

WEATHER

NORTH CAROLINA - Partly cloudy and cool today. Fair and rather cold again tonight, with low temperatures 28 to 34 West, and Central portions and 34 to 38 extreme East portion. Thursday fair and cool.

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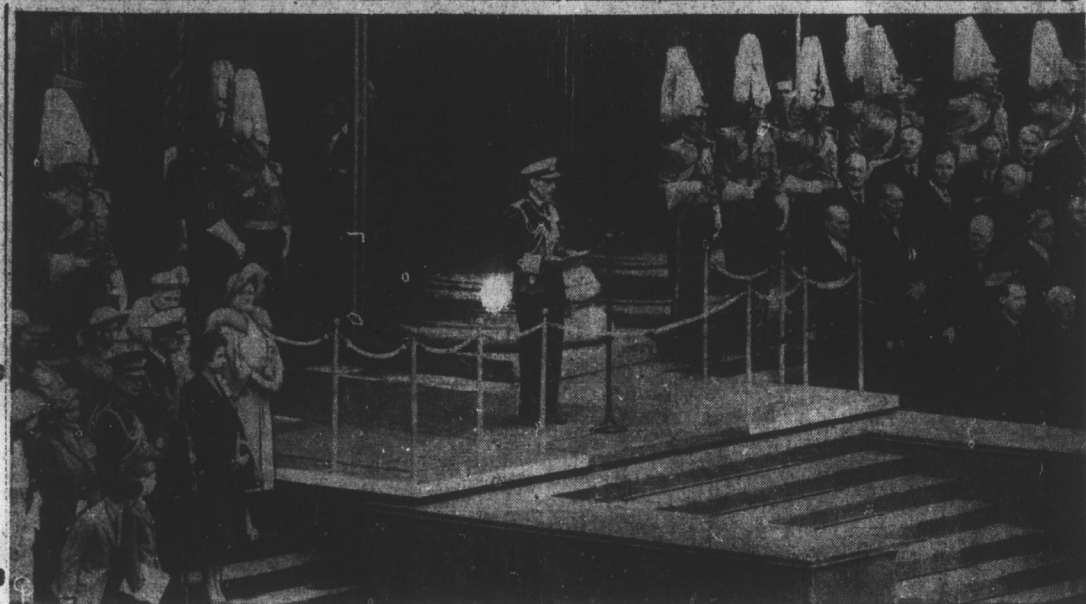
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DEATH OF KING GEORGE SHOCKS WORLD



KING GEORGE AS HE OPENED THE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN - One of King George's last formal public appearances was at the ceremony last spring when he opened the Festival of Britain. In a brief speech from the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, King George VI expressed hope that the scientific marvels to be shown would be used for peaceful purposes and not in war. Members of the British Royal Family at left include Dowager Queen Mary Queen Elizabeth, Princess Elizabeth, Princess Margaret Rose, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Duke of Gloucester. At right are top government officials, including Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Clement Attlee and Lord Jowell. (International News Photo.)

King George Dies In Sleep At 56; Elizabeth Queen

LONDON (AP) - King George VI died peacefully in his sleep early today and 25-year-old Princess Elizabeth became reigning sovereign of the British Commonwealth and Empire.

The new queen, who will reign over one-quarter of the world's surface and population, was vacationing in Nairobi, Kenya, an African colony, when the death of her 56-year-old father elevated her to the throne.

She made plans to return at once to England with her husband prince consort, Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Buckingham Palace announced that the king had died unexpectedly in his sleep at his country estate at Sandringham, Norfolk, 60 miles north of London.

Widespread unofficial medical opinion was that the king might have died of coronary thrombosis, a blood clot having formed after the lung operation. Another but less likely medical opinion was that the king suffered a stroke.

It was unlikely that the exact cause of death would ever be officially revealed.

REIGNED 15 YEARS He had reigned through 15 of Britain's most momentous years. He succeeded to the throne Dec. 11, 1936, when his brother, Edward VIII, abdicated for the "woman I love."

The death came as a stunning shock to Britain and the empire. The monarch had been believed well on the road to recovery from his dangerous operation of last Sept. 23, when all or part of one lung was removed.

The king, with the queen and Princess Margaret, had planned to take a cruise in the Mediterranean, the warm waters of the South Atlantic to South Africa in an attempt to speed his recovery.

News of the sovereign's death spread rapidly throughout the country. Flags were lowered to half staff. The House of Commons adjourned. Theatres and music halls closed. The British Broadcasting Corp. cancelled all but news broadcasts.

HUSHED CROWDS GATHERED Hushed crowds began gathering outside Buckingham during the noon lunch hour.

There was no immediate announcement of the date of the king's burial. However, he will be laid to rest alongside Britain's long line of monarchs in hallowed Westminster Abbey.

It is in Westminster also that the new Queen Elizabeth will be formally crowned six months hence.

