

143 KILLED AS TORNADO HITS MICHIGAN UN, Red Negotiators Driving Closer To Truce



BEFORE AND AFTER - Sylvia Jean Beasley, age 9, is shown at left with her parents in the home and with the crutches she used before she was cured of polio at a healing service conducted Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Reuben Jones, noted evangelist and faith-healer.

Staff Officers Begin Drawing Cease-Fire Line

PANMUNJOM, Korea, Wednesday - United Nations and Communist negotiators drove determinedly closer to a truce in Korea today despite increasingly explosive South Korean opposition.

Staff officers of the Allies and the Reds started drawing a cease-fire line yesterday and the truce delegations are expected to take up a report from them at a meeting at 11 a.m. today 9 p.m. Tuesday EST.

In Pusan, wartime capital of Korea, the lower house of parliament urged the South Korean government to repudiate the proposed truce for an advance north to unify Korea.

The assembly also hinted that South Korea should resist with force of arms, if necessary, "should foreign troops land to supervise prisoners who refuse repatriation."

In Seoul, peace time capital of Korea, up to 500,000 weeping, chanting men, women and children surged through the streets protesting against what they called an Allied surrender to the Communists.

A fire hose was turned on one group - spearheaded by school girls - who tried to storm United States 8th Army headquarters.

Many were trampled in the rush to escape.

Mr. Gen. Choi Duk Shin, chief South Korean truce delegate, demanded in a former letter to Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, leader of the U. N. truce team, that the estimated 1,000,000 Chinese Communist troops in Korea be sent back across the Yalu River as part of an armistice agreement.

It was announced at the same time that Choi submitted his resignation as Korean truce delegate, to South Korean President Syngman Rhee, but that Rhee had not accepted it.

South Korean troops jumped off on the eastern front in a major bid to recapture before the fixing of a cease-fire line, ground they lost to the Communists last week.



WILLIAM S. WELLONS

Dunn Dealer On Chicago Program

William S. (Bill) Wellons, prominent Dunn merchant, business and civic leader, will be among the speakers at the mid-year meeting of the National Appliance and Radio-TV Dealers Association in Chicago on Monday, June 29th.

His appearance on the program was announced from Chicago today by A. W. Berns, managing director of the national association.

Appliance dealers from all sections of America and from several foreign countries will be in attendance at the meeting, to be held at Chicago's famed Merchandise Mart.

Mr. Wellons, president of Wellons Mercantile Co., was invited to appear on the program because of his outstanding sales and dealership record.

NATIONAL WINNER In 1951, Mr. Wellons won second place among the nation's 36,000 Hotpoint dealers in a nationwide refrigerator sales contest and received as his prize a Roadmaster Buick and a free trip to Chicago.

A dealer in Chicago won first place in that contest.

The subject of Mr. Wellons' address will be, "You Don't Have To Be Big To Be Good." He is expected to tell the nation's dealers of his record of success in Dunn and how other small-city dealers can succeed in the business.

On the program with Mr. Wellons will be a number of nationally-known public figures and some (Continued on page two)

Over 1,000 Suffer Injuries In Storm

FLINT, Mich. - (AP) - State Police in Michigan and Ohio counted 143 dead today in one of the nations deadliest tornado disasters in 50 years.

Michigan reported 124 dead and Ohio 19, and more than 1,000 were injured in the two states.

Hardest hit by the series of twisters which buzzed-sawed without warning through the heavily populated region at dusk Monday was the Beecher metropolitan district immediately north of Flint, where 113 bodies were recovered.

Gov. G. Mennen Williams, accompanied by a staff of executives, moved from the state capitol in Lansing to temporary headquarters at Flint, where he called in the National Guard to assist state and local law officers. Williams issued a proclamation barring unauthorized persons from an area north of Flint.

BLOOD DONORS FORM LINE Lines of blood donors more than a block long formed at first aid stations soon after the Red Cross broadcast an appeal for whole blood.

The death toll exceeded that of last month's twister at San Angelo and Waco, Tex., where 123 died, and the chief of the U. S. weather bureau in Detroit said it was the "fifth worst" such disaster in this country's history.

In addition to the dead here, Michigan police counted four deaths at Tawas, four at Erie, one at Pleasant Lake and one at Ingham.

Authorities said 418 persons were injured in Michigan and more than 500 in Ohio.

Some 435 persons were treated at Flint alone.

FEDERAL AID SOUGHT After a mid-morning tour of the stricken area, Gov. Williams sent a telegram to President Eisenhower asking federal aid for reconstruction. Red Cross allotted \$100,000 for emergency relief in the Flint area.

More than 1,000 carloads of mobile-goers were gathered at the North Flint Drive-In Theatre when the twister struck, just as the first show began.

Many of the deaths occurred there. Hundreds were injured as cars were thrown about like toys.

Only a light rain gave any advance indication of the tornado, it moved a swath 10 miles long and 100 yards wide in a relentless arc curving around Flint. The city of Flint itself was not touched.

