**WEATHER**
Partly cloudy, warm and humid today, tonight and Saturday. Scattered showers and thunderstorms Saturday.

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# SENATOR SMITH DIES

SENATOR WILLIS SMITH

## East Berliners Stage Forced Demonstrations

BERLIN, — (UP) — Thousands of East Berliners marched submissively in the rain through streets of the Soviet sector today in a demonstration ordered by their Soviet and German Communist bosses as "proof" that the East German anti-Red revolt has been put down.

Soviet tanks and guns and hundreds of Communist "people's police" lined the route of march or were stationed in alleyways and nearby sidestreets as a guarantee against any new riots.

The demonstrators formed into ranks outside their Communist-run factories or works projects, were soaked by a pelting rain. They carried drooping red banners and mechanically shouted "hoch" hurrah for the Red government.

Only a week ago 100,000 East Berliners stormed through the same streets demanding overthrow of the Communist regime, burning Red office buildings and police kiosks and stoning Soviet tanks rushed to the city's center to put down the revolt.

**KILLED IN CRASH**

**Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Snipes of Erwin were notified by the Defense Department early this afternoon that their son, Jack, was among the victims of a military plane crash in Virginia earlier this week. Other details were not known.**

## Messer To Get Medical Care

Hospitalization and adequate care for tuberculosis victim, Leonard Messer, 49, of Erwin today were assured with the aid of the courts.

Messer, charged with failure to take precautionary measures against the spread of a contagious disease, was sentenced to two years in the tuberculosis section of the state prison. He was given a hearing before Recorder Judge M. O. Lee on Thursday afternoon in Lillington.

Dr. W. B. Hunter, county health officer, testified that Messer, a former textile worker, had a positive case of tuberculosis. The county health officer also reported that Messer, who lived a number of years in Raleigh, left the Wake County sanitorium against advice of physicians and returned to Erwin where he had no place to stay and was sleeping out of doors, an action highly injurious to his recovery.

Residents of Erwin complained to the health department that Messer's actions constituted a health hazard to him and to the community. Legal steps were then takenn to make treatment mandatory.

## A Great Man Has Gone

(AN EDITORIAL)

The tragic death of United States Senator Willis Smith early this morning brings the forceful realization that a truly great man has gone.

His passing is a great loss not only to the State of North Carolina, but to the nation and the world. His influence for good knew no boundaries.

Willis Smith was born a poor boy, his father died when he was a very small child, and he came up the hard way to make his mark in the world. He was successful in every field of endeavor in which he entered. His success story exemplified America as a great land of opportunity.

He rose to great heights. His election to the United States Senate was just one of his many accomplishments. He had been honored by two Presidents of the United States and his fellow lawyers elected him to the highest legal post in the land.

In the field of politics he was a scrapper. He fought hard and tirelessly not for personal gain but for the American way of life which he held sacred and loved so dearly.

Willis Smith was more than a great Democrat, more than a great Republican. He was a great statesman and a great American.

He was not a politician. His closest associates frequently admonished him for his forthright, honest stands on issues which they knew would not help him politically.

But Willis Smith never gave his own political welfare a second thought. He would vote his honest convictions in the face of sure defeat itself. He never swerved from the true path of duty.

There is no question but that Willis Smith was headed toward bigger and higher positions in American government. Had he lived, he would have brought still greater recognition and honor to our State.

Above all other things, Willis Smith was a real Christian gentleman, a man devoted to his family and

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## Nation Mourning Death Of State's Junior Senator

WASHINGTON, — (UP) — Sen. Willis Smith, 65-year-old North Carolina statesman, died early today after fighting vainly to overcome the effects of a heart attack.

He was pronounced dead at Bethesda Naval Hospital at 4:20 a. m. EST while his wife and four children stood at his bedside. The cause was listed as coronary thrombosis.

Smith, who ran for the Senate as an afterthought and won in 1950, suffered a heart attack Tuesday and was taken to the Naval Hospital in "grave" condition.

Physicians said yesterday his pulse and blood pressure had improved and that he was "manifesting miraculous strength." But he never recovered.

