

WEATHER

NORTH CAROLINA - Partly cloudy with little change in temperature today, tonight and Saturday, except not so warm in North and East portions Saturday. Widely scattered thundershowers in North and West portions

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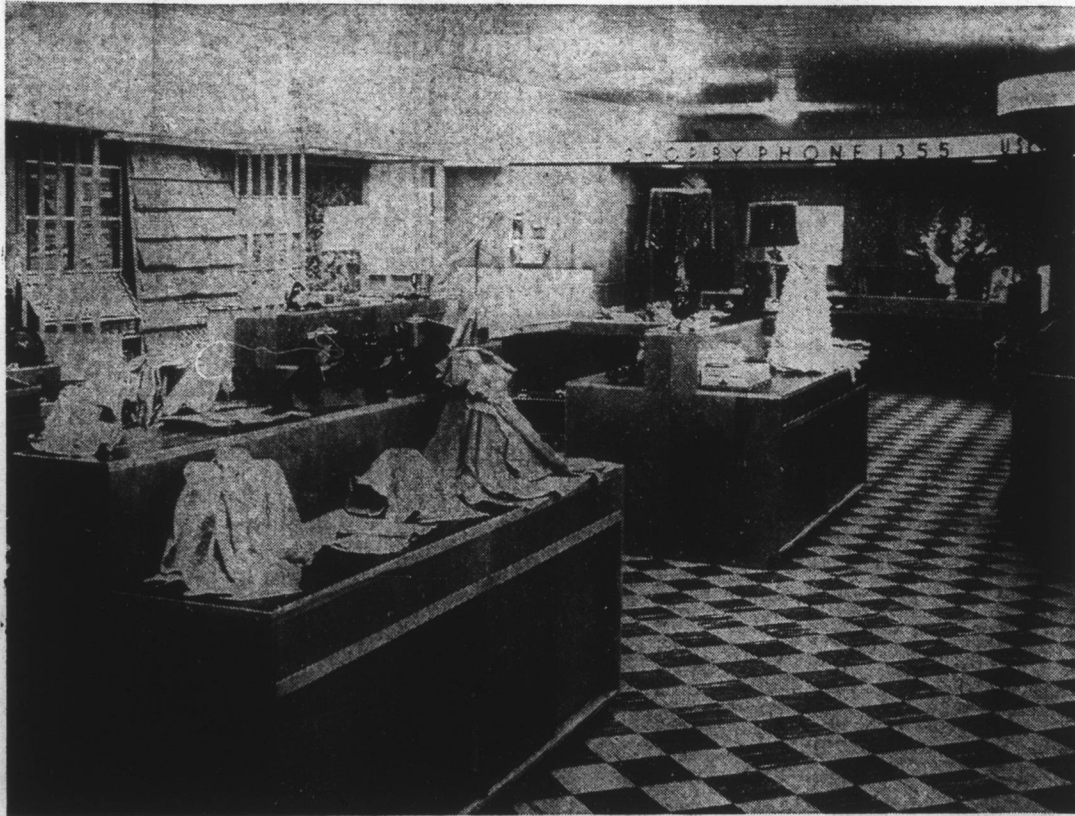
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Taft Offers To Compromise Texas Dispute With Ike



PREVIEW OF SEARS' NEW BUILDING HERE - Construction will get underway here soon in the new Blalock-Stanfield shopping center of a beautiful new building for Sears Catalog Sales Office and it'll be one of the company's finest in Eastern Carolina. This picture gives you an idea as to what the interior will look like, although just one corner is shown here. The new Sears' building will be of the most modern type design and architecture. Mrs. Beulah Lamm is manager of the Dunn Store, which has enjoyed rapid growth since it was established here. The new store will adjoin Thomas' Walgreen Agency Drug Store.

Platform Of Republicans Being Shaped

CHICAGO (AP) - The 1952 Republican platform was shaping up today as a bitter attack on alleged fumbling by the Democrats at home and abroad and a promise things will be better if the voters go GOP in November.

With final drafting still to be done, the platform builders have hewed out in rough form most of the planks to be presented next week to the Republican convention as the party's basic campaign document.

The work is going on behind closed doors and for the most part under cloak of secrecy. However, on the basis of available information, some of the main planks are expected to look like this:

COMMUNISM - The G. O. P. is "shocked and disgusted" that the administration "condones, defends and protects" Reds in government and other key spots. Anti-Communist laws, state and federal, must be tightened and enforced.