By midnight, 97 bodies had been laid in rows at the National Guard armory here, which was pressed into service as an emergency morgue. Some of the bodies were so badly dismembered they were collected in cellophane bags.

SURVIVORS FOUGHT BACK National Guardsmen fought to hold back survivors from entering the armory until it could be "cleansed" (Continued On Page Six)

Congress Cuts Ike's Request For Veterans

By UNITED PRESS A House appropriations subcommittee revealed today that it has sliced more than \$250,000,000 from President Eisenhower's fund request for veterans' pensions and compensation.

Chairman John Phillips (R-Cal.) said in ordering the cuts his group was banking on fewer claims than President Truman estimated and less open-handedness on the part of the Veterans Administration in approving them.

Mr. Truman recommended \$2,543,291,000 for pension and compensation checks for ex-GI's in the fiscal year beginning July 1. President Eisenhower trimmed the figure to \$2,300,000,000 and the subcommittee took off another \$253,409,000.

The reduction is included in a \$4,008,000,000 appropriation which the subcommittee has recommended for the use of the VA.

OTHER HAPPENINGS Other congressional news: Foreign Aid: President Eisenhower called key members of the House Foreign Relations Committee to a breakfast meeting in an (Continued On Page Five)

Girl Cured Of Polio At Healing Service

Thousands of people throughout this section today were talking about - and marveling over - the miracle of nine-year-old Sylvia Jean Beasley.

The pretty little blonde-haired girl, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Stacey Beasley, was stricken with polio last August, 23rd and a few days later was given up to die.

Her condition grew better and she was able to leave the hospital on April 26th, still wearing braces and crutches and unable to walk a step. She was paralyzed from her neck down.

HOLDING SERVICES HERE But that was before she attended a faith-healing service conducted here Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Reuben Jones, noted evangelist and faith-healer who's heading services in a big tent outside Dunn on the Fayetteville highway.

The frail young preacher, who claims to have brought about the healing of thousands of people, placed his hand on the head of the afflicted child, raised another hand to God and said a prayer.

"Go take off the braces," instructed the Rev. Mr. Jones and the child's parents took her into the prayer room of the tent as a crowd of about 3,500 waited anxiously - almost breathlessly - under the big tent.

"The little girl's parents were frankly skeptical, but they were (Continued on page two)

Mrs. Newsome Attends School

Mrs. William Newsome returned Monday from East Carolina College in Greenville, where she has been attending a Kindergarten Work Shop under the direction of Miss Annie Mae Murray, director of the college kindergarten and assisted by Miss Sally Klingenschmidt.

Dr. John Messick, president of the college, opened the class, composed of 80 kindergarten teachers throughout the state. Classes were held morning and afternoon sessions throughout the week in the Flanagan Building.

On the closing day, the group organized a North Carolina Kindergarten (Continued on Page Two)

Last Minute News Shorts

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Former President Truman reiterated briefly today that his action in ordering troops in Korea initially was "in support of the United Nations."

Mr. Truman was asked for comment on the present Korean truce developments. He declined to comment yesterday on the grounds he had no information "other than what I have read in the newspapers."

OAKMONT, Pa. - Temperamental Tommy Bolt of Maplewood, N. J., shot a one over par 35-36-72 on the Pittsburgh field club course today to lead the early finishers in the first of two qualifying rounds for the U. S. Open golf championship.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. - Wamsutta Mills announced today it has bought Somerset Mills, Inc. (Continued on page two)

MARKETS

COTTON NEW YORK - Cotton futures prices at noon EST today: New York July 33.50; Oct. 33.75; New Orleans July 33.57; Oct. 33.70.

HOGS RALEIGH - Hog markets: Kingston: Steady at 23.50 for good and choice 180-240 lb. barrows and gilts. (Continued on page two)

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON - President Eisenhower gave a private stag dinner Monday night for 13 top-drawer national figures, including ex-President Herbert Hoover and Gen. Douglas MacArthur who were making their first White House visit since the Republicans moved in last January.

SEOUL, Korea - A half million South Koreans surged through the streets of this war-battered capital today in emotional protest against the armistice that confronts them.

WASHINGTON - American officials held high hopes today that South Korean President Syngman Rhee will bow to mounting pressures and withdraw his threat to go on fighting after a Korean truce is signed. (Continued on page two)

Clifton Brock Will Head Chamber At County Seat

Clifton H. Brock, operator of the Brock Chevrolet Company, was elected president of the Lillington Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the board of directors held on Monday night in the Town Hall.

At the same time, D. P. Ray, Jr., co-owner with his wife of Ray's Ladies Shop, was named first vice-president. Jack MacCarthy, manager of Mack's Tire and Tire Cent. Store, was elected second vice president, and Beverly O'Quinn, of O'Quinn's Mens Furnishing Store and O'Quinn Funeral Home, was named secretary-treasurer.

