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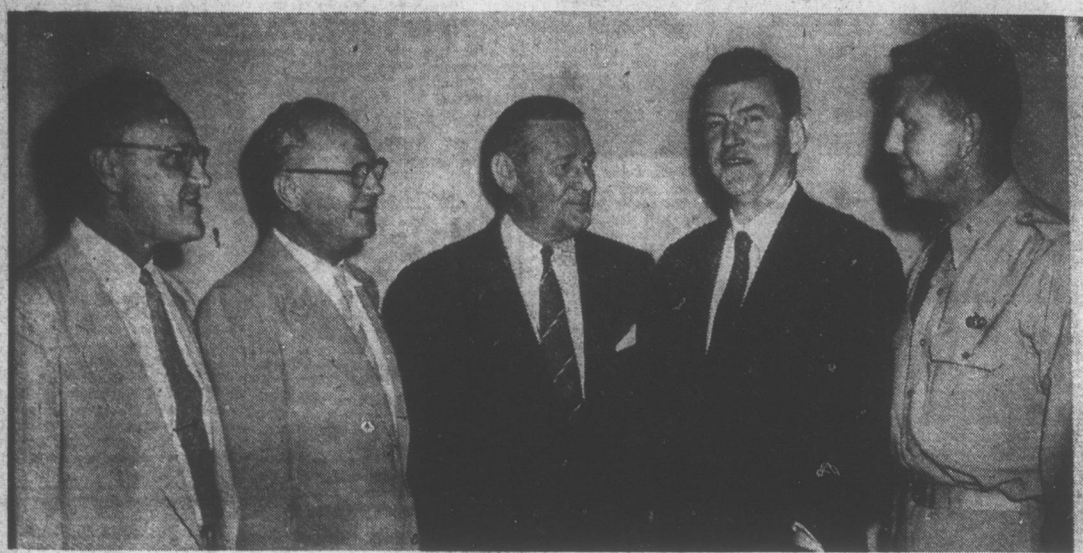
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President Asks Congress To Raise Debt Limit



CARLYLE HAS GUESTS — Guests of Representative F. Eitel Carlyle, of Lumberton, for luncheon this week in the House Restaurant of the Capitol included (l. to r.) E. H. Williamson, Jr. of Fayetteville, Washington Representative of McLean Trucking Company; Honorable Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., Superior Court Judge, of Fayetteville; Representative Carlyle; Senator Alton A. Lennon, of Wilmington; and Major George D. Watson, of Parkton, now stationed at Fort McNair, Washington, D. C. (Photo by Muse)

Atomic Engine To Drive Subs Twice As Fast

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Atomic Energy Commission disclosed today that it is blueprinting a new atom engine which will drive submarines "significantly" faster than the two sub engines already developed.

At the same time the AEC reported that:

1. Production of atomic explosives hit an all-time record high in the first six months of this year and soon will go even higher.
2. The 11 experimental devices exploded 16 in Nevada this year — in the "longest and most complex series yet conducted" — foreshadow "substantially greater atomic weapons capability for the United States."
3. The first of two land-based submarine engine prototypes has produced "substantial amounts of power" already and will produce more when it is brought to full operation.
4. New raw material sources and new techniques of exploiting them give promise that atomic forces will be "a major source of energy for many years."

These disclosures were the highlights of the AEC's 14th semiannual report covering the first six months of 1953. It said the period "may be best remembered" for developments in reactor "atomic furnace" and power phases of the atomic project.

"This half-year," the AEC said, produced "a greater number of significant events in reactor development than any previous six months in the commission's history."



A FAMILY AFFAIR — Saving the tobacco crop is a rush this hot weather that calls for all hands to work. Here Carl Fleming Johnson, nine year old boy of Lillington, Route 1 is shown at the wheel of the tractor on which he hauls the leaf from the field to the barn. He was helping his brother Reid Johnson. At this season his service is typical of the family and neighborhood cooperation which is making it possible for Harnett farmers to harvest their valuable golden weed. (Photo by T. M. Stewart)

Proposal May Delay Close Of This Term

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower asked congressional leaders today to raise the national debt limit but the question of when, and how much, was left wide open.

