

NORTH CAROLINA - Mostly fair and cool today. Fair and slightly colder tonight. With "Prestone" Anti-Freeze You're set, you're safe, you're sure.

At Least 31 Killed In Crash Of Air Force Plane

Plans Being Completed For Big Christmas Parade Here



NEW PACKARD ON DISPLAY - Robert Strickland, sales manager of Strickland's Auto Service, is pictured here as he displayed the new 1953 Packard this morning.

Christmas Story To Be Portrayed On Church Floats

More than 20 churches throughout this area have entered floats in the big religious Christmas parade to be presented here Friday night at 6:30 o'clock.

The parade, something entirely new for Dunn, will depict "The Christmas Story" on floats, and is expected to draw a crowd of thousands.

It is being sponsored by the Dunn Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the various churches.

Each of the floats will portray a different scene in the Christmas Story.

Old Santa Claus will ride on the last float at the completion of the Christmas Story.

The Rev. Ernest P. Russell, chairman of the ministerial committee in charge, reported today that there is an unusually large amount of interest in the parade.

It will be a big, colorful event. Many of the floats will carry choral groups singing carols.

The float of Sacred Heart Catholic Church will lead off the parade.

PARTICIPATING CHURCHES

Following is a list of the participating churches: Sacred Heart, Spring Branch Baptist, Divine Street Methodist, Dunn Presbyterian, Hood Memorial Christian, Evening Star Holiness, First Baptist, Mary Stewart, Gospel Tabernacle, Stony Run Free Will, Erwin Church of God, Bethesda Friends, Lee's Chapel Free Will, Second Baptist of Dunn, Wesley Charge Methodist, Glad Tidings, St. Stephen's Episcopal, East Erwin Baptist, Grove Presbyterian.

The floats will be built at the Big Four Tobacco Warehouse by the various churches and will be (Continued on page two)

Harnett Officials To Get Oath Of Office On Monday

Harnett's newly-elected county officials, along with various township officials, will be sworn into office in ceremonies to be held Monday morning at 11 o'clock in the courthouse.

County Attorney W. A. Johnson today was busy preparing the oaths, which will be administered by Mrs. Elizabeth Matthews, acting Clerk of Court.

The county board will hold a short meeting and will then adjourn for those re-elected and for new members of the board to be sworn in, along with other officials.

TWO NEW MEMBERS

Commissioners to be given the oath are: Chairman Lofton A. Tart, Worth Lee Byrd, and B. F. Ingram, incumbent, and Dick Lasater and Rufus L. Mangum, the new members.

Retiring from the board are Herman S. Holloway and Bob Pate. Re-election of Mr. Tart to continue as chairman is expected.

Mrs. Inez Harrington will be sworn in for another term as Register of Deeds, and County Judge

the board will take on its appointments was not known today.

THE CONSTABLES

Constables to be sworn in are: O. R. Pearce, Averasboro; Preston Porter, Erwin; C. E. Moore, oCats; Leo McGee, Buckhorn; Wade Stewart, Neill's Creek; Silas McNeill, Upper Little River and W. B. Castleberry, Barbecue.

CHANGES TALKED

There has been talk of some changes and, in some cases, a reported movement, but what action

U. S. Expenditures Abroad Are Heavy

WASHINGTON - The United States has passed out \$82,000,000,000 in foreign aid since the start of World War II, the Commerce Department reported today.

Of this total, foreign countries have paid back \$11,000,000,000 in one form or another. The net total in foreign aid, given to help allies during the war and to bolster the free world afterwards, amounts to \$71,000,000,000 for the past 11 years, or about 44 per cent. Russia got \$11,000,000,000 in wartime lend-lease aid, or 14 per cent. France received \$7,000,000,000.

Several Women And Children Among Victims

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) - An Air Force C-54 carrying children, women and servicemen crashed in flames within a block of a residential area early today and at least 31 persons were killed.

Rescue workers, some sickened by the gruesome death scene, counted 29 bodies in the twisted, fire-blackened wreckage. Two victims died after reaching a hospital.