Except for occasional snatches of sleep, the senator remained conscious most of the time, joking yesterday with his wife, Anna Lee. He was only permitted to talk briefly but he seemed to enjoy it.

Mrs. Smith and the children—three sons and a daughter — remained with him almost constantly. They left the hospital only after the end came.

Smith's body was taken by hearse to Raleigh, N. C., his home. Funeral services were set for 2:30 p. m. Sunday at Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh. Dr. Howard Powell, pastor, will officiate, and burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

He was the third U. S. Senator from North Carolina to die in office since 1946. His death came one day after the third anniversary of his nomination to the Senate in 1950. He was elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Sen. J. Melville Broughton, which expires in January, 1955.

Gov. William B. Umstead said the state and nation "sustained a serious loss" and that Smith, both in private and public life said as a "splendid Christian gentleman" had rendered great service to his state and nation.

Umstead, a former U. S. senator by appointment himself, will name a successor to Smith, to serve until 1955. Smith had planned to seek a full term next year.

**UMSTEAD DISTRESSED**

Umstead, deeply distressed by Smith's sudden fatal illness, will not consider the matter of an appointment before next week, his aides said.

No matter who Umstead appoints to fill the unexpired term, it was believed that there will be a contest for the Senate seat in the 1954 Democratic primary.

Until his fatal attacks Tuesday, Smith himself had planned to seek a full term. He had reserved a hotel suite for his campaign headquarters.

Speculation on a successor to Smith here centered on several veteran members of the state's congressional delegation, Lt. Gov. Luther Hodges and others.

Appointment of a representative to the Senate would result in a special congresssional election called this year.

**SUCCEEDED IN POLITICS**

Willis Smith became one of North Carolina's most controversial political figures when he challenged the popular liberal Frank P. Graham for the U. S. Senate in 1950.

But Smith's success in politics matched the Horatio Alger story of his success in private life.

Born in Norfolk, Va., Dec. 13, 1887, he attended Atlantic Collegiate Institute at Elizabeth City, N. C., and received an AB degree from Trinity College, now Duke University, in 1905. In 1912 he received a law degree from Duke and was admitted to the North Carolina bar. He founded a law firm in Raleigh.

He entered politics early, serving in party posts from the precinct level to chairman of the state Democratic convention before being elected to the Senate.

The Smith - Graham campaign was regarded as the most bitter political campaign in modern North Carolina history.

Graham, former president of the University of North Carolina, was the appointee of then Gov. W. Kerr Scott. Scott, in office, threw his political support behind Graham but Smith waged a tireless, uphill campaign. The first primary was so close that a second run-off primary was needed and Smith was elected.

**PLANNING CAMPAIGN**

When Smith suffered his heart attacks he was preparing for a campaign next year in which political observers believed he would be challenged by Scott himself in another classic campaign.

Smith disclosed last January his first plans to seek re-election. Later, in a letter to a Burlington newspaper editor, he said he had no intention of being persuaded to forego a campaign in 1954. Smith answered reports from Raleigh which said some state political leaders were trying to persuade Smith not to run again, and thus perhaps keep Scott out of the 1954 race.

When Smith took office in 1950 he became the fifth U. S. Senator North Carolina had sent to Washington in five years.

Scott appointed Graham after Sen. J. Melville Broughton died in office March 6, 1949. Broughton had defeated present Gov. William B. Umstead in 1948 after Umstead was appointed by Gov. Gregg Cherry to succeed Sen. J. W. Bailey, who died in office Dec. 15, 1946.

**TIRELESS WORKER**

A tall, rugged man, Smith was a tireless worker and a hard campaigner.

In addition to the Senate grind, numerous personal appearances and preparations for the 1954 campaign, Smith and Sen. Clyde R. Hoey had a radio program reporting to constituents from Washington each week, and Smith wrote a

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## Big Crowd Expected For Sing At Benson

A crowd of more than 30,000 is expected in Benson Sunday for the 33rd annual State Singing Convention — an old-fashioned institution that grows bigger by the year.

