

Fair weather and little warmer today. Fair and warmer tonight. Saturday partly cloudy and mild.

House Committee Begins Work For Balanced Budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Appropriations Committee began the Republican budget-balancing drive today with a whopping 61 per cent cut in the first money bill for the next fiscal year.

It voted to stop all new public housing construction and sent to the floor a bill appropriating \$481,000,000 for 24 independent federal agencies in the 1954 fiscal year starting July 1.

That was \$721,433,697, or 61 per cent, below the estimates in the original budget submitted by then President Truman.

Although no exact comparison was available, it was also a cut of more than \$400,000,000 from the revised Eisenhower administration budget.

However, \$395,744,000 of the cut in the new administration budget appeared to be a bookkeeping transaction. The committee accomplished it by refusing to earmark Treasury funds for the government's annual contribution to the federal employees' retirement fund and for the "interest" earned by the fund.

CUTS PAYMENT

The committee said it was not cutting down on payments to beneficiaries of the fund which has been gradually building up each year. So the action will not reduce federal spending in fiscal 1954 or in the near future.

This is significant because spending determines whether the budget is balanced. Republican congressional leaders have said there will be no tax cut until a balanced budget is in sight.

In perhaps its most controversial action, the committee flatly rejected the administration's request that the present annual level of 30,000 new public housing starts be maintained in fiscal 1954. It (Continued on page two)

Firm Defends Lightning Rods

A Virginia firm today declared that it's use of the General Electric pellet type of lightning arrester installed in many North Carolina counties does not fall into the category of the arresters which the electrical inspector in Harnett County said are worthless.

H. J. Sargent, manager of the Electrical Protection Service of Richmond, said many Eastern North Carolina citizens "have become concerned over whether to provide electrical protection to their homes or not" after a statement by Ben H. Sellers of Lillington, Route 1.

Sellers had stated that salesmen were covering the county with "gadgets known as lightning arresters" which he described as "absolutely worthless."

Sargent said the General Electric arrester "is completely and fully reliable, having been approved by REA headquarters in Washington; REA cooperative, municipal electric power companies and private electric utilities over the country."

He said that "thousands of these have been in stalled and are regularly protecting homes and appliances in them against the effects of lightning on electrical circuits."

Harnett Gets Scout Executive

Russell McLean, new full-time Scout Executive for Harnett County, has completed his moving, and as soon as he becomes acquainted with his new territory will begin his work of coordinating the activities of scouting in this area.

For the past year these activities have been handled by J. B. Woodshire, District Executive of Raleigh. Prior to that Norman Sulzberger (Continued on page two)



REV. ROBERT H. CHAMBERS

Guest Preacher At Erwin Methodist

Sunday a revival begins in all Methodist Churches in North Carolina. Pastors of the South Carolina Conference will help pastors of the North Carolina Churches in these meetings.

Rev. Robert H. Chambers of Cayce, S. C. will be the visiting preacher for the Erwin Church.

Mr. Chambers was educated in the public schools of Bedford County, Tenn. He was a graduate of Asbury College of Kentucky; is a member of the Upper South Carolina Conference. His son graduates from Furman University this June.

Mr. Chambers arrives here Friday, April 17th, and will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the evening at 7:30, and at the same time each evening through the week.

As a part of the Mission Mr. Chambers and the Pastor will attend the periods of Power each day at Hayes Barton Church in Raleigh as it is being conducted by the Rev. J. A. ...

The Commission on Evangelism has had many meetings, has found eight-hundred prospects, secured seven teams for visitation, worked out the advertising, and made careful preparations for the meeting.

This commission consists of: Marvin O. West, chairman; Mrs. M. H. Brock, secretary; D. T. Stutts, B. H. Hudson, Mrs. Flora Holt, Mrs. J. H. Price, Dorothy Norris, Suelle Jackson, Clarence Turnage, E. G. Purrell and Gordon Ennis. M. O. West, D. T. Stutts, B. H. (Continued on page six)

The announcement was made this week by Mrs. Mary Virginia Patrick, local chairman of the Catholic Laymen's Association of Sacred Heart, Dunn, that a Holy Communion Breakfast will be held at Johnson's Restaurant, on Sunday, April 26. The breakfast will be open to Catholics and non-Catholics of Dunn and vicinity.

The breakfast will witness a re-nova personality of the Catholic world whose name will be announced in this paper next week and who will deliver the main address at the Communion Breakfast.

Other business of the local unit of the Catholic Laymen's Association will also be discussed at the breakfast. Mrs. Joseph Kotlas of West Cumberland Street and Mrs. T. C. Hyman, Jr. of the Old Fairgrounds Road area have been designated as Co-Chairmen for the breakfast arrangements. The largest crowd ever to attend a Holy Communion Breakfast is expected to be present for this affair. Those desiring reservations should contact either Mrs. Kotlas or Mrs. Hyman.

President Calls For Action

UN Agrees To Reopen Peace Talks With Reds

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — The United Nations agreed today to reopen end-the-war talks with the Communists and suggested laying the groundwork Saturday for a full scale conference.

But the U. N. stood firm on its stand that no prisoner should be forced to return to Communist control against his will. About 45,000 captured Reds have said they will resist forced repatriation.

Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief U. N. negotiator, sent a letter to his North Korean counterpart, Gen. Nam Il, offering a three-point plan on exchanging prisoners, the issue which has bottlenecked a cease-fire agreement.

Harrison suggested, as Point One, recognition of Switzerland as a neutral nation where prisoners who do not want to go home can be domiciled.

He also proposed that such prisoners be released to custody in Korea of the neutral nation and that the Swiss arrange for "peaceable disposition" of prisoners reluctant to be repatriated after 60 days in neutral custody.

