gammon officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Pridgen was a native of Cumberland County, daughter of the late James Alexander and Lottie Culbreth Wade. She had lived in Dunn for many years and had been an active participant in the social and religious life of the community. Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. E. M. (Babe) Bost of New Orleans, La.; Mrs. Arthur James of Clinton and Mary Shelton Pridgen of Raleigh; six sons, Dr. D. L. Pridgen of Fayetteville, A. Wade Pridgen of Raleigh, Linwood S. Pridgen of Richmond, Va., Connelly Pridgen of Troy, B. C., and Horace Pridgen of Dunn; one brother, A. M. Wade of Godwin; two sisters, Mrs. C. M. Faircloth and Mrs. Julia Perry of Clinton; seven grandchildren.

350 Expected To Die On Highways During Holiday

CHICAGO (AP) — Traffic accidents may kill 350 persons during the four-day New Year's weekend, the National Safety Council warned today.

Council president Ned H. Dearborn urged drivers to "make one old year's resolution—to drive soberly and cautiously for the next four days."

"If we do, I'm sure that the traffic death toll can be held to less than 300," he said. "And it might start a commendable habit that would last all through 1952."

The council's estimate of 350 traffic deaths was for the 162-hour period from 5 p.m. Friday to midnight Tuesday and covers only those persons dying immediately from weekend accidents.

Kiver Moore, 70, Dies In Hospital

William Kiver Moore, 70, of Dunn Route 4, died early this morning in Routhigh Hospital in Fayetteville. He was a native of Johnston County, son of the late Wright and Mary Moore. Funeral arrangements are as yet incomplete.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lela Yonce Moore, of Route 4, Dunn; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Standcock of Fort Bragg; two grandchildren.

Special Casket Needed For Man Who Weighed 500

PIKEVILLE, Ky. (AP) — An undertaker said today a specially-constructed casket would be needed to bury Virgil Tackett, the jolly fat boy of Robinson Creek.

Tackett, 26, died of a heart attack yesterday in his heavily-reinforced chair where he spent most of his time watching the White Rock chickens he raised.

His weight was estimated at between 500 and 600 pounds. He was six feet, one-inch tall. Tackett's parents said he never had been sensitive about his size and often joked with friends about his 78-inch waistline. Tackett weighed 13 pounds at birth. By the time he reached school age he was so heavy that he could not go to school.



MINISTER PRESENTED WITH NEW CAR — Pictured are the Rev. and Mrs. Joyce V. Early standing in front of the new "Power Glide" Chevrolet, a Christmas present from members of the Divine Street Methodist Church of which he is pastor. At the conclusion of the services Sunday, the pastor was presented with the keys to the car by William M. Biggs on behalf of the congregation. The Christmas present was entirely unexpected and took the popular minister entirely by surprise. Biggs headed the committee which raised the funds for the new car. (Daily Record photo by Bill Biggs).

Murray To Call Off Steel Strike

PITTSBURGH (AP) — CIO president Philip Murray will call off policy-makers of his United Steel Workers union today to call off the scheduled New Year's Day strike of 600,000 workers in the defense-vital basic steel industry, informed sources said.

Compliance was virtually certain. The union's executive board and 170-man wage policy committee will act today. A special convention of 2,500 delegates will vote on ratification Jan. 2 at Atlantic City.

Murray will be complying with President Truman's strongly-forded request that steel production be continued in the "national interest" until government stabilization boards can hear the union's demand for an 18-2 cent an hour wage increase and the companies' plea for price relief.

MEETING THIS AFTERNOON
The wage policy committee, which acts on all important moves of the steel union's chief, last week re-affirmed the U.S.W.'s "no contract, no work" position. It was expected at its 3 p.m. meeting to modify its resolution and "urge" members to continue on their jobs until the special convention acts.

Murray answered all questions with "no comment" since he issued Monday his recall of the policy committee. However, he was reported "satisfied" with Mr. Truman's proposal for stabilization board hearings.

U. S. Steel Corp., Republic Steel, Jones & Laughlin, Youngstown Sheet & Tube, Sharon Steel and other leading producers already have accepted the President's offer of both wage and price hearings.

Wilkins Family Has Biggest Christmas

By LOUIS DEARBORN
Record Staff Writer

"That's the most these children ever had for Christmas," Mrs. Myrtle D. Wilkins said gratefully. "They have so many toys they just don't know which ones to play with."

There were dolls for the girls, alphabet blocks for the younger members of the family to play with, and even a mechanical train. A load of toys had been sent down from Sears in Raleigh, in addition to the numerous gifts from local citizens.

