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Truman Voices War Warning

War Now Would Mean Utter Ruin He Tells Stalin

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman solemnly warned Russian Premier Josef Stalin today that the United States has developed a hydrogen superbomb that would mean "ruin for your regime and your homeland" in case of World War III.

In his farewell State of the Union message to Congress, Mr. Truman said the recent H-bomb tests at Eniwotok ushered in a "new era of destructive power," and man is now "capable of creating explosions of a new order of magnitude dwarfing the mushroom clouds of Hiroshima and Nagasaki."

"There is something I would say to Stalin," Mr. Truman said. "You claim belief in Lenin's prophecy that one stage in the development of Communist society would be war between your world and ours. But . . . war has changed its shape and its dimension. It cannot now be a stage in the development of anything save ruin for your regime and your homeland."

WORSE WEAPONS
He predicted even more terrible atomic weapons than H-bombs — with "unforeseeable peaks of destructive power."

In any future world war, Mr. Truman said, millions of people could be killed and great cities demolished with one bomb. The "very structure" of this civilization would be destroyed.

Mr. Truman devoted the major part of his 11,000 word message to (Continued on page two)

Assembly Opens At Noon Today On Busy Session

RALEIGH (AP) — The 1953 session of the North Carolina General Assembly opened the doors at noon today for three months of what promises—so far—to be a harmonious and busy session of lawmaking.

The first day of activity was expected to be short. House and Senate members were expected to elect as a matter of course the officers nominated in a Democratic caucus last night.

Some members expected a move to further increase salary raises approved by the 1949 General Assembly for eight elected officials with the beginning of new terms tomorrow.

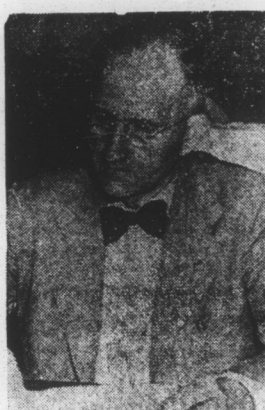
In short caucuses last night Democratic members of the Senate nominated Sen. Edwin Pate of Lenoir as Senate president pro tem and House members nominated Rep. E. T. Bost Jr., Sanford, as House speaker.

House members put up Miss Annie Cooper of Raleigh as principal clerk; Rep. C. Wayland Spruill of Bertie as sergeant-at-arms, and Ralph Monger Jr., Canford, as House reading clerk.

TAYLOR CLERK
In the Senate nominees S. Ray Byerly as principal clerk; James M. White as reading clerk, and William A. Taylor of Buie's Creek, as sergeant-at-arms.

The real festivities come tomorrow with the inauguration of William B. Umstead of Durham as North Carolina's new governor and no heavy law-making was expected before next week.

Presiding officers of each house must draw their lists of committee (Continued on page two)



GET LEGISLATIVE POSTS — Three from Harnett will hold legislative posts in Raleigh when the new General Assembly goes into its work for 1953. Shown above they are, left to right, L. M. Chaffin of Lillington, former State Senator, who is serving as enrolling clerk; Miss Kitty Taylor of Dunn, assistant to the Senate calendar clerk; and William A. (Billy) Taylor of Buie's Creek, sergeant-at-arms of the Senate (Daily Record Photos).

Plane Reported Lost In West

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP) — A civilian C-46 transport plane with 41 persons, 37 of them servicemen, a board was reported missing today in southeastern Idaho or western Wyoming.

The airway traffic control center at the Salt Lake City airport said the craft, owned and operated by the Associated Air Transport Co. and under contract to the Air Force, last reported at 3:58 a. m. over Malad, Ida., about 100 miles north of Salt Lake City.

It was due at Cheyenne, Wyo., at 5:50 a. m. for a refuel stop before continuing to an eastern destination.

Weather over the area was described as heavily overcast. There were unusually violent winds blowing aloft.

The plane took off late last night from Boeing Field at Seattle, Wash. In addition to the servicemen passengers, the plane carried a crew of four.

Murderer Gets Term In Prison

Bailey Lee McNeill, Negro farmer, who shot and killed his wife at their home near Anderson Creek on December 19 and seriously wounded John Lewis Murchison at the same time, yesterday was sentenced by Judge Paul Fizzle to a total of 40 years in State Prison.

McNeill entered a plea of guilty to murder in the second degree of his wife, Rachel Mae McNeill. On the second count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, his plea was no contest.

The homicide charge drew a sentence of 30 years. The court added ten additional years for the shooting of Murchison, a 20-year-old relative, who stayed in the home.

