

WEATHER

Fair and warmer today and to night. Low temperature tonight 28 to 35. Thursday fair to partly cloudy and mild.

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Ike, MacArthur In Conference

Taft Can Get Floor Post If He Desires It

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Robert A. Taft's chances of becoming Senate Republican floor leader got a lift today with conciliatory statements from two of President-elect Eisenhower's closest friends in Congress.

How much of a lift still depends on the reaction of Republican senators.

The statements came from Sens. Frank Carlson (R-Kan.) and H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.), who conferred with Eisenhower in New York Tuesday. Carlson said after the meeting that Eisenhower would take no part in selection of a Senate leader, I assume he will be, and personally I would be for him.

In the light of other Carlson remarks, his statement was interpreted here as something less than an endorsement of Taft for the floor leadership.

NO FIGHT SEEN But it was also regarded as evidence that the "Eisenhower senators would not fight to prevent the election of the Ohioan, who lost the GOP presidential nomination to Eisenhower after a bitter struggle last summer.

Smith told newsmen that "Taft would be the logical majority leader and personally I hope that can be brought about."

While Taft has never called himself a candidate for the floor leadership, he has said he was available if Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, the present floor leader, steps out.

Carlson noted Tuesday that Bridges has said he did not want the job. However, there has been talk of a "Bridges and away from Taft" in recent weeks, even among Taft's Senate friends, who were wary of being caught in possible future disputes between Taft and Eisenhower.

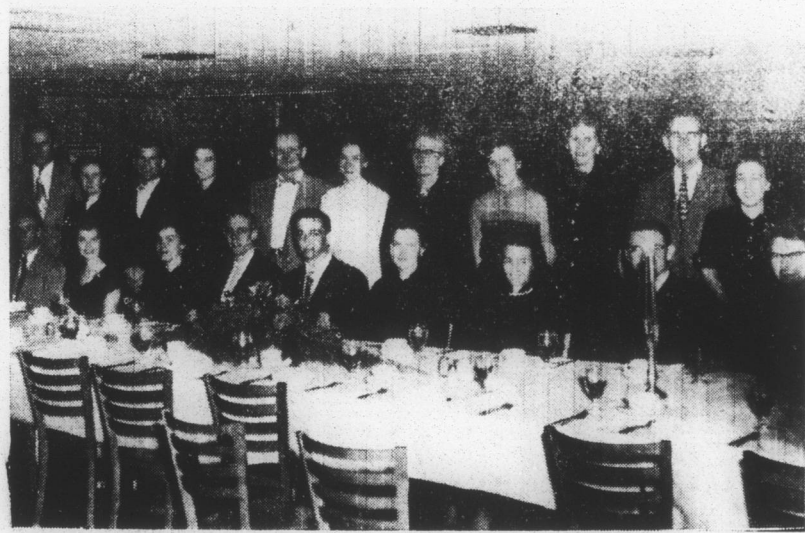
Last Minute News Shorts

NEW YORK (AP) — Francis Cardinal Spellman leaves New York tomorrow for Korea to spend Christmas with American GIs at the fighting front.

BERLIN (AP) — A former U. S. Army intelligence agent, Michael R. Rothgrug of Westport, Conn., will be arraigned before a U. S. court tomorrow on charges of illegal possession of a satchel full of top secret documents.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — An international storm of major proportions appeared today about Secretary-General Trygve Lie's purging of the United Nations of employes subversive to the United States. Indications were that the storm would not break until the General Assembly reconvenes next February after its Christmas vacation.

SOUTHAMPTON, England (AP) — The American liner United States, continued on page two.



EFIRD'S EMPLOYEES ENJOY PARTY — Employees of Efird's Department Store in Erwin were guests at a turkey dinner at Johnson's Restaurant last night. A full course dinner with all the trimmings was served and the employees and their husbands or wives exchanged gifts. The annual bonus was distributed to employees. Pictured are, seated, left to right; William Turnage, Mrs. Raymond Lucas, Judith Holmes, Roger Sessoms, Jerry Ashley, Mrs. Ashley, Mrs. A. F. Lee, Mr. Lee, and Mrs. H. Q. Beard. Standing, left to right; A. A. Jackson, Mrs. Jackson, Store Manager L. A. Harris, Mrs. Harris, Columbus Bass, Pearl Johnson Calahan, Mrs. Dollie Strickland, Shirley Strickland, Mrs. Donald Melcher, Doyle Wise and Mrs. Wise. (Record photo by Stewart.)

Today's Meeting Is First For Them Since 1946

NEW YORK (AP) — President-elect Eisenhower's return from his 22,000-mile trip to Korea he met with his former commander to get MacArthur's announced new "clear and definite" solution to the Korean conflict.

