

Showers and occasional thunderstorms tonight. Saturday cooler and cloudy with occasional showers.

Hall Is Elected GOP Chairman

GOP Jim Farley Has Backing Of Party Leaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Rep. Leonard W. Hall of New York today was elected Republican National chairman and promised a hard-hitting, winning 1954 congressional election campaign.

Hall was named unanimously by the Republican national committee. He had the solid backing of President Eisenhower and Republican congressional leaders.

His was the only name offered and election of the 52-year-old congressman from Oyster Bay, N. Y., was a mere formality.

His name was offered by committeeman J. Russell Sprague of New York with an explanation that Mr. Eisenhower left the choice "completely and wholly in the province of this committee" and was sure it would show "good judgment."

The "old pro" of Republican politics indicated he would give up his \$28,000-a-year judgeship in a



NEW VFW OFFICERS — Pictured here are the new officers of the William McLeod Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars who took office here last night. Left to right are, seated: William Signor, quartermaster; Commander Harry Thompson; Belvin Strickland, junior vice commander; standing George Franklin Blalock, post advocate, who had charge of the installation rites; William Lance Blake, chaplain; Donald B. Melcher, adjutant and athletic director; A. L. Pearce, trustee; and Billy Wade, senior vice commander. (Daily Record Photo).

Communists Ask Resumption Of Full Peace Talks

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — The Communists today formally proposed resumption of full-dress Korean armistice talks and submitted modified suggestions on repatriation of unwilling Red prisoners — the issue which deadlocked the truce talks seven months ago.

The Reds made their formal offer — previously made by Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai in a propaganda broadcast — in a letter today to U. N. chief negotiator Lt. Gen. William H. Harrison.

The letter was broadcast by Peiping radio shortly after both sides had agreed at today's meeting on sick and wounded prisoners to a 10-point plan for the return of the ailing captives.

The formal signing of the exchange of all prisoners agreement now is expected at a meeting Saturday at 11 a. m. (9 p. m. EST Friday) at Panmunjom.

The Red letter handed to the Allies at today's meeting in this "truce village" was signed by North Korean Gen. Nam Il, chief Communist truce negotiator. The Allies said the "very important" note was forwarded by teletype to Gen. Mark Clark's Tokyo headquarters.

TO NEUTRAL NATION Peiping radio said the letter again put forth the Reds' suggestion that prisoners who refuse to return to their homelands would be turned over to a neutral nation.

Nam's letter said these prisoners would be given explanations that would erase their "apprehensions." The United Nations has offered to repatriate 31,500 Communist prisoners who want to go home. The other 46,000 said they would "forcibly resist being returned to Communism."

This offer was first made several weeks ago by Chou. On April 5, General Clark, U. N. Far East commander, asked for a "detailed statement of suggestions" from the Reds.

Nam's letter did not give this. It merely repeated the offer and said the place for detailed discussions was at the conference table itself. It did not propose, as Chou had, that the talks be resumed immediately.

The letter again insisted there was no such thing as a prisoner who does not want to return home. But it admitted that some prisoners might be "apprehensive" because of Allied "oppression" and "intimidation."

But in a neutral country, the Reds believed, these prisoners might be more amenable to returning to their homelands.

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Stop Hog Sales In Drastic Move

RALEIGH (AP) — All public sales of hogs and pigs in North Carolina were halted today as state agriculture officials look drastic steps to stamp out the spread of the hog disease vesicular exanthema.

Invoking his emergency powers under the livestock sanitary laws, Agriculture Commissioner J. Y. Ballentine also issued orders on all government-owned farms to shut down until Monday. Only healthy swine now on hand may be moved by the livestock markets.

The disease, one cause of which is believed to be the feeding of raw garbage, is threatening the state's \$66,000,000 swine industry. The second suspected outbreak in a week was discovered near Charlotte yesterday.

Ballentine decided to resort to the stringent measures after a three-hour conference late yesterday with veterinarian H. J. Rollins, representatives of the swine industry, and State College livestock specialists.

In addition to the quarantine and shut-down of sales, hog buyers were directed to begin a system of checking on the sources and health of all swine handled by them when markets reopen next week.

Operators of livestock markets, hog buying stations, slaughterhouses, packing plants and other dealers will be required to obtain from each person offering hogs for sale a sworn statement that he has owned the animals for at least 30 days, that they have not been fed raw garbage and that they are free from vesicular exanthema. He must also furnish his address, license number and vehicle description.

Drunk Drivers Get \$100 Fines

Drunkness topped the list of cases on the docket at yesterday's session of Dunn Recorder's Court. There were 18 cases of public drunkenness; and six drunken drivers were tried before Judge H. Paul Strickland. Solicitor J. Shephard Bryan prosecuted.

Jackie M. Bass, Carleton Ray Moore, W. E. Littrell, James Paul Moore, were fined \$100 each.

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Thompson Elected Commander By VFW

Harry L. Thompson, the new post commander, and other new officers of the William McLeod Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars were installed in an impressive ceremony held last night at the club rooms on West Broad Street.

