

Mostly fair and cooler today and tonight. Friday partly cloudy and mild.

Reds Ask For Meeting Monday

Van Fleet Refused Permission To Use Plan To Beat Reds

WASHINGTON (AP) — An amphibious attack behind Communist lines in Korea similar to that which Gen. James A. Van Fleet was forbidden to undertake in 1951 now has the qualified okay of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

It is one of several war plans recently drafted by the Joint Chiefs without specific recommendation and for political, policy-making consideration. Favorable and unfavorable factors were set out for each plan. Very heavy casualties, apparently would weigh against an amphibious "Operation Leapfrog" undertaken as part of a campaign to drive Communist forces out of Korea and beyond the Yalu River.



F. L. ALTMAN

MRS. F. L. ALTMAN

This Store Really Family Enterprise

The F. L. Altman store represents the development over the past fifteen years of what is distinctly a family enterprise. Floyd Altman readily admits that without the aid of Mrs. Altman, the expansion which resulted in the recent remodeling would not have been achieved.

Talks To Begin At Panmunjom On Sick Prisoners

TOKYO — United Nations negotiators agreed today to a Communist proposal to open talks in Panmunjom Monday on the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war.

The Communists submitted their proposal in a note handed to Allied liaison officers at the truce village. The note was addressed to Gen. Mark Clark, U. N. Far East commander.

At the same time, the Reds also formally submitted Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai's apparent concession on repatriating all prisoners of war — which may clear the way for reopening full dress armistice talks.

A U. N. spokesman said after the meeting that the U. N. negotiating team will go to Panmunjom Monday to meet with Communist delegates. However, he did not make it clear whether the U. N. has so notified the Communists.

Now it is up to Clark to act on the Red proposal on the Monday talks and to decide whether Chou's offer is a "constructive" proposal which the Allies have demanded if the armistice talks are to resume.

STUDY PROPOSAL Clark, accompanied by U. S. Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens landed at Tokyo International Airport from Fusan. It was presumed that the United Nations commander and the Army secretary would study the Communist proposal tonight.

The note to Clark was handed over at a two-minute meeting at Panmunjom. It contained a copy of Chou's offer broadcast Monday proposing war prisoners who do not want to be repatriated be (Continued On Page Six)

Jury Gives \$15,000 Damage Suit Award

A Harnett County jury yesterday afternoon awarded \$15,000 to the heirs of Louie Silverman as compensation for personal injuries Silverman suffered in an automobile accident near Godwin on March 19, 1951.

By their verdict the jury ruled that negligence of Adams and Tate Construction Company of Roanoke, Va., contributed to the accident in which Silverman, 73-year-old New York business man suffered a right leg broken in two places and a fractured shoulder.

Silverman died this year, two years after the accident occurred. The suit, first filed in his name, was finally brought to trial in the name of his court-named executor, W. K. Sexton of Lillington.

Silverman was headed South on a vacation when the car in which he was riding with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Weiss, went out of control on a stretch of road south of Godwin on which freshly applied asphalt had been laid.

THIRD SUIT This is the third suit to reach court against the same construction company as a result of several wrecks which occurred within a brief span of time along the same busy stretch of highway. At the time, Adams and Tate Co. was engaged in repairing the heavily traveled highway 302.

In February, 1952 a Harnett jury awarded Mrs. Ruth Karp, 31, of New York City \$55,000 and B. H. Runyon, 61, of Fairfax County, Va., \$30,000 against the same construction company. Judge Leo Carr termed the verdict — at that time largest ever returned in Harnett — "excessive" and later reduced it to \$31,000.

But in an appeal to the State Supreme Court, the jury decision was upheld, the high court holding with the plaintiffs that the construction company owed a responsibility to motorists for any areas left open to traffic.

A fourth case arising out of a wreck at the same oily stretch of road will come up for consideration next Tuesday, the day court convenes following Easter. Mae Leopold is the plaintiff.

The same battery of attorneys faced each other in this trial as in that of February a year ago. E.

MARKETS

RALEIGH (AP) — Hog markets: Fayetteville, Florence: 35 cents higher at 20.25 on good and choice 180-240 lb barrows and gilts. Lumberton, Marion: 50 cents higher at 20.25. Tarboro, Mt. Olive, Goldsboro, Dunn, Wilson, Rocky Mount, Rich Square, Smithfield: Steady at 20.00 (Continued On Page Two)

Superior Court Is Recessed For Week

Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn recessed Harnett Superior Court late yesterday until Tuesday at 9:30 a. m.

One personal damage suit arising out of a wreck was finished in the two weeks civil term. However, with a holiday in view for all courthouse employees on Easter Monday, Judge Burgwyn said all cases scheduled for Monday will be taken up in order on Tuesday.



