

NORTH CAROLINA — Considerable cloudiness today and tonight. Saturday cloudy and cool with occasional rains.

More Government Grain Shortage Revealed

Total Reported In Excess Of Eight Million

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House subcommittee disclosed today that known shortages of government-owned grain total about \$1,000,000 more than the top estimate given by Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannon three weeks ago.

Brannon announced Feb. 28 that discovered shortages of government price support grain in private warehouses would total from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000. The Agriculture Department subsequently said that criminal or civil suits have been filed, to date, against warehousemen in 25 cases involving grain valued at \$7,100,000.

In an "interim report," a House appropriations subcommittee investigating the shortages disclosed today more than a dozen new cases of grain shortages which it said the Justice Department has referred to U. S. attorneys for possible action.

The report indicated that the shortages involved in these cases totaled more than \$800,000. That would boost total shortages to about \$8,000,000.

BRANNAN ESTIMATE LOW In his Feb. 28 report, Brannon expressed confidence that the net loss to the government, after recoveries, would amount to no more than \$1,000,000.

It cited the new cases as evidence that it has proved the government into more vigorous prosecution of warehousemen who have speculated with government grain.

It said it has received information "indicating" that the Agriculture Department is now forwarding to the Justice Department for prosecution all cases involving possible violation of farm laws.

Board To Hold Busy Session Dunn's city council tonight will take up several problems in connection with new residential developments in the city and will also dispose of a variety of other matters.

Following is a copy of the agenda released this morning by City Manager Oliver O. Manning:

Final action on request from West Divine delegation headed by John Snipes on whether to put in road culvert, grade, and gravel West Divine Street from Oak Court Drive (a private drive) to old Pope property line 70 feet beyond Wayne Avenue.

Also on Wayne Avenue to West Cumberland Street. Mack Jernigan brings up the question of whether the city will grade, gravel and maintain Oak Court Drive, which according to the survey map is 25 feet, which width is considerably less than the usual 40, 50, 60, or 70 feet widths of streets dedicated to the city.

Further information and discussion on running water and sewer lines on the North General Lee project to serve those landowners in the city limits at exact cost of water and sewer pipe without hydrants. This would involve running a 6" line from West Carr and up General Lee to Sures, and running an 8" sewer line from North Orange through Johnson to North General Lee and up to Sures Street, with property owners inside city limits paying bare costs of materials.

The question of increasing water and sewer tapping fees for those outside of city limits from the present rates.

The plumbing situation in Dunn. There are now four concerns in Dunn which have state licenses. The question is whether we shall issue city licenses to others who are requesting them but who have

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MARKETS

HOGS RALEIGH (AP) — Hog markets: Rocky Mount, Fayetteville, Florence: Slightly weaker on good choice 190-240 lb. barrows and gilts at 16.75.

Mt. Olive, Dunn, Warsaw, Wilson, Goldsboro, Kinston, Smithfield, Clinton: steady at 16.50.

Whiteville, Tarboro, Jacksonville, Lumberton, Marion: Slightly weaker at 16.50.

Wilmington, Washington, Rich Square: Slightly weaker at 16.25.

EGGS AND POULTRY RALEIGH (AP) — Today's egg and live poultry markets: Central North Carolina live poultry: (Continued On Page Two)

BOMBER CHALKS UP 1,000-HOUR RECORD IN KOREA



A GRAND OLD GIRL is Miss Jacque II, as these veterans of the 136th Bomber Wing in Korea are ready to testify here they point with pride as they inspect the impressive record of the Air Force B-24 Thunderbolt which recently completed its 364th combat sortie its 1,000th hour in the air was clocked off when Miss Jacque II completed a mission over Sinanju in North Korea. The four airmen are (l to r.): Lt. Bruce D. McMahan, pilot, of Houston, Tex.; Sgt. George R. Beaber, Jr., assistant crew chief; Col. James T. Buck, Wing Commander, and Sgt. Clifford White, Jr., of San Antonio. (U. S. Air Force Photo from International)

Jury Picked To Try Porter

Selection of a jury to try Robert (Bob) Porter, Erwin radio announcer on charges of attempted rape of a teen-age girl was completed this morning in Harnett Superior Court as opening day of Criminal term moved swiftly with Judge W. T. Hatch of Raleigh presiding.

The all male jury includes ten white men and one Negro. The Negro is B. J. Burnette. Others are Dallas Sherman, Lillington; S. F. Thomas, Broadway, Raleigh; J. B. Smith, Lillington; B. G. Gentry, Lillington; Robert Lee Bass, Dunn; W. B. Tart, Coats; Walter Mason, Spring Lake; W. H. Byrd, Lillington; W. Mac Barefoot, Dunn; Bennie B. Harper, Erwin, Route 1; Leslie Strickland, Lillington; Route 2.

Trial of the Porter case is expected to consume most of the afternoon.