Thus three days after Eisenhower's return from his Far Eastern commands by President Truman and Eisenhower since 1946 when Eisenhower was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, visited MacArthur in Tokyo.

The announcement of the meeting was made at Eisenhower's Command Home headquarters by press secretary James C. Hagerty, who said: "I understand that General Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles are having lunch with Gen. MacArthur in Mr. Dulles' home."

He said he expected Eisenhower

Harnett Theft Rate Rises

A new record for robberies, larceny and burglary has already been established in Harnett County this year, according to Sheriff W. E. (Bill) Salmon.

Sheriff Salmon, veteran law enforcement officer, told reporters today that there have been more crimes involving larceny already this year than during any three-year period during the more than 20 years he's been sheriff.

"I've never seen anything like it before," declared the Sheriff. "I thought the situation was bad enough last year."

"And they're getting so mean and desperate," declared the popular officer, "that thieves are actually going into the fields and pulling corn and stealing it. Some of them, it seems, won't stop at anything."

MONEY SHORTER Sheriff Salmon attributed the increased thievery this year to the fact that money is getting a little (Continued on Page Two)

Surprise Witnesses In Lattimore Trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Department sources said today the FBI has lined up several "surprise" witnesses to testify in the perjury trial of far eastern specialist Owen Lattimore.

While informants refused to identify any of the potential witnesses, they said some are from foreign countries, mainly in the Orient.

Lattimore, 52-year-old Johns Hopkins University professor and one-time State Department consultant, was indicted by a federal grand jury Tuesday on charges he (Continued on page two)

Baptists Plan Radio Series

A special dramatic broadcast of the nationwide Baptist Hour on January 4 will give listeners all over the nation an opportunity to hear something of the history and development of this gospel program.

Excerpts will be used from a number of the early programs, with the voices of Dr. George W. Truett, Dr. M. E. Dodd, Dr. R. G. Lee and the Reverend Charles Wellborn.

The purpose of the program is to show something of the growth of the Baptist Hour through the years, and also the work of the late Dr. S. F. Lowe, Dr. Lowe who (Continued on page two)

Tito Breaks With Vatican

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Marshal Tito broke off diplomatic relations with the Vatican today, charging interference in the internal affairs of Yugoslavia.

Deputy Foreign Minister Josip Bebler visited Monsignor Silvio Oddi, Vatican chancery affairs, this morning and told him of Tito's decision. Yugoslavia has not been represented recently at the Vatican.

The decision of anti-Kremlin Communist Tito to break relations with Pope Pius XII came as a surprise to most observers - including Catholic leaders - even though relations have worsened steadily for a long time. A few hours earlier the Tanjug News Agency predicted the step.

Erwin Lions Told About Radio Europe

Members of the Erwin Lions Club were given an idea of the value of the work being done by the Crusade For Freedom, Radio Free Europe and Radio Free Asia.

Charles E. Canaday, president of the club, had been elected by President Gordon Gray of USC to take over the work of the organization in five counties of which Harnett is one. "You just can't say no to Gordon Gray," he remarked.

The speaker related that the Crusade For Freedom is an outgrowth of the National Committee for a Free Europe, and was launched in Frankfurt, Germany in 1950 to raise funds to support Radio Free Europe.

General Lucius D. Clay of Berlin Airlift fame served as chairman during the first two years, and Henry Ford II has assumed the chairmanship with Charles E. Wilson as National Chairman. Canaday stated, "We are fighting an ideology." (Continued on Page Two)



ERWIN GLEE CLUB ENTERTAINS PTA — The band and the Glee Club furnished the entertainment at the meeting last night of the Erwin PTA. Shown is the Glee Club, directed by Mrs. W. R. Insko. Members are: Kay Ballentine, J. D. Bennett, Carl Byrd, Jr., Thomas Capps, Melvin Denning, H. T. Elmore, Ray Hall, Preston Hayes, Clarence Horn, James Hudson, Paul Jones, Ray Marley, Willie Matthews, Willie Moore, Dalton Towers, Roger Sessoms, Bobby Suggs, Ralph Tedder, Kenneth Tempie, Glenwood Tew, Doc Tyndall, Frank Weaver, Billy Whittington, Elene Avery, Polly Barefoot, Lucrecia Bass, Shirley Bayles, Fay Caddell, Annie Ruth Core, Shirley Davis, Nancy Davis, Margie Eanes, Peggy Ann Ennis, Sylvia Fann, Billy Jean Glover, Shelby Gregory, Peggy Henry, Judy High, Madie Hobbs, Wilma Fay Hogue, Elaine Howard, Mildred Jackson, Jean Jones, Linda Jones, Betty Lucas, Julie Maness, Jerry Matthews, Mary Louise Milley, Betty Morgan, Billie C. Morrison, Katharine Norris, Doris Parker, Frances Parrish, Syronne Price, Lena Louise Reardon, Jo Ann Reaves, Jane Riddle, Bobbie Ann Ryals, Jeanette Stewart, Shirley Strickland, Pauline Taylor, Inez Turlington, Delores West, Freddie West, Jo Ann Whitman and Iris Williams. (Record photo by Dearborn.)