A check of three nearby hospitals showed that at least two persons lived through the flaming crash. Col. Jack Stovall, commanding officer of Military Air Transport Service at McChord Air Force Base, said there were 32 passengers and seven crewmen aboard—about half of the passengers dependents of servicemen.

They were en route from Fairbanks and Anchorage, Alaska, to McChord.

WRECKAGE STREWN

The flaming wreckage of the four-motored military air transport service plane was strewn over a one-block square vacant field only a mile and a half north of McChord Air Force Base. Only the tail section of the craft was recognizable.

The sickly smell of death and burned human flesh mixed with the fog.

The bodies of the victims—many charred and dismembered almost beyond recognition—were lined in neat military rows beside a dirt road which skirted the field. They were lighted eerily through the fog by automobile headlights.

Eyewitnesses described the pitiful cries of injured babies and one volunteer worker saw three dead babies lying on the smoking crash scene.

A headless woman was carried from the scene in a blanket. City, county and state police worked with armed air police and medical corpsmen in the gruesome search for bodies. The white uniforms of hospital attendants were (Continued on page two)

Cafeteria To Reopen Sunday

After being closed for the past two weeks for remodeling, the cafeteria at Johnson's Restaurant will be reopened Sunday, it was announced today by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barnes, the operators.

NEW EQUIPMENT ADDED A complete new kitchen and much other new equipment has been installed to enable the staff to render still better service.

"We are constantly seeking to make improvements and to do everything possible to render the very finest service," pointed out Mr. and Mrs. Barnes today.

Johnson's Restaurant is famed for its fine food. The cafeteria will be open every day throughout the week except on Saturdays.

CIO Pledges Ike Support

Bombers, Jets Hurl Bombs On Commies

NEW YORK (AP) - Leaders of the CIO pledged support today to President-elect Eisenhower, but told him they would "react vigorously to any effort to cut living standards, to attack labor or to destruct progress toward worthy goals for our American democracy."

The group of CIO officials and vice presidents of its most powerful unions said after a conference with Eisenhower that they made no suggestions as to his appointment of a secretary of labor. In a formal statement, after the conference, they said:

"We did, however, emphasize that the secretary of labor should be a person who is devoted to the strengthening of the Department of Labor and to the interests of Democratic American trade unions."

The group conferred with the president-elect in his hotel headquarters after Eisenhower had met with MME. Vilva Lakshmi Pandit, leader of the Indian delegation to the United Nations. She declined to say whether she had briefed the president-elect on India's compromise formula for peace in Korea.

MME. Pandit had been expected to give Eisenhower first-hand explanation of the Indian proposal in preparation for his forth-coming visit to Korea.

POSES FOR PICTURES

Following his hour-long conference with the CIO leaders, Eisenhower posed with them for pictures. He stood with David J. McDonald, active president of the United Steel Workers, on his left and Walter Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers, on his right. These two are the largest and most powerful of the CIO unions.

Joseph Curran, National Maritime Union president who has been regarded as a dark horse in the race for the CIO presidency, said as the group went in that they had "some recommendations" to give to Eisenhower.

Holiday Death Toll Now 105

BY UNITED PRESS

Americans went back to work today after a cold, blustery Thanksgiving holiday that saw almost 100 of them die violent deaths.

The cold snap was still clamped down hard over most of the country today, and snow flurries brushed the Great Lakes region.

Motorists took to the highways in great numbers Thursday, as they do every Thanksgiving, even though glare ice and hard-packed snow made them hazardous in many areas.

A total of 105 persons died in accidents during the holiday. They included 77 persons dead in traffic, 12 in fires and 16 in miscellaneous mishaps.

The total did not include 36 persons killed in the crash of a C-54 Air Force plane near Tacoma, Wash. The crash occurred after the (Continued on Page Two)

Reported Birth Of Seven Hoax

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) - Federal police headquarters denounced as a student hoax today a report that the wife of a Santiago laborer gave birth to seven baby girls.

The police statement said there will be serious consequences for those involved.