"If you can make the children happy on Christmas, that is all

that really counts," Mrs. Wilkins said. "And they have certainly been well taken care of this Christmas."

Toys were not all that were brought to the Wilkins home on Dunn Route 3. There was warm clothing for all of the nine children staying with Mrs. Wilkins, food, and a ton of coal and many other gifts from groups, organizations and individuals.

"We will be able to get along for a long time with what we have now," Mrs. Wilkins said. "If we only had a better place to live in everything would be fine," she added wistfully.

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Negotiators Begin New Peace Attempt

PANMUNJOM, Korea, Fri. (AP) — United Nations and communist negotiators start a new attempt today to complete a Korean armistice after failing in their special 30-day effort.

Both deadlocked truce subcommittees will meet at 11 a.m. (9 p.m.) Thursday EST.

The 30-day drive for a truce ended last night (10 a.m. Thursday EST). Failure to reach an agreement wiped out the tentative ceasefire line and buffer zone based on the Nov. 27 battleline.

Henceforth, the opposing armies can keep any territory they capture in battle. But there was no sign either planned any immediate large-scale attack.

No new ceasefire line and buffer zone will be drawn across Korea until the rest of the armistice terms have been settled. The new line will be based on the battleline existing at that time.

BLAME EACH OTHER
No extension of the 30-day ceasefire line agreement was mentioned in Thursday's subcommittee meetings. But each side blamed the

other for failure of the 30-day effort.

In the prisoner subcommittee, the U. N. offered to give "worthy consideration" to the Communist demand for an all-for-all exchange of war prisoners if the Reds account

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BULLETINS

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A steel-nerved gunman held 15 employees of a finance company prisoner for an hour and a half today while he waited for the cashier to arrive, then stole a large amount of cash and fled.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans set production, earning and spending records in 1951, and are likely to break them again next year, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin reported today.

NEW YORK (AP) — Whether Don Newcombe will pitch for the Brooklyn Dodgers next season or serve in the armed forces will be determined shortly by the offices of the adjutant general and the surgeon general in Washington. It was revealed today by officials at 1st Army headquarters.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CIO contributed \$10,000 for the families of victims of the West Frankfort, Ill., mine disaster today amid growing demands that Congress enact a strong federal mine safety law.

NEW YORK (AP) — Convicted Communist leader Gus Hall was sentenced today to serve three years for contempt of court in addition to his present five-year prison term.

CHICAGO (AP) — Mail order houses in Chicago have

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Federal Roster Hit By Varied Scandals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tax and other scandals which hit the administration this year tore sizeable holes in the roster of federal officials.

They also made at least a couple of mink coats too warm to be worn with comfort in public.

A number of high officials were fired. They included an assistant attorney general, three presidentially appointed tax collectors, and a number of Reconstruction Finance Corp. officials.

Some other key officials resigned, and are now under congressional investigation. More than 100 lesser officials were ousted or quit under fire. And the entire RFC board was abolished and replaced by a single administrator.

16 INDICTED
At least 16 former federal officials were arrested or indicted in connection with various scandals. Charges included bribery and perjury. Grand juries are studying a number of additional cases as a result of congressional disclosures.

In Congress, Rep. Walker E. Brehm, R-O, was convicted of taking salary kickbacks from one of his government-paid employees. He was fined \$5,000 and sentenced to 18 months in prison.

William M. Boyle, Jr., resigned as Democratic national chairman, giving health reasons, after it was revealed that he had received fees from the American Lithofold Co., St. Louis printing firm to which the RFC lent money. Boyle testified that he received the fees as a Washington representative of the firm before he became a paid official of the Democratic Party.

And at the year's end some Republicans were demanding the resignation or dismissal of Secre-

tary of Treasury John W. Snyder and Atty. Gen. J. Howard McGrath because of scandals in their departments.

CAULIE TOOK FAVORS
Prominent among officials fired during the year was Assistant Atty. Gen. T. Lamar Caulie, who had been in charge of tax fraud prosecutions. He took favors, including free airplane rides, from people with tax troubles. He also got a \$5,000 commission for helping sell an airplane to a man who was interested in a tax fraud trial postponed three times in Caulie's request.

Mrs. Caulie got a mink coat at bargain rates through an attorney whose firm handled tax cases. The Agriculture Department fired Jack Cowart, assistant production and marketing administrator.

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Dunn Jaycee Unit To Be Reorganized

Chamber of Commerce Manager Norman Suttles extends a special invitation to all young men between the ages of 21 and 35 to attend a meeting at Johnson's Restaurant at noon on Friday, to discuss the reorganization of a Junior Chamber of Commerce here.