Big 3 Willing To Meet Reds

DuPont Will Spend Another 3 Million

KINSTON (AP) — The DuPont Company announced today that a \$3,000,000 laboratory for research and development work on dacron polyester fiber will be built on the site of its new \$40,000,000 dacron plant here.

Scheduled for completion late in 1954 the two-story structure will be a part of the DuPont textile fibers department technical division.

Plant manager W. E. Gladding said the structure will house offices, research laboratories and semi-works equipment required for basic and exploratory research on dacron

polyester fiber. STAFF OF 55 Approximately 55 technicians, research workers and scientists will be assigned to the facility.

Currently DuPont is carrying out research on dacron in its laboratories at the company's experimental station at Wilmington, Del.

It will continue there until the new plant here is completed. The plant to make the new fiber here is now about 80 per cent completed and one of six production lines is scheduled to begin about mid-February.

15,000 View Body Of "Mad Dog" Killer

COMANCHE, Okla. (AP) — Relatives of executed murderer William E. Billy Cook, shocked and hurt by the huge crowds which have jammed this little town to gawk at the badman's body, moved today to stop what they called a "Roman holiday" funeral.

They said they would carry the body of the "mad dog" killer back to the family home in Joplin, Mo., and commit him to the grave in "quiet and private" ceremonies. "Our trust has been violated," said Mrs. Bertha Massengill, Cook's oldest sister. "We had been assured the services would be quiet and inconspicuous and that there would be no publicity whatsoever. We're shocked and hurt at what has happened."

More than 15,000 persons have filed past Cook's coffin since last Sunday to get a peek at the youth who killed a family of five and a salesman. The gunman was executed in the gas chamber at San Quentin Prison in California last week.

The visitors, some of them children, have come from 38 states, Canada and Alaska. SOME SHED TEARS Some have shed tears over the body of the man who once said (Continued on page two)



HOWARD M. LEE GIVES YULE PARTY — Howard M. Lee entertained the staff of his furniture store and their husbands at a dinner celebrating the Christmas season at Johnson's Restaurant last night. Shown are those who attended the dinner, seated, left to right; Mrs. Howard M. Lee, Howard M. Lee, Joseph T. Johnson, Mrs. Joseph T. Johnson; standing, left to right; Jerry F. Bryant, Mrs. Jerry Bryant, Miss Mary Belle Baker and Howard E. Bam. (Daily Record photo by T. M. Stewart.)

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States piled up more legal claims against Russia today but officials admitted the chances of collecting are nil.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Charles Edward Merrill, 66, New York stock broker, was under court orders today to pay his wife a divorce settlement of \$600,000 over the next nine and one-half years.

CINCINNATI, O. (AP) — Cincinnati firemen worked in (Continued On Page Two)

+ Dear Santa Claus +

Dear Santa, I am a little girl seven years old. I go to Mary Stewart school. Mrs. Vann is my teacher. I think she is very good. Santa, I want you to bring me a doll and a bracelet. But I want you to remember all the other little boys and girls, especially the orphans. Hoping you will come Christmas, love,

Wilma Jean Barefoot, Dunn, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl six years old.

I haven't forgotten how good you were to us last year, but this is a reminder that I would like to have a baby doll with hair that I can comb and curl and a pair of bedroom shoes. My little sister, Kay, who will be three in February would like to have a doll just like the one you bring me and some doll clothes. We would like to have a firetruck together so we can both ride in it.

Don't forget Uncle Hoyt who is with the Air Force in Newfoundland, and all the rest of the boys in service. They will appreciate (Continued on Page Two)



STANLEY'S MAKES CHANGES — Stanley's Jewellers of Dunn has recently completed a reorganization and has enlarged its staff of employees. Pictured here is the new staff. Left to right are: Miss Darlene Pope, sales cler. Mrs. Laine Pope, clerk; Glenn Riddle, bookkeeper; Mrs. Grace Carroll, assistant bookkeeper; Mrs. Elgie Hubbard, clerk; Mrs. Cinda Dorton, clerk, and Mr. Albert Wehman, who recently took over as manager of the store. Another member of the staff, Tony Simpson, was in New York on a buying trip when the picture was made. (Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart.)