GARY ENNIS



MICHAEL ENNIS



KENNETH HAWLEY



STEPHEN HAWLEY

BROTHERS CONTESTANTS — Four boys contestants in Daily Record's Father and Children Contest are shown in the top left to Gary Ennis, 8, and his brother Michael Ennis, 9 months, sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ennis of Fayetteville. In the top right is Kenneth Hawley, 4, and his brother Stephen Hawley, 6 months, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hawley of (Continued On Page Two)

Last Minute News Shorts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said today he will not be able to attend the opening day baseball game between the Washington Yankees here April 13 because he will be on "a little vacation." The President broke the bad news to Clark Griffith, president of the Washington Club, who went to the White House to invite Mr. Eisenhower to throw out the first ball — a traditional tradition dating from 1912.

DUNN (AP) — 12-year-old Marina who confessed five slayings, tried to escape last night while talking to her father, a deputy disclosed today, Deputy Sheriff Walter Hoerner said the handsome, moody youth begged for a partly open door while talking to his father in a room at the sheriff's office.

CHICAGO (AP) — Rocky Marciano's heavyweight title defense (Continued On Page Six)

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower today nominated Kenton R. Cravens, St. Louis banker, to be administrator of the Reconstruction Finance Corp. Cravens would succeed Harry A. McDonald who resigned yesterday, effective May 1. The administration has decided to let the government lending agency expire as scheduled on June 30, 1954.

NEW YORK (AP) — Easter buying hit an all-time peak (Continued on Page Two)

Draft Board Head Is Killed By Car

David Jackson Dowd, Sr., 80, retired Dunn railroad clerk and for the past 10 years chairman of the Harnett County Draft Board, died in Dunn Hospital this morning about 1 o'clock as the result of injuries received last night when struck by a car here.

The pioneer Dunn citizen was struck in front of the First Baptist Church when he stepped into the street in the path of a car driven by William Maynard, 18, of Dunn.

Coroner Grover C. Henderson, who conducted the investigation, said the accident occurred at 11:10 o'clock.

Maynard, popular Dunn youth, told authorities that he was driving only about 30 miles an hour and didn't see Mr. Dowd until too late to avoid him. He quickly cut the car to the right in an effort to avoid hitting him, but struck him with his left fender.

He said Mr. Dowd was wearing dark clothing and was crossing in the middle of the block. It was dark and raining at the time.

Mr. Dowd fell in the same spot where he was hit. His body was not dragged by the impact. BOTH LEGS BROKEN Both his legs were broken and he suffered internal injuries. Doctors expressed belief that shock was largely responsible for Mr. Dowd's death.

Youths Are Charged In Fires At Wade

Three youths have been charged with setting two fires in the Wade area Tuesday night, which destroyed two houses, a barn and a shed, Sheriff L. L. Guy of Cumberland, said today.

Charged with burning the houses are William Jernigan, 17, and Bobby Jernigan, 14, brothers, and Carl Tyndall, 17. All three are of Godwin, Route 1.

Bobby Jernigan was released yesterday afternoon to juvenile authorities and placed in protective custody.

Officers said the other two boys would be held under a minimum bond of \$5,000 pending preliminary hearing.

The first fire broke out about 10 p. m. Tuesday in a house which had been occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Bunce. The Bunce family had moved into a trailer recently, but had left all their home furnishings in the house. The dwelling and all furnishings were destroyed, along with a quantity of farm equipment housed in a nearby shed.

WANTED TO GET EVEN Sheriff Guy quoted the boys as saying they set fire to the Bunce house "because we wanted to get even with him."

The house which had been occupied by the Bunce family was owned by Mrs. Nora Starling of Wade. The youths told police they later went about a mile away from the first fire and started a blaze under (Continued On Page Two)

Fat Stock Show Is Planned For April

The Agricultural Committee of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce set April 27th and 28th as the dates for the annual Fat Stock Show and Sale at a meeting yesterday with County Agent C. R. Ammons.

The event will be held in the Old Big Four Warehouse, and committees were named at the meeting yesterday to work out the details and make this the best event of its kind to be held here.

Prize committee, H. M. Tyler, T. A. Sansom, Marvin Raynor and James Snipes; Buying committee, Billy Hodges, Gardner Altman, Earl Jones, and Bob Dickey; Publicity and attendance committee, Billy Pearsall, John Weddle, Hassie Smith, Leon Godwin, Worth Vannoy and J. R. Thomas.

The agriculture committee also agreed to work closely with Belk's to promote the district Fat Calf Show in September. This event will attract exhibitors from 20 counties. Belk's Department Stores will contribute all the prizes for this show.

The group decided to hold a later meeting to discuss putting on a Town and Country festival for Dunn some time later in the summer. The event held last year was an outstanding success and the group feels that another this year will be an advantage to both the town and the rural neighbors.