McNeill, who had declined to testify in his own behalf, seemed dazed by the heavy prison sentence. Court appointed attorneys J. R. Hood and A. R. Taylor said he was reluctant to talk about the killing.

HAD KILLED BEFORE
Evidence had been introduced by the state to show that several years ago McNeill had killed a man named Sidney Elliott and served time in state prison for the crime.

Motive for the shooting of the wife advanced by the state and the defense were as different as day and night. The state claimed a silly dispute over a record player flared into a violent quarrel climaxed by the killing. The defense contended that Bailey, after "words" with his wife over a record player, went for a walk. Lawyers said he told them he returned to find his 28-year-old wife of four years in bed with Murchison.

They reported the defendant told them he lost his head, shot his wife first and then fired at Murchison. Deputy Ken Matthews was the only state witness. He said when he arrived at the McNeill home at (Continued on page two)

Leder Brothers Are Planning Huge Remodeling Project

Leder Brothers Department Store in Dunn is being completely remodeled to make it one of the most modern and most complete stores in this section of the State, it was announced this morning by manager John Weddle.

Workmen have already begun the task and the remodeling program should be finished by the last of the month.

Complete new fixtures of the most beautiful and most modern design are being installed throughout the store to afford better display of the big, complete stock of merchandise carried by Leder Brothers.

The complete modernization program will also include a complete departmental change and the various departments will be shifted and re-arranged to afford shoppers the greatest convenience and ease in shopping.

Mr. Herman Leder, president of the big and popular Eastern Carolina chain, announced a desire when he took over the store, formerly Fleishman's, to make it one of the finest in the area and immediately took action to that effect.

The remodeling program was delayed, however, by the manufacture of the special counters, show-

cases and other fixtures. They were built by Morrison Furniture and Equipment Company of Statesville. This is one of the South's best known fixture manufacturing concerns.

Mr. Weddle said today that special emphasis is being placed on the large ladies ready-to-wear department upstairs. No expense or effort is being spared in this or the other department.

Leder Brothers carries and features nationally-advertised merchandise for men, women and children and every department is being expanded.

Leder Brothers purchased the store formerly operated as Fleishman's here last August and since that time Leder Brothers has enjoyed a splendid reception and an ever-increasing volume of business.

Remodeling of the Dunn store is in keeping with the policy of Mr. Leder to make his stores the finest in the towns in which they are located.

Kills Self To Evade A Trial

James Wilbur Norris, 32-year-old Dunn, Route 2 saw-mill employee, won't have to stand trial for drunken driving in the Dunn Recorder's Court tomorrow.

He told his wife and friends that he wouldn't be there when the case was called and said "My worries will be over in a few days."

Norris committed suicide about 7 o'clock this morning at his home. Mrs. Norris told Harnett Coroner Grover C. Henderson her husband had been drinking for sometime and last Saturday was arrested on a drunken driving charge.

He was scheduled to be tried (Continued On Page 4)

Gregory Backs New Governor

Harnett Representative Carson Gregory, who today began his second term as a member of the North Carolina legislature, says he will give his full support and cooperation to Governor William B. Umstead and his program.

"Except for one or two things," (Continued on page two)

Woodmen State District Meeting

Members of the Woodmen of the World from Harnett, Sampson, Lee, Johnston, Cumberland and Wayne counties will meet here in the Dunn Armory Thursday, January 8, for a special afternoon and night session with Dr. Herbert B. Kennedy, National Medical Director of the Woodmen of the World, Omaha.

The afternoon session will begin at 4:30 when candidates from several Woodmen Camps will be obligated under the supervision of the Erwin Degree Team, regarded as one of the best in Eastern Carolina. Following the initiatory work the group will be entertained at a dutch barbecue dinner. Following the dinner, Dr. Kennedy, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, before moving to Omaha, will deliver a special fraternal address. Officers of some 15 or 20 camps will be installed to their respective office for the coming year by Col. Nick (Continued On Page two)

Masons Honor Ex-Secretary

Dunn Masons took the occasion of their annual installation rites last night to pay honor to one of the lodge's oldest and most faithful officials.

Charles R. Storey, who is retiring as secretary of the lodge after 14 consecutive years of service, was paid high tribute by his fraternal brothers and then presented a beautiful gold Elgin watch in appreciation for his services.

The presentation was made by Herman Neighbors, former master of the lodge, who praised Mr. Storey's long, efficient and faithful service.

During the 14 years Mr. Storey has served the lodge as secretary, he has missed only eight or ten meetings. He was forced to miss on those occasions due to conflicts with special city council meetings since he is city clerk here.