HALLMAN ACQUITTED Earlier the court directed a verdict of not guilty in the case of Sam Hallman charged with careless and reckless driving. The case was tried in December term and ended in a mistrial.

Benjamin Bailey, 20 year old negro pleaded guilty to 15 counts of breaking and entering. Testimony of Deputy Sheriff Casey Matthews extended from December 8th to December 20th.

Officers state that the total amount of the stolen goods from various Lillington business houses (Continued on Page Two)

Pretty Hostess Kills Lover To Prevent Torture, Death

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A 20-year-old airline hostess admitted she leveled a Mauser automatic at her married lover and pulled the trigger because he was her only chance to live.

She said today she killed him because it was my only chance to live.

Pretty Betty Lou Tracy said that Larry E. Kell, 43-year-old airlines official, threatened to "sit my eyes with a razor and put bamboo strips under my nails and burn them."

She confessed firing six shots from Kell's own .25 caliber pistol into him as he sat in his parked car outside her apartment in suburban Overland.

ADMITTED INTIMACY Miss Tracy, who admitted to Police Chief Brown Hairgrove that she had been intimate with Kell on numerous occasions, said she met him after she returned from a flight to Rock Island, Ill., yesterday.

She said they sat in his parked car outside her apartment and talked for several hours.

Miss Tracy, a petite brunette, said that Kell, superintendent of stations for Ozark, previously had become violently jealous when he learned that she had relations with another man.

HAD CHOKED HER In addition to the threats of torture she said, he twice had choked her.

He also threatened to kill himself on several occasions, she said. (Continued On Page Two)

Benson Authorized National Guard Unit

A National Guard Anti-Aircraft Battery has been authorized for Benson and recruiting for enlisted men will get underway on Monday, March 24th, it was announced today by Manager Elwood Mints of the Benson Chamber of Commerce.

Procurement of a National Guard unit for Benson has been a major goal of the Benson chamber for some time.

The Benson guard unit will be attached to the 725th Anti-Aircraft Battalion, which has its headquarters at Wilmington.

Benson's Guard unit will have, at full strength, one captain, two lieutenants, one warrant officer, three master sergeants, 11 first sergeants, 25 sergeants, 62 corporals, 48 privates first class and only one private.

Annual payroll of the organized is estimated at over \$100,000.

PARKER TO BE C.O. Named as commanding officer of the unit is First Lieutenant David Henry Parker, a combat veteran of World War II and a former prisoner of war.

Scheduled to be commissioned as lieutenant are: Gary Hardin of the Meadow School faculty and J. F. Hockaday of the Benson school faculty.

Federal recognition of the unit is expected after an official inspection of the new unit about the middle of April.

Openings for enlisted men require 17 to 45 age limits without previous military service, or 17 to 56 with prior service.

BULLETINS

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — William F. Meade, 47, former chairman of the Republican city committee, denied today a district attorney's report that he had been shot by a woman in the lobby of a small hotel yesterday.

Meade said that he was cut by flying glass when bullets were fired through a window. He said the shots might have been fired by an intoxicated person outside the hotel.

NEW YORK (AP) — Columnist Walter Winchell blamed a "virus" today for his inability to appear on his regular Sunday night program over the American Broadcasting Co. He was taken ill just before the show and his script was read by a station announcer.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Prime Minister Sir Basil Brooke said today the people of Northern Ireland "are greatly heartened" by joint British Commonwealth and American efforts to resist aggression and strengthen security.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chairman Carl Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee has dropped a strong hint that he will make another try at this session for

Truman May Try Purge Of Congress

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — President Truman may shortly embark on a congressional political purge aimed during the 1952 campaign year at ultra-conservatives of both parties.

Whether the President runs again, his associates at the Winter White House say he is determined to launch a new offensive against the people he blames for obstructing the Fair Deal.

Whether Mr. Truman's "purge" will resemble the 1938 attempt by the late President Roosevelt, remains to be seen. But Mr. Truman is expected to shoot at one of FDR's 1938 targets—Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

The President long has felt that some ranking Democrats—among them, George and Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) are ideologically inclined to the Republican, rather than the Democratic party.

George recently said some things in Congress that firmed up the President's opinion of him—and that opinion cannot be safely stated without the immunity attending Mr. Truman's public remarks.

AFTER TEXAN, TOO George Byrd and Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, recently voiced strong words of opposition to Truman plans.

Consequently, the President, however a strong advocate of the two-party system in the past, is represented authoritatively as wanting to publicly denounce positions taken by these senators.

Whatever Mr. Truman's plan for the future, his "purge" will, three months hence, be a reality.

The book, "The President's Book by William Hillman, is published by the President's intimate opinions of people and situations since 1945.

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WPTF Will Carry Debate From Dunn

There'll be no lack of questions when gubernatorial Candidates Bill Umstead and Hubert Olive come to Dunn on Thursday night, April 17th to debate before the Dunn Information Clinic.

That was the word today from Jim McMillen, founder and moderator of the clinic, after he read that at Wilson only one question was asked by the audience.