HITS CORRUPTION

CORRUPTION - It's time to crack down on the chiselers and grafters. The way to do it is elect Republicans. Congressional committees who exposed these things should be commended and their work encouraged.

TAXES - Democrats have boosted them to disastrous levels. Republicans, if elected, promise a progressive reduction. The budget will be cut and balanced.

CONTROLS - Get rid of them wherever possible. In Democratic hands they have stoked the fires of inflation. Price and wage ceilings under present conditions are a flop and should be junked.

CIVIL RIGHTS - Enact a federal FEPC on a non-compulsory basis. Let states take more initiative in assuring civil rights.

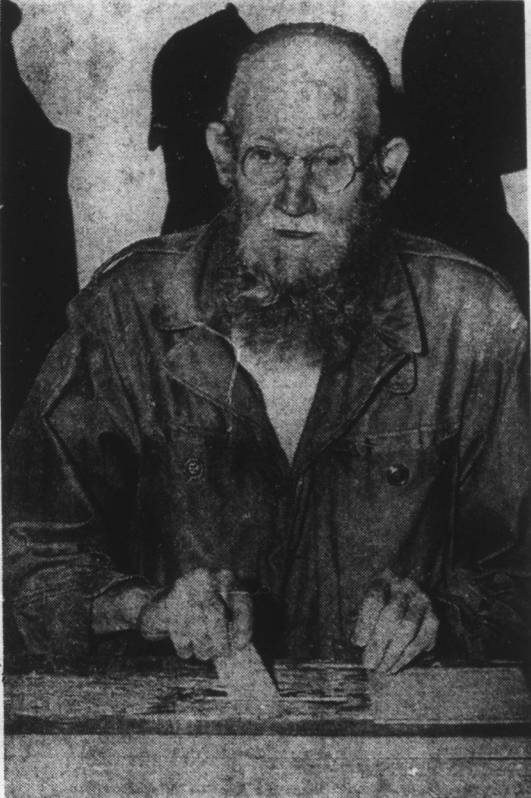
LABOR - Taft-Hartley law is sound; revisions should be made as needed, give fair shake to both management and labor.

FOREIGN POLICY - The Democrats have been out-manuevered by the Russians consistently since World War II, starting with Yalta and Tehran. Vacillating policy in Far East gave China to Reds and led to attack on Korea. The GOP will stand firm against Communists at home and abroad. It will continue support of allies in their stand against aggression, but with more strings attached, to assure that they help themselves.

DEFENSE - The administration dropped the ball in dismantling world's greatest military machine after World War II. Resulting weakness sparked Red aggression around the world. GOP will build well-rounded defense, with emphasis on air power. Total military spending will be held to levels nation can support without wrecking economy.

SENTIMENT DIVIDED - Sentiment on the courthouse is divided, although all citizens agree on the need.

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PROPHET AZEL - Pictured here is Prophet Azel G. Manning, 74, in one of the last photographs ever made of him. He was casting his vote in Benson's city election a year ago. "Of course I know who'll be elected," Prophet Azel insisted to a reporter as he dropped in his ballot. The Lord and King Azel decided that a long time ago, declared the self-styled prophet. He died yesterday and was buried today in Banner's Chapel Cemetery. He was one of the great characters of Eastern Carolina. (Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

Prophet Azel Ends Earthly Crusade

By HOOVER ADAMS
The Lord's "Right-Hand Man" is dead. They buried King Azel G. Manning, 74-year-old self-styled, self-appointed prophet of the Lord this afternoon in a little country cemetery out from Benson.

After 28 years of preaching and crusading throughout 28 states, "The Boss" called Prophet Azel home yesterday morning. Death came at Duke Hospital, where he had been a patient for sometime.

"I'm afraid that old rupture and cancer is going to lay me low," he confided to friends a few days before his death.

"But old Azel will rise again," he admonished.

HE WAS READY
He said he had a message from the Lord a few weeks ago advising him that his worldly mission was ending.

"The Lord says to me," related Prophet Azel, "King Azel, you have done a wonderful work. You have served long and faithfully. You have won the fight, you have won the victory. It's time for you to come home."

For more than a quarter of a century, the man who came out of the cabbage fields of Johnston County has been a familiar figure through Eastern Carolina and in many other States in which he has taken his crusade.