REDS OFF BALANCE — Apparently the Communists off balance as they had asked only for a special meeting of liaison officers to arrange a date for resumption of talks.

There was no comment on the Communists' proposal of a special meeting Saturday and it was believed Nam had sought the U. N. for guidance on handling the situation.

Stock Car Race Set For Sunday — Big-time racing will come to Harnett County again Sunday afternoon when a modified stock car race will move to the Harnett Speedway.

Time of the race is set for 2:00 and admission will be \$1.50, tax included. The race promises to be as full of thrills as the race presented by the speedway on March 8th.

John Sorrell, Jr., owner of the popular Harnett Speedway said today that he is expecting a large crowd here for the event.

The Harnett Speedway is located 15 miles south of Lillington on Highway 15A. Some of the drivers expected for the race Sunday include Smokey Smith, Earl Moss, Hank Simpson, Raeford Johnson, Bob Godwin and Mel Oldham. Sorrell stated that a further announcement would be made on drivers for the race.

Chamber Directors Hear Of Progress

The board of directors of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce heard encouraging reports yesterday of the activities of the various committees of the Chamber at a meeting held in the offices.

President Henry Sandlin presented the industrial committee's report and told of current developments in the securing of a new industry for Dunn.

He said preparation of the building would cost about \$5,500 and that about \$3,000 had been raised so far. The new plant, he said, is slated for opening on May 1st.

BULLETINS

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — United Nations fighter-bombers hurled bombs and rockets on Communist central front positions today in the wake of unsuccessful Red assaults against six U. N. hills guarding the invasion route to Seoul.

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A mob attacked the automobile of U. S. naval attache Eric Pollard today and stabbed his driver. The driver was on his way to Pollard's home to pick up equipment for the officer's flight with other officials to Shiraz to investigate attacks on Americans there. Pollard is from Oakland, Calif.



COATS JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET HELD HERE — The Junior-Senior Banquet of Coats High School was held last night at Johnson's Restaurant in Dunn. Officers of the school board. Left to right are, Principal Smith, Chairman Johnson, Donald Blalock, president of the junior class, Russell Lamm, president of the senior class; standing, Bobby Smith, secretary-treasurer of the junior class; Helen Sears, vice president of the junior class; Carolyn Turner, junior class reporter; Faye Dean Moore, senior class vice president; Jean Pope, senior class secretary-treasurer; and Shirley Norris, senior class reporter. (Daily Record Photo)

Benson To Run 8 For Board

The names of the eight commissioner candidates who received the highest number of votes in the April 7 primary must appear on the ballot in the general election to be held in Benson on Tuesday, May 3. That is the opinion of the attorney general's office.

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It was announced by the White House staff before the speech that Mr. Eisenhower was suffering from a slight case of food poisoning. He had been unable to lunch with the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington before coming here because of that.

SMILES AT CROWD — But he smiled at the crowd and gave his famous two-arm salute despite the fact that he obviously wasn't feeling very well.

Surrounded by bearded men and costumed women portraying Rowan County's 200 colorful years of history, the President held up the pioneering spirit as an ideal to be followed by all nations.

He emphasized his belief in the need of a "basic truth" built around the Christian religion.

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The giant program to win new persons to Christ and to deepen the spiritual life of church members will get underway this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock when the 600 pastors come together for a get-acquainted period and for a banquet and inspirational hour at 6 p. m. Service are scheduled in the seven districts of the Conference

as follows: Durham District, at Mebane; Elizabeth City District, at City Road Methodist Church, Elizabeth City; Fayetteville District, at Aberdeen; New Bern District, at Queen Street Methodist Church, Kinston; Raleigh District, at Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh; Rocky Mount District, at First Methodist Church, Rocky Mt.; Wilmington District, at Chestnut (Continued on page six)

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Mr. Jones was invited to preach at the local church after making a deep impression on some of the members of the church who heard him speak in Richmond last Fall. He is a native of Barrow, Wis., a coal-mining community. He attended high school there, and then served in World War II in the British Merchant Marine as a Midshipman, several times the ship on which Mr. Jones was sailing was torpedoed.

In 1947 Mr. Jones came to the United States and entered Arkansas College, Batesville, Arkansas, where he was graduated in 1950. He then came to Dunn for a year after his graduation. He was an attorney (Continued on page two)

MARKETS — HOGS — RALEIGH (AP) — Hog market: Fayetteville, Florence: 25 cents higher at 20.75 for good and choice 180-240 lb. barrows and gilts. Kinston: 40 cents higher at 20.75. Smithfield: 10 cents higher at 20.50. Siler City, Lumberton, Marion, Clinton: Steady at 20.50. Fair Bluff, Mount Olive, Goldsboro, Dunn, Wilson: 25 cents higher at 20.50. Rocky Mount, Rich Square, Tarboro: (Continued on page two)

Reaction Favorable

Worldwide reaction to the President's address was favorable, enthusiastically so in many quarters. Russian newspapers published its details prominently and with unprecedented speed.

Hagerty said that the "first" reason for the cabinet meeting was to discuss plans for backing up the foreign policy proposals with a series of speeches and statements.

It was a member of the White House staff who indicated the following: "The President's address was up to 'communist' and 'offensive'."

He said the same term covered the elaborate government program to distribute the President's speech to every corner of the globe.

The words already were being sent, via the Voice of America, to Soviet, satellite, and free countries (Continued on page two)

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His attorney scored the officers for forcing his client to remain in jail without medical treatment for more than five hours before the was released on bond.

Charges of assault with a deadly weapon, disorderly conduct and destruction of personal property (Continued on page two)

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