George Franklin Blalock, a former commander of the post, presided over the ceremonies. Commander Thompson accepted his assignment with a pledge to carry forward the aims and purposes of the organization with a conviction that progress originates on the post level. He has just completed his third term as Adjutant Quartermaster with an outstanding record.

OTHER OFFICERS Other officers installed were: William F. Wade, senior vice commander; Belvin L. Strickland, junior vice commander; William Signor, Quartermaster; Donald B. Melcher, Adjutant and Athletic director; George F. Blalock, post advocate;

Dr. Oscar R. Pearce Jr., surgeon; and William Lance Blake, chaplain. Post trustees are A. L. Pearce, Roy J. Brown and James McDonald Langdon.

Commander Thompson is a World War II veteran with three years overseas service in the China-Burma-India Theatre. He was a sergeant in the 43rd Field Artillery at the time Lord Louis Mountbatten was in command of this area. He is a native of Butler, Pa. and came to Dunn eight years ago after his marriage to the former Miss Emma Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith of Dunn.

IN ENGLAND Mrs. Ralph Maxwell has received news from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bath of Mullins, S. C., that they have landed in Southampton, England, where a tour of the continent will begin. In June they are expected to return to England for the coronation.

Big Welcome Awaits Rev. Ira Langston

Dunn citizens today were planning a big welcome for a hometown boy who has reached the top in the ministry.

The Rev. Ira Langston, pastor of the famous Park Avenue Christian Church in New York City, will fly back to his hometown Sunday afternoon and on Sunday night will begin a one-week revival in Hood Memorial Christian Church — the church in which he was ordained back in 1932.

It will be a homecoming for the noted young minister and a special welcome service for him will be held immediately after the services on Sunday night.

Dr. George Cuthrell, pastor of the church, said today that everything is in readiness for the evangelist campaign.

"We are all happy and thrilled that Ira has agreed to come back to his home church for a revival," declared Dr. Cuthrell today. The church has been inviting him for several years, but the Rev. Mr. Langston is in great demand and couldn't fit it into his schedule.

The service Sunday night will be held at 7:30 o'clock, but services through the rest of the week will be held at 7:45 o'clock.

Langston's father, the Rev. J. W. Langston, was pastor of the Dunn church when he was ordained here.

MARKETS

POULTRY RALEIGH, N. C. — Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers and broilers steady, supplies adequate, demand generally good; heavy hens steady, supplies short to adequate, demand fair to good. Prices at farm up to 15¢ a lb. today; Fryers or broilers 2-1-3-3 lbs 28; heavy hens 24-27, mostly 26. Eggs steady, supplies plentiful, demand fair to good. Prices paid (Continued on page two)



GETTING READY FOR BUSINESS — Harry Fisher and James Bunting, two employees of Benjamin and Johns, sent here from Newark, N. J. are shown setting up the machinery for the new plant which is scheduled to begin operating here on May 1st. The machinery shown is in the store building vacated by Thomas and Warren's furniture store. In addition to the 96 machines in this section, an additional 32 machines will be installed in the adjoining store. The last of the machines should arrive here by April 27. (Daily Record photo by Louis Dearborn).

New Industry To Be Ready For Operation By May 1st

Benjamin and Johns, Dunn's new industry, will be ready to go into operation about May 1st, it was reported at a special breakfast meeting held in Johnson's Restaurant this morning, by Chamber of Commerce Manager Norman Suttles.

Workers from the main plant at Newark, N. J., were busy setting up machines this morning and the final load of machinery is due to arrive here on April 27, Suttles said. The main room contains six rows with 16 machines on each row, and there are nearly ready to go. There will be 32 additional machines in the adjoining room. The front will be used for packing, offices and stock rooms.

On the first day of operation, Suttles said, the plant will hire about 15 women. After these are trained, which will take a few days, more will be employed, a few at a time. Those trained will in turn train the new arrivals, so that by this method, a minimum of supervision will be needed.

When the plant goes into full operation, it will employ between 125 and 150 women, with a weekly payroll of about \$5,000. Suttles pointed out that this will have a direct (Continued on Page 3)

Bridge Wreck Kills Four, Injures Six

OLD HUNDRED, N. C. (AP) — Four persons were killed and six injured today in a three-car high-way smashup on an overhead railroad bridge near this Scotland County town.

Killed were two high school students, Charles Whiteville, 17, of Whiteville and William Atkinson of Kernersville, N. C., occupant of another car.

The highway patrol identified the dead as: Jack Greer, Jr., 17, of Whiteville; Mrs. Jack Greer, Whiteville; Jo Ann Blanchard, 17, of Whiteville and William Atkinson of Kernersville. (Continued on page two)

Legislature Still Has Plenty To Do

RALEIGH (AP) — A proposed constitutional amendment to pay state legislators a flat \$1,250 per session instead of by the day fell two votes short of approval on final reading in the Senate today.