Azel crusaded night and day against sin. He had grave misgivings against the modern generation, even against the modern preaching.

"OLD-TIMEY" PREACHER
"I'm an old-timey preacher," he reminded, "and I'm proud of it. Religion doesn't change. Some of these modern preachers try to put a new angle to it, but they just (Continued on Page Two)

Church Of God Ticket Named

NASHVILLE - (AP) - Bishop Homer A. Tomlinson, general overseer of one faction of the Church of God, was nominated today as a "Third Party Church of God" candidate for president.

Bishop Tomlinson was nominated by Bishop Willie L. Basa, Fayetteville, N. C., who in turn was nominated for vice president. They will give their acceptance speeches tomorrow.

The nominations highlighted today's sessions of the Tomlinson group's 47th annual assembly which began here Wednesday and will continue through next Tuesday. The (Continued On Page Two)

Herbert Hoover Urges Rivals To Settle Issue

CHICAGO (AP) - Sen. Robert A. Taft offered to compromise the party-splitting row over Texas delegates today with a plan to take 22 of 38 seats and give Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower 16.

There was no likelihood that the Eisenhower managers would accept.

Taft made his proposal in a letter to Chairman Guy George Gabfeldson of the Republican national committee as the committee started hearings on the conflicting claims of the two Texas rival delegations.

In earlier contests this week, the Taft steamroller has rolled over the Eisenhower forces and the national committee has allotted all but a handful of the disputed delegates to Taft. The Eisenhower managers have promised to fight these contests in the convention credentials committee and onto the convention floor.

MAY HURT CHANCES

The climactic Texas row is threatening to jeopardize Republican prospects for victory in November before the presidential nominee is even chosen. Concern over this possibility was reported to be one factor in Taft's offer to compromise.

However, an Eisenhower headquarters spokesman reminded that Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., the Eisenhower campaign manager "has said all along that there will be no compromise."

"I'm sure he will stick to that decision," he added.

Taft's proposal came after former President Herbert Hoover had intervened in the pre-convention battle by urging the national committee to seek "an amicable and equitable settlement" of the Texas argument.

RALEIGH (AP) - The Fourth of July holiday bloodshed box-score as compiled by the North Carolina highway patrol: Deaths by 12 noon - 4. Injured over holiday - 42. Accidents over holiday - 39. Killed to date this year - 561.

Congress About Ready To Adjourn

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress rolled today toward a Saturday adjournment, but Senate Republican Leader Styles Bridges will try to keep the lawmakers on call in case of a break in the steel strike.

Bridges said he would move to recess the Senate subject to call of the leaders, instead of quitting for keeps until the next Congress convenes in January. He said this would allow Congress to return after the political conventions of the strike by 650,000 CIO steelworkers is not settled "at a reasonable date."

However, Senate Democratic Leader Ernest W. McFarland told the Senate yesterday he saw no reason why it would not adjourn sine die tomorrow. He said his adjournment plans would not be affected by President Truman's statement yesterday that he sees no reason to use the Taft-Hartley law to end the strike despite Congress' "request" to do so.

Most Senate sources forecast defeat for Bridges' plan. They noted that many work-weary members of both House and Senate want to be home campaigning after the conventions.

Just Like Christmas Eve On Bargain Days

Shoppers swarmed through the stores in Dunn yesterday seeking the items advertised by the local merchants for the annual "Bargain Days" sponsored by the Dunn Chamber of Commerce.

They were not disappointed. Bargains galore in all categories, were on display and racked up on the shelves. Soon after the opening yesterday morning, bundle-laden men and women began appearing along Broad Street, and the shopping rush continued all day.

Today the weary clerks get a one day respite before the big day tomorrow, which is expected to surpass Thursday's record-breaking sales. Co-chairman Frank Belote and Bert Alabaster today expressed satisfaction with the sales event and thanked the merchants for their cooperation.

CIO Official Sorns AFL Election Dare

A C. I. O. Textile Workers Union of America official described as "silly" a challenge from the A. F. L. for the T. W. U. A. to agree to allow elections to decide which union would represent Erwin Mills textile workers.

Herbert S. Williams, a C. I. O., T. W. U. A. vice-president who is in Durham, was asked to sign an agreement to hold elections at Erwin Mills' plants in four cities and towns and to waive hearings at which the A. F. L. must prove a "schism" exists in the C. I. O. ranks.

