

WEATHER

NORTH CAROLINA — Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms today. Fairly cloudy tonight and Friday. Not much change in temperature.

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Korean Truce Agreement Is Ready To Be Signed

Rhee Informed There Will Be No Concessions

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — The Korean truce agreement was ported by reliable sources today to be completed and ready for signing. Only the final approval of the governments concerned is said to be needed before the formal signing takes place.

United States Ambassador Ellis O. Briggs called on South Korean President, Syngman Rhee this afternoon, presumably to inform him of the completion of negotiations.

He bluntly warned the rebellious Rhee that there will be no further United States concessions to his objections to the armistice terms.

This left the final decision on signing the agreement ending the war up to the Reds. The U. N. is prepared to make the agreement official. The Reds, however, have not formally reacted to Rhee's latest threat to bolt the agreement unless 1,000,000 Chinese troops are withdrawn from Korea 90 days after a police conference on Korean unity begins.

Briggs went to Rhee's presidential mansion during the afternoon to give him and Foreign Minister Pyun Yung Tae the firm American stand on armistice policy in Korea.

SAYS U. S. GENEROUS — During the conference Briggs told Rhee and Pyun the United States certainly had been generous as anybody could expect.

Briggs' meeting was delayed because of Rhee's visit to the front to speak to South Korean and American troops in the Kumsonng bulge.

Informants said staff officers of the United Nations and Communist sides had ironed out all of details in the armistice document and that the United Nations was ready to sign it.

These sources said all that is needed now is a meeting of the full delegations for ratification of the armistice terms and setting the date for the elaborate signing ceremony at Panmunjon.

WOULD BE VIOLATION — WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States made it clear to the world today that Syngman Rhee will be guilty of breaking a solemn pledge if he wrecks a Korean truce.

By formally announcing that Rhee promised in writing not to obstruct a truce, the administration also provided justification in advance for any measure it might have to take against the South Korean president.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles disclosed Wednesday Rhee had written President Eisenhower a letter promising "he would not obstruct in any manner the implementation of the armistice terms."

He issued the statement just as Rhee was claiming any pledge not to interfere with a truce was "conditional."

Dulles said the United States understands Rhee has "misgivings" about the truce but said the administration nevertheless is counting on him to live up to his word.

Pravda Attacks Western Powers; Favors Meeting

MOSCOW (AP) — Pravda denounced the Western powers today for using "behind the back" diplomacy before proposing a Big Four conference, but indicated the Soviet Union would favor such a meeting "under certain circumstances."

The official Communist Party newspaper was highly critical of the Washington conference of Big Three foreign ministers and the agenda they suggested for a meeting with Soviet representatives.

The invitation was extended July 15 after the meeting of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault and Acting British Foreign Secretary Lord Salisbury. Their proposed agenda for the Big Four meeting included discussion of the unification of Germany and an American peace treaty.

FIRST REACTION — Pravda, in the first Soviet reaction to the proposal, said in a front page editorial that such a high level conference could "under certain conditions have important significance."

But the editorial said the proposed agenda showed the Big Four power conference for purposes which have nothing to do with interests furthering peace or with the tasks of reducing international tensions.

It said the Western foreign ministers in their Washington meeting failed to advance "any single one of the burning problems of international politics."

Pravda said the Western powers really wanted "to consolidate Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's position in West Germany, and that was the reason for the Western decision to continue the plan for a European army."

"Everyone knows that these plans are designed to make Germany a military state again," the newspaper said.

Registration To Begin Sept. 5th. — Raleigh (AP) — The State Board of Elections said today that voters' registration books will be open from Sept. 5-19 preceding a \$72,000,000 statewide bond referendum Oct. 3.

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O'Dwyer Won't Come Home To Defend Tarnished Reputation

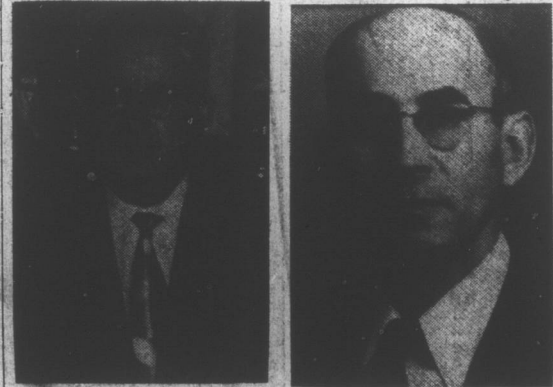
NEW YORK (AP) — Former New York and U. S. Ambassador William O'Dwyer won't come home from Mexico to defend his tarnished reputation, but he cherishes a dream of a triumphal return in which he can stare down the boos of the crowd and "win them over," Collier's magazine reported today.