Al Wullenweber is chairman of the agricultural group and he urged the support of the entire Chamber membership for the project of his committee.

Four Young Gunmen Balked By One Cop

CHICAGO (AP) — A courageous policeman, who armed four young gunmen in a liquor store, frightened them so badly they begged police headquarters by telephone "for God's sake get us out of here."

The youthful hoodlums didn't even want to surrender to patrolman Edward Kasak. In a telephone conversation they said "send a lieutenant down here."

A total of 15 squad cars of heavily armed police roared to the liquor store, but the impatient Kasak had grown tired of waiting and walked into the store, arrested the bandits and returned 14 frightened (Continued On Page Two)

Congress Gets Defense Plan From President

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower today submitted to Congress a reorganization plan to establish one central defense mobilization agency.

The plan would abolish the National Security Resources Board and merge its functions into a reconstituted Office of Defense Mobilization.

The President's plan also would transfer to the new ODM from the Defense and Interior departments responsibility for policy on stockpiling strategic and critical materials.

Arthur S. Flemming, acting director of ODM, has been mentioned as the President's choice to head the new agency.

White House press secretary James C. Hagerty declined to make any announcement on this point today, saying until the reorganization plan is approved by Congress, no nominations can be made. Flemming is president of Ohio Wesleyan University and is now on leave.

The President's plan becomes effective in 60 days unless vetoed by a majority of either house of Congress.

Newsman Tells Of Visit To Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — Our first day in Moscow was a busy and exciting one.

We breakfasted in the dining room of National House on fruit, cereals, toast, jam and tea. We could look out on a bright sunny day with the morning rays shining on the golden domes and mellow red brick wall of the Kremlin across famed Red Square.

After breakfast we walked out of the hotel to see the town. It was a gorgeous day, warm enough to shed one's coat and walk briskly.

The first impression one gets of Moscow is of very wide streets and many squares with large modern buildings.

For example Gorky Street, which I see from my hotel window, is a broad boulevard and resulted from a program of the early 1930's when many buildings were razed to widen streets.

WELL DRESSED The people are adequately dressed. Many are well dressed and very few are in letters.

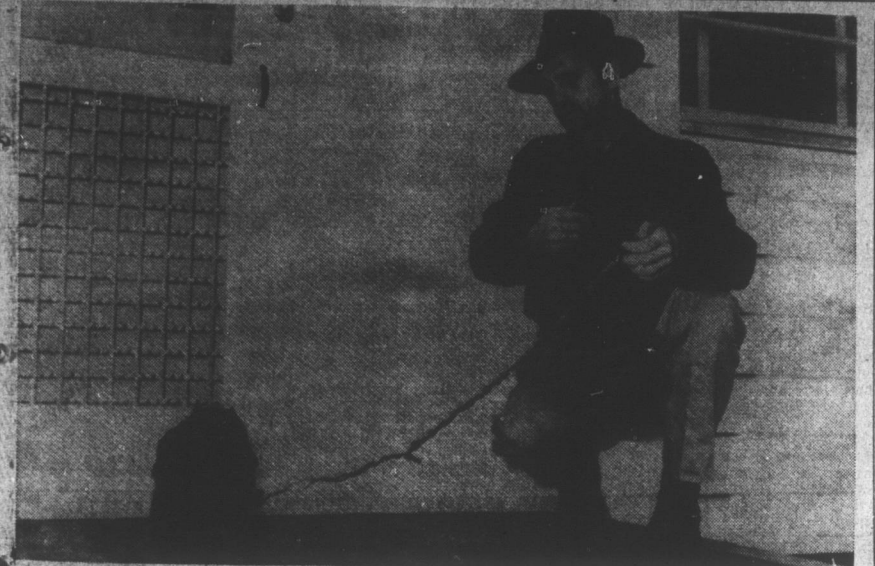
We made a tour of Red Square and saw St. Basil's Cathedral, the historical museum, and Lenin's tomb, where Stalin's name has been added to the facade.

We also saw the burial plaques in the seat of the Kremlin near Lenin's tomb which hold the ashes of famous revolutionaries.

All the Soviet newspapers this morning reported the arrival of our group. As we walked around town, we were met by curious stares and occasionally we recognized the word "American."

It's spring and the children are playing the Russian equivalent of hopscotch. There are many children everywhere.

Some of the kids were skipping (Continued On Page Five)



OWL MOVES INTO DUNN HOME — When Luby Warren returned to his home on Fairgrounds Road near the city limits the other night he found his entrance barred by an owl. Dashed by the light, the feathered intruder fluttered around and effectively barred the door until Warren dropped a nearby fruit basket over the creature. Warren leashed his prize, which he plans to make a household pet. The usually shy creature readily accepts the food offered and seems to like domesticity, Warren said. (Daily Record photo by T. M. Stewart).