But Elizabeth, in fact, became reigning sovereign over 14,435,000 square miles and 339,870,000 persons who make up the British Commonwealth and Empire immediately upon the king's death.

As soon as Elizabeth returns, the Privy Council will meet in the throne room at St. James Palace to approve a proclamation formally naming her sovereign.

Parliament will be summoned to take an oath of allegiance to the new ruler. She will broadcast to the nation and empire.

FIRST QUEEN SINCE VICTORIA Elizabeth is Britain's first reigning queen since the memorable Victoria. Her husband is the first.

As a few years later, while still in mourning, she watched by moonlight the parade of African big game which included a rhinoceros.



QUEEN ELIZABETH - This picture of England's new Queen was made as she waved to a crowd which watched her departure from Clarence House for a Buckingham Palace reception honoring Norway's King Haakon last year. Wearing a jeweled tiara, she was substituting for her father during his illness at the time.

Queen Begins Reign In Tears And Sorrow

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) - Britain's sovereign queen began her reign today in tears and sorrow.

The former Princess Elizabeth broke down and wept when a radio-telephone call from London informed her that her father, King George VI, was dead.

She personally ordered a plane prepared at once for her departure for London to take her place at the head of the empire. She is due to arrive in London about 8 p.m. Thursday (1 p.m. EST).

The official call was routed through a small country post office to Mombasa, where Elizabeth and Prince Philip had spent the night in a jungle tree-top bungalow.

It took nearly 30 minutes to get the connection through.

When the princess received the news she wept openly but recovered quickly to prepare for her departure.

The queen spent happy hours in the bungalow last night, watching big game come to the watering hole at the foot of the tree.

Clad in brown slacks and a yellow bush shirt, she watched by moonlight the parade of African big game which included a rhinoceros.

At 8 p.m. (12 midnight EST), Elizabeth came down from the tree-top house and returned to the royal hunting lodge where six hours later, the news came of her father's death.

It first reached Nairobi at the offices of a local newspaper which informed the royal household. The staff decided not to tell Elizabeth until confirmation came from Buckingham Palace. The London call came through quickly.

The flight home will follow the same route taken on the outward journey, through El Adem, Libya.

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'Two-Million Dollar School Building Project Studied

By LOIS BYRD, Record Staff Writer. In North County's House of Education, an eye to the future, has under consideration proposals for adding building services at the county schools, which if granted, would cost around two million dollars.

"There is not a single school," County Superintendent of Schools G. T. Proffit told the board at its monthly session Monday night at the county education building, "but where some need is urgent. Your task, as you start work on drafting the budget for 1952-53, will be to determine what projects are most needed in the light of the money available."

Proffit told the education board that he felt it was helpful to list together needs of very school at one time, in order to get the total picture. School budget requests are due to be ready in May, although they are not presented to the county.

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Edna Aldredge Is Given Role Of 'Claudia'

The final tryouts for the Dunn Little Theatre's production of "Claudia" were held in the High School Auditorium last night with a good crowd attending.

Jim McKinnon, assistant director of the group and the founder, announced today that the following parts have been taken.

The leading role of Claudia will be portrayed by Mrs. Edna Aldredge and the part of her husband David Naughton will be acted by Edwin Stewart. Mrs. Delcie

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Billy Graham Informs HST He Was For Smith

By RECORD BUREAU. WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. Billy Graham, the North Carolina evangelist who has been setting religious fires in Washington for the past two weeks, told a story about himself this week in discussing a visit to President Truman.

Graham, who hails from Charlotte, said Mr. Truman greeted him with great warmth and expressed enthusiastic admiration for the success of revival in Washington. Graham thanked the President, and then Mr. Truman said:

"I know why you are able to be such a great success. It is because you are the husband of a man I love better than anyone else - Dr. Frank Graham."

Evangelist Graham, quickly disillusioned the President, telling him he was not former Senator Graham's nephew, and moreover, that in the heated 1950 primary which unseated Dr. Frank Graham, he had voted for Senator Willis Smith.

"After I made that confession, the President never said another word about what good work I was doing here," the evangelist told a group of Smith's fellow Senators.

Graham was a guest of Senator Smith yesterday at a luncheon in the Vandenberg Room at the Capitol. Senator Clyde R. Reed and 10 other members of the Senate joined Smith at the luncheon as did all members of the North Carolina House delegation except three.

Making a short talk, the evangelist said the people of America "are shocked at revelations of activities in Washington, but there is plenty of hope for our day if we will just turn to God's word."

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Damage Suits Will Be Aired

Four damage suits arising out of an automobile accident were expected to engage the Harnett Superior Court most of Tuesday as the second day of the week's civil term got underway with Judge Leo Carr of Burlington presiding.