"Clear my name?" O'Dwyer was quoted as saying. "How can anyone ever clear his name before an investigation committee when every question is an accusation and every accusation is a screaming headline that convicts you all over again before millions of people? ... I want to come back — but later, when I can get my story across to the people. Perhaps in debate on a political platform."

LIVING ON LENSION — O'Dwyer has been charged with making a personal fortune while he was mayor of New York City from 1946 to 1950. Collier's writer Lester Velle said he was presently living, however, on half his city pension of \$6,570.52 a year and a salary from a Mexico auto firm for which he obtained an American distributing franchise.

The other half of the pension — from his years as a policeman, judge, district attorney and mayor — goes to his estranged wife, Sloan Simpson O'Dwyer, Velle wrote.

There is no evidence that O'Dwyer has any other funds, Velle said. (Continued on page two)



NAMED TO ZONING BOARD — Dewey Whitten, left, and Herman Neighbors, right, have been appointed to Dunn's Zoning Board to succeed Dr. Marvin Poole and George Franklin Blalock, who resigned. Whitten and Neighbors are well known here and leaders in affairs of the town.

Harnett Valuations Up Over Two Million

Harnett County's taxable values, including real and personal property, have increased more than \$2,250,000 during the past year, according to a report made today by County Tax Supervisor Berles Johnson.

The additional \$2,273,125,000 brings total valuations in Harnett County up to \$81,859,584,000.

Of the total amount, \$32,567,163 is in real property, and \$49,292,421.00 is in personal property.

Supervisor Johnson said that figures on corporate excess have not been received from the State. Last year this sum totaled \$2,567,784.00. An increase is expected this year.

Harnett has experienced considerable building since the war and tax valuations have been climbing every year.

The increase in valuation this year prevented an increase in the county's tax rate. Several new services were added during the year, which otherwise would have necessitated an increase in the rate.

Denies Killing Him; Says It Was A Kiss

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Patsy Jean Montello, 31, who said she kissed her fifth husband and "blooze, he fell over," was held today for his murder.

Wayne Howard Montello, 24, a railroad machanic, was fatally shot yesterday on a lonely road along the banks of the San Jacinto River near suburban Humble. Mrs. Montello was charged with the slaying.

Mrs. Montello and a friend, Mrs. Beatrice Helen Simer, 48, were with Montello when he was shot. Mrs. Simer was jailed on a drunk charge. She said the trio had been drinking all day.

SAYS HE SHOT HIMSELF — Mrs. Montello, who said the dead man was her fifth husband, denied killing him. She insisted that he shot himself.

Mrs. Simer said she, Montello and Mrs. Montello had driven out the Old River Road and the married couple got out of the automobile "because they wanted to have a private talk."

Mrs. Montello, whom officials said was too intoxicated to question last night, told newsmen: "We sat down behind the car. I kissed him and, blooze, he fell over. I thought he was playing possum."

"I then picked up the gun and started down the road to shoot rabbits," she said.

PANTS BURNED OFF

ATLANTA (AP) — The trial of Cleveland Maddox on charges of malicious mischief was quietly transferred from the regular court room to a more private spot. Maddox, a Negro, had his pants burned off when he lit a stove and fell asleep, resulting in the mischief charge.

STORK IS GIVING THE WEATHER MAN SOME COMPETITION

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP) — The stork is giving the weatherman some competition in the field of forecasting.

Records at the St. Joseph's Hospital maternity ward show Baby First born on July 7 and a coal smell followed.

Baby Number two arrived on July 12, warm days started.

Baby Number three on July 14, showers developed shortly.



WINNING FISHERMEN — Winners in the fishing rodeo yesterday included Leslie Clark, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Clark, who took first place for the boys. Billy Overman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Overman, runner-up; and Carolyn Goodman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vann Goodman, took first place for the girls. (Daily Record Photo)

Plenty Of Fish Are Hooked At Dunn's First Rodeo Event

Harnett Board To Meet Monday

The Harnett County Board of Commissioners will hold a special meeting on Monday morning, July 27 at 10 a.m. to finish work on the 1953-54 budget. It was announced today by Lofton A. Tart.

A tentative budget was adopted earlier this month and the rate was again set at \$1.30. The fact that taxable values in the county increased over two and a quarter million dollars during the past year prevented an increase.

Chairman Tart said today that he and other members of the board wanted to give the budget a final review before adopting it.

In addition to approving the budget, a number of other smaller matters are slated to come before the board at this special meeting.