Williams said that "it would be silly" for his group to consent to the elections. He said that existing T. W. U. A. contracts with Erwin Mills prevent such an agreement.

The contracts run until Oct. 1 of this year, and Williams said he thought an election at Erwin Mills plants could not be held until shortly before the contracts expire.

Business agents for the A. F. L., representing Erwin Mills' employees here and in Cooleemee and Erwin, said yesterday they sent Williams the agreement to sign. Erwin's Neuse plant also is involved in the dispute between the C. I. O. and the A. F. L.

National Labor Relations Board hearings are required by law as a forerunner to an election on a switch of unions. The hearings can be waived, however, if both unions and the company agree to elections.

"We will wait to see what the unions decide before we make our decision," Dr. Frank deVyver, a vice-president and personnel director of Erwin Mills, said last night when asked what the company would do in regard to elections. (Continued On Page Two)

Courthouse Hearing Is Set For Monday Morning At 10

The Harnett County Board of Commissioners will conduct a hearing Monday morning at 10 o'clock to decide whether or not to call an election to vote on the issuance of \$490,000 in bonds for erection of a new courthouse in Lillington.

Chairman Lofton A. Tart said today that if most citizens appear to want the election that it will be called; otherwise it will not be held.

Plans for a new courthouse to replace Harnett's present and ancient dilapidated structure have already been drawn by William Weber of Raleigh.

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Harnett's Teacher Quota Announced

The total of regular school teachers in Harnett County for the 1952-53 school year will be 386, it was announced by Superintendent of Schools, Glenn T. Proffitt, this morning.

represents a gain of nine teachers over last year.

Total enrollment in the schools of the county will probably be about 13,000. Mr. Proffitt estimates increased enrollment plus a cut in teacher load, accounts for the additional teachers.

Only one white school, Anderson Creek, will lose a teacher. Negro Schools will lose two teachers, but will have a net gain of three overall, so that based on the number, the Negro schools will come out with a larger percentage of gain.

Dunn will gain two elementary and one high school teacher; Beulah will gain one elementary teacher. Coats will get one additional high school and one elementary teacher. Lillington will get one additional high school teacher.

Harnett County Training School will gain one high school teacher; Shawtown will get one elementary and two high school teachers; Gentry will lose one elementary teacher; and the small Negro schools one elementary will be added and one lost.

The addition of the three new teachers in the Dunn Schools will (Continued On Page Two)

American Jets Have Year's Biggest Day

SEOUL, Korea (AP) - American F-86 Sabre jets shot down 12 Communist jet fighters, probably shot down another and damaged six more today to hand the Red air force its worst defeat in a single day this year.

More than 70 Shooting Star and Thunder jet American fighters were pounding targets along the Yalu River as a Fourth of July gesture to the Reds when 115 MIGs came up off their sanctuary north of the river at Antung.

As the MIGs circled in fast toward the fighter bombers, they were jumped by 96 Sabres which had been watching from 40,000 feet for just such a move.

The downed MIGs were shot out of the skies or sent scuttling back to base in 11 different dogfights on the Korean side of the Yalu.

TARGET NOT KNOWN
The 5th Air Force was mysterious about the nature of the target but said it was just south of the Yalu River and about 20 miles southeast of the Suifu power plant, which was attacked on June 23.

The attacks started at noon when two wings of Thunder jets roared (Continued on page five)

Harnett Had Fewer Accidents In June

Harnett County's highway accident and death toll showed considerable improvement during the month, although fatalities for the first six months doubled those of the same period last year.

The report was made today by Corporal Rommie Williamson, head of the highway patrol forces in the county.

During June, Corporal Williamson reported, there were 21 accidents, 7 injuries and no deaths.

In June of 1951, there were 38 accidents, 16 injuries and one killed.

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House overwhelmingly approved, 332 to 1, a new GI Bill of Rights for Korean war veterans. It needs Senate approval to go to the White House.

DANVILLE, Va., (AP) - Peggy Lennox, 1949 winner of a Florida-to-Canada women's air race, crash-landed her plane today in an attempt to win the 1,200-mile race against three other contestants. The Civil Aeronautics Administration at Raleigh, N. C., said that Miss Lennox (Continued On Page Two)