W. B. Adams is the defendant in all the actions in which the plaintiffs include Ruth Karp, B. H. Runyan, Louis Silverman and Mas Leopold. The cases of Karp and Runyan were consolidated for trial in the interest of time. E. L. Doffenmyre is the attorney for all the plaintiffs.

Seven of the 36 jurors summoned for the week were excused and the panel was exhausted before the completion of the jury to try the damage suits. It was necessary to draw 27 additional names from the jury box late Monday afternoon.

Judge Carr instructed Sheriff W. E. Salmon to summon the jurors most easily located out of the list which included the following: George Russell Ferguson, Lillington, Route 2; N. M. Johnson, Dunn; R. C. Johnson, Dunn; Hubert Byrd, Coats, Route 1; Henry Ferguson, Tillington, Route 2; James Pelton Stancil, Dunn; Route 2; James Griffith, Spring Lake; H. T. Dean, Tillington; B. L. Thomas, Buie's Creek; Mrs. W. P. Holt, Erwin; William B. Byrd, Bunnlevel; James Tennel, Erwin; Ed Dorman, Dunn; J. Clyde Adams, Ancker, Route 2; Willis F. Messer, Erwin; C. G. Stewart, Coats; H. A. Rooper, Manners; A. K. Harrington, Olivia; C. L. Parker, Erwin; F. P. Bialock, Angler, Route 2; Edward Upchurch, Broadway, Route 1; J. C. Melvin, Erwin; R. M. Oakley, Bunnlevel, Route 1; A. W. Winkler, Erwin; Gladys Williams, Jonesboro Heights.

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STATE NEWS BRIEFS

WINSTON-SALEM - State Rep. Fleet L. Cobble said today he will seek his sixth term in the House of Representatives in the May 31 Democratic primary.

WALNUT COVE - Glenn Miller, 41, of Kernersville was held without bond in Stokes County jail today in the fatal shooting of Mrs. Dora Emma Wilson, 41, a pottery stand operator.

Police said Miller admitted the shooting in a quarrel over a \$63 debt.

Truman Forces Open Battle On Kefauver

WASHINGTON - Pro-Truman Democrats hoped today to squelch the early season presidential bid of Sen. Estes Kefauver by defeating him in three key state primaries.

The party regulars are counting on President Truman himself to carry the ball against the Tennessee senator in California as well as New Hampshire. Sen. Robert S. Kerr D-Okla. a Truman supporter, will challenge Kefauver in Nebraska.

The triple-pronged "Stop Kefauver" strategy unfolded as Mr. Truman gave fresh evidence of his determination to remain in the driver's seat of the Democratic Party this year, whether or not he runs for re-election.

He told a Veteran of Foreign Wars dinner here last night that he expects to have "a lot of fun" during the coming political campaign, and hopes it will have "the right result."

WILL ADVISE LATER "When the time comes, I am going to try to tell you what the right result is," he said. But he added with a grin, "That is not an announcement."

Sen. Charles W. Tomer R-MI commented that Mr. Truman's tactics remind me of O'Higgins, On-Asain, Gons-Assin, Finnegan.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS 1. Gov. John D. Lodge of Connecticut endorsed Sen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for the Republican nomination for the White House.

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MARKETS

COTTON 1 p. m. prices NEW YORK - March 41.75; May 41.43.

NEW ORLEANS - March 41.75; May 41.32.

HOES RALEIGH - Hog markets: Fayetteville, Florence: Slightly weaker on good and choice 187.

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BULLETINS

WASHINGTON - A move developed in the House to prohibit the start of Universal Military Training until the draft is halted.

CHICAGO - The Chicago Police Department today placed an order for 1,000,000 traffic tickets, to be handed out to motorists in 1952.

LEESVILLE, S.C. - Thomas L. Hamilton, chief of the Carolina Ku Klux Klans, today proclaimed himself "Imperial Wizard" of klans in the Eastern U.S.

Record Editor Recalls Visit Of King, Queen

By HOOVER ADAMS. The visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth to the United States back in 1939 was both a memorable and historic occasion.

We were among those lucky enough to get a good look at the royal couple. The shocking news of his death today brought back vivid memories.

King George, by any standard, was a handsome man, and a colorful figure in his royal attire.

Just how we managed to get so close to the King is still something of a mystery. We were going - and quite a bit smaller than - and it wasn't too hard to fight the throngs of people to get through the lines.

And when King George stepped off the landing at the station in New York, we were close enough to grab him by the arm.

JUST LIKE A TOURIST We won't ever forget the expression he wore. He waved at the crowd for a moment and then - like other rubber-neck tourists - took a look up at the sky and said "so-so."

The King and Queen had won the admiration of the crowds in Washington before going to New York and the big bang went all out. They stole the hearts of everybody.

We saw them the next day at the World's Fair and the reception was just as great, and the King and Queen were just as gracious.

HELD IN REVERENCE A few years later, while still in mourning, she watched by moonlight the parade of African big game which included a rhinoceros.

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