PREDICTS GOOD YEAR The new president of the county seat's re-activated chamber of commerce predicted a good year and said many enthusiastic plans are on foot for improvement of trade in Lillington. Brock, who has been in Lillington since August, 1950 has had long experience in the automobile business. Before coming to Lillington he was associated with W. and W. Chevrolet, now Westbrook Chevrolet Company in Dunn.

New members of the board of directors chosen at a meeting of the chamber of commerce members on Friday night are: Malcolm Fowler, Carl Kelly, Selwyn O'Quinn, W. A. Johnston, Frankie Steele, Nell Ray Johnson, Buddy Gregory, Jim Sexton, W. M. Bryan, C. H. Brock, D. P. Ray, Jr., Jack MacCarthy, Hubert Peay, C. S. Loving and Jim Roberts.

REVIVAL BEING HELD A revival is now in progress at the Bethel Baptist Church, Dunn, N. C. It will continue through June 14. The public is cordially invited to attend.

+ Record Roundup +

AIR-CONDITIONED - Lee Motors of Dunn has the very latest thing in air-conditioned comfort. It's the beautiful new air-conditioned Oldsmobile. The new Olds is air-conditioned with a Frigidaire unit and those lucky enough to own one have no worrying about traveling in the hot weather. Wilbert Lee, the popular owner of Lee Motors, is being kept busy showing the air-conditioned Olds to the public.

NEW LOCATION - The Town Shop, which the town's popular shoe store, has moved from behind Howard M. Company to the location on N. W. Wilson Avenue formerly occupied by Bill's Candy Shop. The bank shell, which (Continued on page two)

COTTON BLOSSOM REPORTED HERE

The first cotton bloom of the season was reported here today by James Robertson, well-known Negro, of Dunn, Route 1.

Robertson, who lives on the farm of G. W. Henry of Dunn, brought a big cotton blossom to town as evidence of a fine crop of cotton. He is growing 20 acres of cotton this year.

Myra Tulligan, president of the Carolina's Ginners Association, said it was the earliest bloom ever reported here.

Ordinarily, pointed out Mr. Tulligan, cotton doesn't start blossoming in this section until about the last of June.

Norwood Jones New Principal

Norwood E. Jones, Dunn Route 1, is the new principal of the Boone Trail School.

Jones was elected unanimously at a meeting of the Boone Trail District school committee on Friday night.

Jones has served in the past four years as principal of Kings Elgin School in Sampson County. Prior to that he was employed for one year as teacher of mathematics and science in Stokes High School, Pitt County.

The new principal received his B. S. degree from East Carolina College in 1949 and his M. A. from the same college in 1949. He is married and has a two-year-old daughter.

County superintendent G. T. Conner said the new principal comes in at the moment the school communication and we are very happy he has accepted. Jones will assume C. L. Potts who resigned several weeks ago.

Umstead May Delay School Bond Vote

RALEIGH - Gov. William B. Umstead noted today that the delay by the U. S. Supreme Court in ruling on public school segregation cases will have an "effect" upon the forthcoming \$50,000,000 school bond issue referendum in North Carolina.

However, Umstead said he will not make a statement "with regard to the effect of the delay upon the school bond issue until I have had an opportunity to study the matter and confer with a number of other people."

If Umstead decides that the effect of the delay will be too great, Capitol sources believe the governor may call a special session of the legislature to postpone a vote on the school bonds.

FOR CONSTRUCTION The 1953 General Assembly, following Umstead's wishes, provided for a statewide referendum next year on the bond issue to raise money in school construction to equalize white and Negro school facilities.

Umstead may delay calling the referendum until December, but sources here believed that the delay by the Supreme Court for their arguments in October will mean no decision on the question of the constitutionality of segregation until 1954.

Attorney Gen. Harry McMillan said the fact that the court has new arguments shows they appreciate what a tremendous problem it is. McMillan added that, of course, it's better than an adverse decision at this time.

Troops Won't Come Home Immediately

WASHINGTON - Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson said today the United States "won't dare" take it from out of Korea in the event of a truce.

Wilson told a Senate Appropriations subcommittee that he knows people will be disappointed that it will not be possible to "bring our troops right home" when an armistice is signed.

"We won't dare take our people out of there," he said, speaking with Chairman Homer Ferguson (R-Mich.) that Korea will still be a "powder keg."

He read the statement in replying to the second consecutive day against dropping the nation's

defense to a "poisonous peace-time and having to keep the old pocketbook" again in the event of trouble.

Testifying on President Truman's defense budget, Wilson said it provides the best way to 148-wing Air Force - U. S. Air Force - what Congress wants the Air Force does not want to see it after their cuts.

"I think we've taken the Air Force and what out of the Air Force. I don't want you to cut it out."

Wilson's latest warning against cutting the Air Force was a warning that the Air Force is the only branch of the military that is not being cut.