UNIT IS NEEDED
In communities with an active Jaycee organization, the projects of the Junior Chamber have proved

of inestimable benefit to the communities involved, and a good active organization here, Suttles said, would fill a need for social and civic activities among this young group.

Young men in the age bracket discussed are urged to attend the meeting and discuss the reorganization of a Jaycee unit. If there is enough interest shown an organizational meeting will be held in the near future.

Took Just One Issue To Rent These 2 Farms

Herbert L. Johnson, well-known Coast farmer, insurance and real estate agent, is a man who banks heavily on Daily Record classified ads to help him sell and rent land.

All during the season, he's been using The Record, and I haven't missed yet," declared Mr. Johnson today.

Here are a couple of good examples:

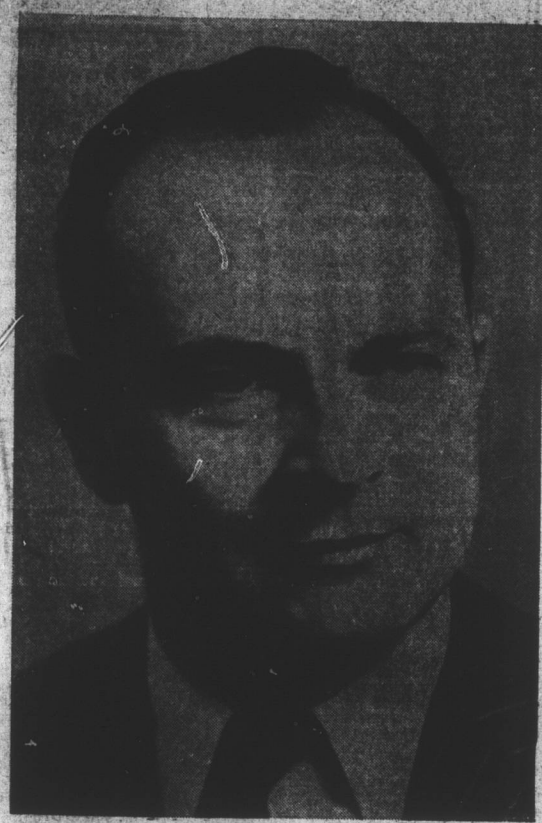
FOR RENT: Nice farm, sixty acres under cultivation, nine acre tobacco allotment. Two dwellings, four tobacco barns, and all other necessary outbuildings. Near Coats. Call Herbert L. Johnson, 2287 W. 3724. 12-10-51

Rented to the first man who called. At least nine others called.

FARM FOR RENT: 35 acres cultivated. Nice nine room dwelling, 1000 barns. Nice pack barn, strip room. All other outbuildings needed. Near Herbert L. Johnson, Coats, Phone 2287 or 3724. 12-13-51

Rented to the first man who called. At least 12 others called.

Mr. Johnson points out that a few times he used The News and Observer, in addition to The Daily Record. "But I did most of my selling and renting through The Record," he declared.



MAYOR RALPH HANNA

YOUR CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor Ralph Hanna Wanted To Be Doctor

By LOUIS DEARBORN
Record Staff Writer

Mayor Ralph Hanna had followed his original intention it would be Dr. Hanna now. That was his original career when he enrolled at the University of North Carolina for pre-medical studies. However, after completing two years, financial considerations and the fact that his father's health required his assistance in the business which the elder Hanna had inherited in Dunn, combined to direct his course to other channels instead.

The Mayor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hanna, came to Dunn in 1816, from Horry County in South Carolina. The future Mayor enrolled in the schools here and completed his primary education in the Dunn High School before entering UNC.

He returned to Dunn and entered the insurance business, which his father had started in 1931. From

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STATE NEWS BRIEFS

RALEIGH (AP) — The Rotary Club of Raleigh has presented the name of John A. Park, editor-publisher of the Raleigh Times, as a candidate for the presidency of Rotary International.

SMITHFIELD (AP) — Funeral services were scheduled today for a 14-year-old victim of a hunting accident, Edgar Ray Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dixon of nearby Princeton, was killed yesterday when the 12-gauge shotgun discharged after he had propped it on a log.

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MARRIED ALL OVER AGAIN — On last March 11, Miss Sylvia Mae Tark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Tark of Dunn, and Gene Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wheeler of Benson, were married in Yuma, Arizona. Because their families were unable to attend, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler got married all over again yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the First Baptist Church in Dunn with their families present. Rev. Ernest F. Russell, who officiated, said he pronounced them man and wife on the basis of the previous marriage certificate. The couple is shown here immediately after the repeat ceremony. (Daily Record photo by J. W. Temple, Jr.)