"Judging from the amount of interest in the Dunn debate," said McMillen today, "the candidates might even get tired of answering questions."

Both Umstead and Olive accepted invitations to debate here and announcement of their acceptance resulted in similar invitations to them from other sections of the State.

"I can assure you," said McMillen this morning, "that plenty of questions will be fired at the candidates when they get to Dunn." McMillen had a list of questions ready himself.

McMillen reminded that this is a politically-minded section, Dunn and Harnett have played leading roles in previous political campaigns.

Police And Patrol In Busy Weekend

The Dunn Police Department and the number of the Highway Patrol had a busy weekend, according to the records of the department. A total of 22 arrests were made over the two day weekend.

Intemperate drinking habits were involved in the majority of cases with four of the defendants arrested booked for drunken driving.

Other charges ranged from public drunkenness to assault with a deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapons.

IT'S HIS DAY CLEVELAND (AP) — An assistant police prosecutor here was in his element today.

His name, sure and begorra, s: W. Patrick Day.

Revival Slated At Tabernacle

A revival series will be opened at the Dunn Gospel Tabernacle Wednesday evening at 7:45, it was announced today by the Rev. Bane Underwood, pastor.

Services will start each evening at 7:45 and will continue through March 30, Rev. Mr. Underwood said. He extends a cordial invitation to the general public to attend.

The Rev. C. C. Forehand of Tallahassee, Florida is the evangelist. He is a graduate of Emmanuel College and the University of Florida and is now serving as the pastor of a fast-growing church in Florida.

As well as being a preacher of outstanding merit, Mr. Forehand is an excellent singer, and he and his wife will sing several times during the series.

Revival services will be held at the Dunn Gospel Tabernacle, 100 N. Main St., beginning Wednesday evening at 7:45 p.m.

Admission is free. Free will contributions will be accepted.



MRS. BEST AND HER HOSTS — Mrs. L. J. Best, shown in center all decked out in her Sunday finest and sporting an orchid, celebrated her 80th birthday yesterday. Last night, she was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Guyton Smith, her cousins, who are shown with her. The pioneer Dunn resident reports it was a wonderful birthday, but that she doesn't feel a bit older. (Daily Record photo by J. W. Temple, Jr.)

Pioneer Resident Has 80th Birthday

Mrs. L. J. Best, one of Dunn's oldest and most beloved residents, celebrated her 80th birthday Sunday but said today that, "I don't feel a bit older."

The widow of a pioneer Dunn attorney and realtor, Mrs. Best is one of the best known residents of the town. She's lived here for 50 years, coming to Dunn in 1902.

There wasn't any formal celebration of her birthday, but, really, two informal celebrations.

Sunday morning her sister and niece, Mrs. T. C. Young and daughter, Elizabeth, of Smithfield, came over for dinner. In fact, they brought the birthday dinner, and served Mrs. Best a real treat.

On Sunday night, Mr. and Mrs. Guyton Smith, her cousins, took Mrs. Best out to dinner at Johnson's Restaurant. Looking both young and pretty and wearing a pretty orchid, Mrs. Best became the center of attention when Mrs. Henry Whittemore played "Happy Birthday" on the organ and a group sang it to her.

"I really don't like so much fuss over my birthday," protested Mrs. (Continued On Page Two)

Sons Of Erin Pay Tribute To Saint Pat

Sons of Erin paid tribute to St. Patrick today in carefree celebrations throughout the country.

New York's fashionable Fifth Avenue became just another extension of Dublin's O'Connell Street as 1,000,000 citizens turned out to watch 100,000 Irish on parade.

In Clinton, Mass., John J. Fitzgerald dressed up his old dog, Jerry for his 23rd annual "one-man St. Patrick's Day parade" through the town.

It was a great day for the Irish in Hollywood. Proud Celtic descendants displayed a harvest of shamrocks and a rash of emerald-colored ties as they gathered on Hollywood Boulevard.

HONOR FOR O'HARA Filmland's most honored daughter of old Ireland for the day was actress Maureen O'Hara who will be given the Irish Screen Award tonight at the annual St. Patrick's Day Ball of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

In Waterbury, Conn., Irish-born Jim Early put away his street cleaner's broom to become mayor for a day.

"The first thing I'll do is to (Continued On Page Two)

Truck To Work On Route No. 1

The trucks will start rolling tomorrow to pick up contributions along the rural routes surrounding Dunn, it was announced today by E. W. (Gene) Smith, rural chairman for the Dunn-Erwin Chapter (Continued On Page Six)

Pugh Will Address Dunn Masonic Evening

The annual Ladies' Night Masonic program, an event looked forward to by members of Palmyra Lodge in Dunn, will be held at the Dunn High School cafeteria at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday evening, March 18.

Speaker for the event will be Robert Pugh, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Superintendent of the Craven County Schools.

A former Baptist minister, Mr. Pugh now teaches the Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist Church in New Bern. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College and a member of the New York Country Club.

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