Children of Dunn under 12 years of age had a "fishing good time" yesterday afternoon. Approximately 100 gathered at Hanna fish pond at 2 p. m. for the first children's rodeo ever held here.

Sponsored by Better Fishing, Inc., a non-profit organization of Chicago, the rodeo was under the local supervision of Charles T. Hildreth of the Dunn Jewel Box, and the Dunn Lions Club. The opportunity for such a rodeo had been offered three times before, but this was the first time a local organization has sponsored the fishing.

Assisting in the contest were the Dunn Boy Scouts headed by Bruce McLean and Ray Brewer, Adolphus Williams assisted Hildreth in keeping track of the catches, and judging the winners.

Hildreth expresses appreciation to (Continued on page two)

Convict Begg To Be Sent To Gas Chamber

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP) — A 24-year-old Can Quentin convict who admitted tracking down a fellow inmate and stabbing him in a prison classroom begged to be sent to the gas chamber.

"I'm asking for the death penalty," James F. Silva said. "And I deserve it."

Silva, already serving a life term for murder, related in detail, over the protests of his attorney, how he knifed but did not kill Kenneth King, 28, last March 4.

He said he did it because King was a prison enemy and "you can't be pushed around" by other inmates who will "bully you and get ahead of you."

WANTS TO DIE — Silva said he wanted to die because he was afraid of being sent to the state prison for the criminal, insane at Mendocino, Calif.

"Nobody wants to go to Mendocino," he said. "I'm asking for the death penalty."

An his attorney Morton Colvin interrupted with protest. Silva said a jury in detail how he "got a knife and wandered through the dinner lines looking for King for two days."

"How I missed him, I don't know," Silva said. "I almost got two other guys. They looked like King."

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Light Docket Tried In Dunn Court Today

Judge H. Paul Strickland handled a light docket in Dunn Recorder's Court this morning with 14 cases being disposed of.

Cases and action by Judge Strickland:

Alex Zander McCoy, found guilty of using profanity on a public street, sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$5 and cost; Grady Blue, found not guilty on a charge of driving without operator's license; Ray Wayne Dean found guilty of using improper license plates, prayer for judgment; Dell McLean, guilty of operating a car without license, fined \$10.

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Last Minute News Shorts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans today expected to beat down Democratic moves to boost Air Force funds and then pass a defense money bill providing \$1,500,000,000 less than President Eisenhower requested. GOP leaders were sure of a vote by night-fall on the \$3,511,000,000 measure. The Senate failed to get around to a vote on the bill during a 12-hour session which ended late Wednesday night.

BERLIN (AP) — German military units have been rushed to the uranium mines in Saxony to crush a new uprising, the German-language newspaper of the U. S. high commission said today.

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — A soft coal industry leader bluntly warned John L. Lewis today that he will drive the West horeacaulary (Continued on page two)

Dr. C. C. Jernigan Dies In Charlotte

CHARLOTTE (AP) — Dr. Charlton C. Jernigan, 48-year-old president of Queens College here, died unexpectedly in a hospital last night.

Jernigan, who became president of the Presbyterian women's college in 1951, had returned home from the hospital only last Saturday after suffering a heart attack five weeks ago.

He became ill last night and died shortly after re-entering the hospital.

NATIVE OF DUNN — Jernigan, a native of Dunn, was a graduate of Duke University where he received his doctor's degree. He came here from Florida State University where he had been head of the department of

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TO BE ON TV — Ft. Bobby L. Mansfield of Fort Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Mansfield of Four Oaks, will be one of the eight Fort Lee soldiers set to appear on "Talent Patrol," a TV show in New York Monday, July 21. This is the third time Fort Lee has made an appearance on this program. Mansfield left Fort Lee today and will return July 22.

OMISSION — Due to unavoidable circumstances, The Daily Record today had to omit three of its popular columns from the editorial page. Walter Winchell, Mary McArthur and Dr. George Crane. The columns will return tomorrow and every day thereafter.

DUNN GENE BARRETT — Home Demonstration Club members

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Association of Manufacturers urged Congress today to permit licensing of private firms for commercial development and use of atomic power. C. G. Suits, research director of General Electric Co., representing the NAM, told the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee that industry is "willing and anxious" to join the government in atomic development.

BRISTOL, Va.-Tenn. (AP) — Jabbing needles shot polio-fighting gamma globulin into thousands of children today as weary doctors sought to wind up the nation's seventh mass inoculation by sundown. More than 200 of an estimated 15,000 children in this two-state area will receive the serum injections filed through emergency clinics Wednesday.