"The Sing", as it's known all over the country, will attract contestants from one side of the state to the other, from the mountains to the sea, from all the adjoining states and several distant states and literally thousands of people who come to hear the music.

"They're coming from everywhere this year," declared Simon P. Honeycutt, founder and promoter of the non-commercial musical extravaganza.

"The Sing" is held in the big Benson grove, sponsored by the Benson Chamber of Commerce, and there's no such thing as admission—not even a commercial midst all the hundreds of songs.

**THEY COME EVERY YEAR**

Mr. Honeycutt and Harold Medlin, president of Benson's chamber, are in charge of the arrangements

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## Last Minute News Shorts

**WASHINGTON (UP) — The White House said today that President Eisenhower within 24 hours will declare parts of five Southwestern and Western drought-stricken states as disaster areas eligible for federal relief. The President's intention was made known after Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson asked the chief executive for emergency powers to cope with acute drought conditions affecting farmers and ranchers.**

**WASHINGTON (UP) — The Senate today voted $452,956,940 to run the Interior Department during fiscal 1954, after adding $46,826,607 to the amount voted by the House. The Senate total, however, was still below President Eisenhower's budget recommendations of $49,-19,200. Former President Truman had recommended $607,336,400.**

**PUSAN, Korea (UP) — An American guard shot and killed two North Korean prisoners of war and wounded a third today when U. S. troops blocked an attempted mass escape from a hospital camp near Pusan. The clash occurred a few minutes after five North Korean non-Communists had broken out of another prison camp in the first successful break since Tuesday.**

**WASHINGTON (UP)—The govern-**

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## Senators Pay Tribute To Smith, Adjourn In Respect

WASHINGTON — (UP) — The Senate adjourned out of respect to the late Sen. Willis Smith today after a short session in which it adopted a resolution of sorrow.

The resolution was offered by Sen. Clyde Hoey, Smith's Democratic colleague from North Carolina, who told the Senate that Smith's death was "stunning and shocking." He praised Smith as a "congenial, strong, patient" man whose life was an inspiration to others.

**"A GREAT AMERICAN"**

"He was a great North Carolinian but he was a greater American," Hoey said. "There wasn't a time that he wasn't willing to go all the way for America."

In a quiet, trembling voice, Hoey said Smith had left an "indelible impression" on the Senate during

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## Umstead Leads In Tributes

RALEIGH (UP) — By the death of Sen. Willis Smith North Carolina today lost its third United States senator to die in office since 1946.

Flags flew at half-staff over the state Capitol and other buildings.

News of Smiths heart attacks had shocked the state yesterday on the third anniversary of his nomination to the Senate, but there had been hope that he would live.

Gov. William B. Umstead sent messages expressing profound greif and distress. Other state officials sent messages of sympathy

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## Laniel Becomes French Premier

PARIS (UP) — Moderate, conservative Joseph Laniel became premier of France today, ending the nation's longest post-war political crisis.

The French National Assembly approved the millionaire textile manufacturer and gave France a leader to meet with President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Winston Churchill in a Big Three conference in Bermuda on July 8.

Laniel, a political unknown, succeeded where nine other better known leaders either had failed to win a majority in the assembly or had found the situation so hope-

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## BULLETINS

**WASHINGTON — (UP) — Gen. Omar N. Bradley has warned Congress the United States could not win a military "decision" in Korea with President Eisenhower's defense budget if the Korean truce talks fail.**

**WASHINGTON — (UP) — House Republican leaders admitted today they will need a lot of Democratic help to pass the excess profits tax bill which they blasted loose for floor action after a party-splitting battle with Rep. Daniel A. Reed (R-N.Y.)**

**NEW YORK — (UP) — Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were broke when they died in the Sing Sing Prison electric chair last Friday night. Emanuel H Bloch, attorney for the executed atom spies, disclosed Thursday they had written wills in the death house the day they died. Their only**

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## MARKETS

**COTTON**

NEW YORK (UP) — Cotton futures prices at noon EST today: New York July 33.06; Oct. 33.79; New Orleans July 33.11; Oct. 33.77.