Midwife Adela de Figueroa was the authority for the story that spread excitement through Santiago (Continued on page two)

Burlesque Battle Back In Broadway

NEW YORK (AP) - Broadway producer Michael Rose denied today he is trying to sneak burlesque back onto the Great White Way with a girly show called "Fancy Gams."

But he admitted it was his latest production that prompted the Broadway Association to complain about a breach in the law which has kept the bump-and-grind girls off Broadway for more than 10 years.

"There's nothing in the show that could possibly be considered objectionable," Rose said.

The Broadway Association, an organization of elder statesmen in the entertainment world, filed a complaint with the New York Licensing Commission that a certain theatre was going too far.

The official complaint said the theatre not only was presenting

Bulletins

LONDON, (AP) - A bill to return the nationalized steel industry to private ownership passed its first test in the House of Commons in a bitter 18-hour and 36-minute session that ended today.

ATLANTIS CITY, N. J. (AP) - Divided CIO officials make a final attempt today to agree on a new president and avert a showdown convention fight that could split their ranks.

MONTPELLIER, France (AP) - Former Queen Elena, the beloved "madre"—mother of the land-of-pre-war Italy, died (Continued on page two)

It's Time To Write To Old Santa Claus

It's time to write Old Santa again and, as usual, he wants all children to write to him in care of The Daily Record.

Santa today wrote the kids a letter himself and asked The Daily Record to publish it for him.

Following is the letter from Santa:

NORTH POLE
HI KIDS:
Christmas is almost here and we're as busy as bees up here making toys and getting ready to go see you on Christmas Eve. It's also time for you to write to me and tell me just what you want. I've got loads and loads of toys and other good things, but you have to write and let me know what you want.
Just write to me like this:
SANTA CLAUS, % THE DAILY RECORD, DUNN, N. C.
Last year, hundreds of you wrote to me in care of The Daily Record and I tried to fill your orders as best I could. Don't be late. Write today.



And The Daily Record will publish your letter for you.

SANTA CLAUS
P. S. I'm going to be at Sears and Roebuck in Dunn all next week, Monday through Friday from noon to 6 p. m. and all day on Saturday. See you there.

MARKETS

EGGS AND POULTRY
RALEIGH - (AP) - Poultry and eggs:

Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers and broilers steady, trading light, supplies adequate, demand fair to good, sales of heavy hens in spots market.

Prices up to 10 a. m. today: Fryers and broilers 2-2 to 3 pounds 32; one lot heavy hens 24.

Eggs steady, supplies short, demand good. Prices paid producers and handlers FOR local grading stations: A large 62, A medium and B large 51-52.

HOGS
RALEIGH - (AP) - Hog markets: PAYETTEVILLE: Steady at 17.00 top for good and choice 180-240 pound barrows and gilts.

Rocky Mount: Slightly stronger (Continued on page two)

Rex Plans Revival At Tabernacle Here

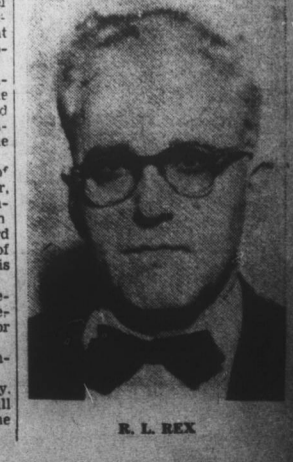
The Rev. R. L. Rex of Toronto, Canada, nationally-known minister and evangelist, will open a one-week revival meeting Monday night at 7:45 o'clock at the Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn.

Plans for the revival were announced today by the Rev. Bane T. Underwood, pastor, who said the church feels unusually fortunate in securing Mr. Rex for the evangelistic campaign.

The Rev. Mr. Rex is director of the National Pulpit of the Air, nation-wide radio program sponsored by the Pentecostal Church is a member of the general board of administration and a member of the Home Missions Board of his denomination.

He is an outstanding and forceful pulpit speaker and has prepared a special series of sermons for his appearance in Dunn.

Services will be held each evening at 7:45 o'clock. On three mornings, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, there will also be a service at 10:30 a.m. The public is cordially invited.



R. L. REX