The vote was 28 to 8 for passage of the bill, but 30 votes are required for Senate approval of a constitutional amendment. If passed, it would have been submitted to the voters.

The House Education Committee meanwhile deferred a vote until Tuesday on a bill affecting school consolidation policies of the State Board of Education, designed to carry out the governor's request to consider the "human element" in consolidation of small schools.

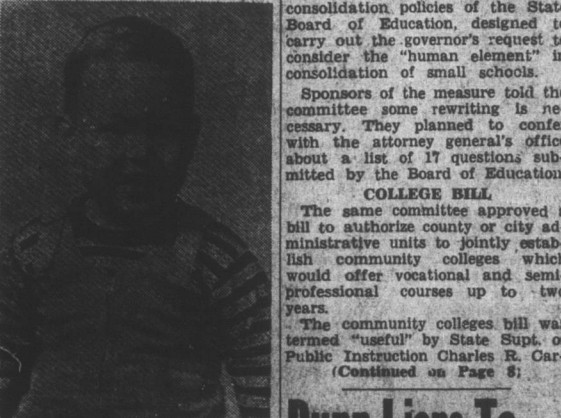
Sponsors of the measure told the committee some rewriting is necessary. They planned to confer with the attorney general's office about a list of 17 questions submitted by the Board of Education.

COLLEGE BILL The same committee approved a bill to authorize county or city administrative units to jointly establish community colleges which would offer vocational and semi-professional courses up to two years.

The community colleges bill was termed "useful" by State Sup. of Public Instruction Charles R. Carr. (Continued on Page 3)



MARGARET HUDSON



DOUGLAS GODWIN



TERRY GODWIN



SHIRLEY HUDSON

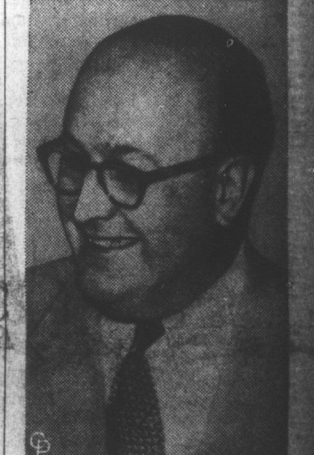
RECORD CONTESTANTS — Shown are four more of the contestants in the King Record's Baby and Children's Contest. From left: Margaret Anne Hudson, 8-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hudson, Dunn; Douglas Godwin, two and Terry Godwin four years old, sons of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Godwin, Jr., Dunn; and Shirley Faye Hudson, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hudson, Coatsville. (Continued on Page Two)

BULLETINS

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — Chinese loudspeakers blared "to hell with Eisenhower" today as the Communists tried to dislodge American Marines from Carson Hill near the Panmunjom truce site. The Communists lobbed artillery shells onto the hill, fired colored flares and blew bugles and whistles, but the Marines refused to budge.

ALBANY, Ind. (AP) — Blackfunneled tornadoes whirled through Indiana and Illinois, killing at least two persons, smashing buildings like dollhouses and tossing human bodies through the air like straws. The twisters dissolved into hail and thunderstorms as they marched eastward into Ohio early today.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower and New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey had a date for lunch today, their first meeting since the inauguration. Dewey's trip (Continued on page two)



LEONARD W. HALL

New York Surrogate Court to devote full time to whipping the GOP organization into shape for next year's congressional election campaign.

A scrappy politician who won the respect of his colleagues during his six years as head of the GOP Congressional Campaign Committee, Hall was the particular choice of House Republicans who started booming his candidacy as soon as C. Wesley Roberts of Kansas announced on March 27 that he was resigning as national chairman.

Roberts quit after a Kansas state (Continued on page two)

Saturday Deadline In Dunn Election

Saturday is the last day for filing and registering in Dunn's city election.

Candidates for office must file before 12 noon at the office of the city clerk.

Citizens may register to vote anytime up to 6 p. m. tomorrow night in the fire station. Registrar Aunnie Hudson will have the books there all day.

There were no new filers today, but there were indications that there will be some tomorrow.

Five-County Theft Ring Is Rounded Up

Five Harnett County men had been arrested today and others were being rounded up by Sheriff's deputies in a roundup which reportedly will solve at least 45 robberies in a five county area.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Ken Matthews disclosed today the names of five of the suspects, three of whom are being held in the county jail.

They are: Harvey Allen of Dunn, implicated in 18 different robbery cases; Charles Hodges of Dunn, involved in 19 robbery cases; Eugene Moore of Dunn, involved in at least two robbery cases, and Jesse Harris, 23, involved in other cases.

Matthews said Allen is being held for the robbery of a safe containing \$75 from Higgins Drug Store at Buin's Creek and for 17 other offenses.

ROTARY SPEAKER Kenneth C. Gibbons, Representative of the Central Transportation Company of Oyster Bay, will be the guest speaker at the meeting tonight of the Rotary Club. All members are invited to be present.