The watch presented to Mr. Storey was appropriately engraved, giving the length of his service. Mr. Storey asked to be relieved (Continued on page two)

Chaplain Cites Need Of Greater Efforts

"The Chaplaincy is a great thing and I love it," Major Augustus Trimble Noland told the Erwin Lions Club last night. "I wish more men of God would take up this calling. The men in the services today will make up the church of tomorrow, and if they have no chance of religious expression, the churches at home will suffer."

Chaplain Noland gave up a career with Liggett-Myers Tobacco Company in 1935 to enter the ministry. He was commissioned in the Chaplain Corps in 1940. During World War II, he was in Normandy and the Bulge, and he has recently returned from nine months in Korea at the Sixth Corps Field Hospital. At present he is at Raleigh as

Military District Chaplain, where his duties are mainly concerned with procurement of Chaplains in North Carolina. A Georgia native, he makes his home in Claremont, California.

"I am not trying to throw bouquets," he began, "but I think the Corps of Chaplains is the finest (Continued On Page two)



CHAPLAIN SPEAKS TO ERWIN LIONS — Major Augustus T. Noland, Chaplain for the North Carolina Military District, left, was guest speaker at the meeting last night of the Erwin Lions Club. He urged the cooperation of pastors and church members in keeping up the morale of our fighting forces through frequent letters and church contacts. Shown with him are program chairman, Dr. D. C. Woodall, center, and Fred Noble of Raleigh, right, who accompanied the Chaplain. (Daily Record photo by Louis Denton).

Three From Harnett Work With Assembly

Opening of the 1953 session of the North Carolina General Assembly today found three Harnett County citizens holding key administrative positions with the governing body.

Former State Senator L. M. Chaffin of Lillington is serving as chief enrolling clerk, William A. (Billy) Taylor of Dunn is sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, and Miss Kitty Taylor of Dunn is assistant Senate calendar clerk.

Mr. Chaffin, who was selected by

Secretary of State Thad Eure, serves as Superior Court Clerk in Harnett for many years and is one of the country's best known leaders.

Miss Taylor is the daughter of Former Mayor and Mrs. Herbert (Continued On Page Four)

Legless Man Seeks New Boarding Home

Clarence Leon Bryant, 63 year-old legless man, formerly at the county home, today had \$40 of county money in his pocket and was seeking a boarding place and gainful employment.

Bryant, unable to qualify either by age or disability for a county or state welfare grant to enable him to pay his way at the Cornelius Harnett Boarding home, formerly the county home, was ordered to leave.

Earlier in the fall when county commissioners had authority over the home, he was ordered to leave on recommendation of Miss Williams, welfare superintendent who has insisted Bryant, fitted with artificial limbs, is able to work for a living.

However after his eviction, residents of the Summerville Community complained to commissioners and had Bryant returned to the home. He has no relatives.

"I am just as glad to get away from that group as they are to have me go," Bryant told commissioners referring to John Mason (Continued On Page Four)

BULLETINS

NEW YORK (AP) — Police said today they have nabbed the fruitcake bandit. Alonzo Curry, 28, admitted he was the gunman who held up a woman in the Manhattan garment district last Dec. 26 and ran off with a brown paper package she was carrying. Curry said he believed the package contained a large payroll. It contained a Christmas fruit cake.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — City Commissioner William Bowes let habit get the best of him. He rose to make a motion in city council meeting Tuesday and began by (Continued on page two)

MARKETS

RALEIGH (AP) — Hog markets: Rocky Mount: Steady on good and choice 180-240 lb barrows and gilts at 12.75. Smithfield: Steady at 18.50-18.75. (Continued On Page 4)

Mrs. Katie Lee Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Katie Ennis Lee, 60, member of one of Harnett's oldest families, died Tuesday night at 8:40 o'clock at her home at 310 North King Avenue in Dunn. She had been in ill health for the past five years and seriously ill for sometime.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home. The Rev. Richard Rhea Gammon, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Ernest P. Russell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Lee, native of Harnett County, was a daughter of the late Marion and Dollie Ennis. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and as long as health permitted she was active in the various affairs of the church.

LIVED HERE MANY YEARS
Mrs. Lee had lived in Dunn practically all of her life, except for a brief stay in Salisbury, and was one of the older residents of the town.

Surviving are her husband, Thad Lee of Dunn; one son, Linwood Lee, principal of the Colerain School; three daughters, Mrs. Ed Welborn of Dunn, Mrs. Jimmy Cannady of the home, and Mrs. Herman Perry of Spring Lake; one brother, Edward Ennis of Dunn, Route 3; two sisters, Miss Florence (Continued on page two)



MRS. KATIE LEE
Ennis of Dunn and Mrs. John Whittington of Dunn, Route 3, are seven grandchildren.