**HOGS**

RALEIGH (UP) — Hog markets: Tarboro, Siler City, Kinston, Rocky Mount, Lumberton, Marion, Fayetteville, Florence, Clinton: Slightly

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## Fields Is Facing Prison For Violating Federal Probation

C. G. Fields, former Angier banker and onetime prominent Harnett political leader, was being held in a Federal jail today pending his appearance Thursday before Federal Judge Don Gilliam on charges of violating a Federal Court probationary sentence for embezzlement.

Fields is a former vice chairman of the county board of commissioners, former chairman of the county welfare board, for many years treasurer of the Harnett Democratic Executive Committee and a leader in other affairs of the county.

In October of 1951, Fields was convicted on two counts of embezzlement totaling about $9,000 while serving as cashier of the Angier branch of the First Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

At the last term of Harnett Superior Court, indictments charging Fields with 27 separate counts of embezzlement from an insurance company were dropped but he pleaded guilty to issuance of three worthless checks totaling $5,400.

On the Federal charge, Fields was given two 18-months suspended sentences and placed on probation for two years.

**TAKEN IN NORFOLK**

Henry A. Turlington, chief deputy marshall for the Eastern District, said today that Fields was taken into custody by the Federal Marshall at Norfolk, Va. on Wednesday, and will be taken to Raleigh before Judge Gilliam Thursday.

Turlington said Fields' new arrest was ordered by the Federal result of the new embezzlement and probation officer, apparently as the worthless check charges against him in the State court.

Court officials said they assumed that Fields will be ordered to serve the two two-year terms in Federal prison, the sentences to run concurrently.

They said that once a Federal probation officer ordered a defendent brought in for violation of his probation imposition of the prison sentence is almost automatic.

**NO BOND ALLOWED**

Turlington said Fields would not be allowed bond.

The insurance embezzlement case was disposed of at the May term of court after the case had been pend-

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## Record Roundup

**REVIVAL SLATED** — The Rev. E. Weldon Johnson will conduct revival services at Mingo Baptist Church on Route 1 Dunn beginning Sunday evening at 7:45 p. m. Throughout the week evening services will be held at 8:15 p. m. Starting Tuesday there will also be morning services at 11:00 a. m. Rev. J. K. Stafford, the pastor, cordially invites the public to attend.

**IT'S VACATION AGAIN** — This year the vacation checks for the workers in the mills in Erwin will amount to approximately $155,500. Those with a year of continuous service will receive the equivalent of one week's pay and those with five or more years, the equivalent of two week's pay. The mills will close as usual on July 3 and remain closed the following week.

## City Attorney Threatens To Resign As Mayor Argues Law

By LOUIS DEARBORN
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During a lengthy session which lasted until after midnight last night and during which the controversial subdivision ordinance was rewritten several times, Dunn's city council finally came up with a proposed revision that may save the taxpayers about $2,600 on the Fleishman subdivision.

It was a stormy, long-winded, talkative session during which City Attorney I. R. Williams threatened to walk out the door when Mayor Ralph E. Hanna, who is not a lawyer, tried to argue the law with him.

**Mayor Hanna and some of the commissioners seemed determined to have their way despite Mr. Williams' repeated warnings that he was "trying to keep you boys out of trouble."**

The city attorney threw cold water on the legal aspects of practically every proposed, pointing out several times that the board could not spend money until the money was appropriated.

Mayor Ralph Hanna opened the meeting by telling the three commissioners present, J. Leon Godwin, B. A. Bracey and J. V. Bass, that the developers of the addition has asked for prompt action in installing the water and sewer lines.

He said the developers had told him that they were willing to go ahead and install the utilities and let the town pay for the labor. The developers, he said, would advance the money for the labor if the town would agree to reimburse them.

**MAYOR APPEARS EAGER**

Mayor Hanna said that he had communicated with Mrs. Dorothy Steed of George Franklin's office in Raleigh and that he had learned that such a reimbursement could be made based on the Kansas City Plan.

Under this plan, as the lots were sold the developer would be reimbursed on a pro-rata basis as taps were made. The total cost would be divided by the number of lots in the addition in order to determine the amount to be paid as reimbursement on each lot. When all the lots were

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