Congressional leaders said they made no commitment of a breakfast huddle with Mr. Eisenhower, on the subject during the day, but there would be further talks.

The total national debt limit is \$275,000,000,000. The debt is now above \$272,000,000,000.

The breakfast session at the White House which included some Democrats as well as Republican leaders was held with the knowledge that an attempt to boost the debt limit now could destroy congressional hopes for adjournment this week.

LONG CONFERENCE

The conference lasted two hours and 15 minutes.

Chairman Eugene D. Millikin (R. Colo.) of the Senate Finance Committee summed it up this way:

"The President, the secretary of treasury and the budget director think it is necessary. They put it up to Congress to express opinion and see what the situation is. There will be further consultation before there is any decision as to amount or the time."

Acting Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland said the leaders discussed, but left open, the possibility of adjourning this week as scheduled and returning in the fall to take up the debt limit matter.

House Republican leader Charles A. Halleck said the administration decision was based on the possibility that new government borrowing would send the debt above present \$275,000,000,000 ceiling by Jan. 1.

He said they expressed fears that otherwise the government's cash balance would run dangerously low.

Liquor Dealer Gets 6 Months

Anna Jones Mullin, otherwise known as "trap-door Anna" will be out of business for the next six months. During the "vacation" she received by mail at woman's prison in Raleigh.

Anna, accused of possession of non-taxed liquor in Dunn Records Court this morning and was sentenced to six months in woman's prison.

Arrested for the first time in the past twelve months on October 9, 1952, Anna could not resist continuing in business, and ten days later she was arrested again on a second charge of possession of nontaxed liquor for sale.

She was tried in Records Court before Judge E. Paul Strickland for the two offenses and given a 30-day sentence. Anna appealed to Superior Court where she was found guilty. This time she was fined.

When Anna appeared in court today she was under a suspended sentence. Asked if she had ever sold any liquor, Anna said, "I've sold some."

Each time Anna has been arrested, liquor has been found under trap doors in her home. Chief A. A. Cobb says the house must be made of trap doors.

Anna had no statement to make. Judge Strickland sentenced her to woman's prison for six months. (Continued on page two)

County Tax Rate Set At \$1.30

Harnett County's budget for 1953-54, the financial framework within which the county business operates, is now official.

Baby Born To Young Mother Facing Death

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A premature five-pound girl was delivered by caesarian section today to a young Tulsa woman, fulfilling her wish that the baby be born before she dies of incurable cancer.

Doctors said after the operation the mother, Mrs. Huey C. Alford, and baby were "doing well," although Mrs. Alford remained unconscious from the anesthetic.

Mrs. Alford, who will be 29 years old Sunday if she lives, said prior to the operation, "I want to love my baby all the time I can."

The baby wasn't due until two months from now, but physicians decided to deliver it today. The husband is a Tulsa aircraft worker.

Mrs. Alford has an incurable cancer of the lymph gland. Specialists here and in Baltimore, New York City, Chicago, and Boston all have said the remaining days of her life will be limited.

County commissioners placed formal approval Monday on the earlier official action of a budget totaling \$1,312,088 supported by a tax rate of \$1.30 on the \$100 valuation of property. The rate is the same as last year.

The special budget session, held Monday morning in the sheriff's outer office, attracted a 100 percent attendance from board members L. A. Tart, B. P. Ingram, Worth Lee Byrd, Dick Laater and Rufus Mansum.

County Auditor H. D. Carson, Jr., said only minor revisions were prompted by the Monday morning appropriation of \$2,317.99 from surpluses in the general poor and health fund as the county's share in the new health center to be built in Lillington in cooperation with the State Medical Care Commission.

Other items new to the budget this year, will be around \$22,000 to pay for the salaries of the five new rural policemen and approximately \$2,000 to finance county participation in federal social security for county employees.

SAVINGS NOTED

However, Carson noted that savings effected by the conversion of the county home to a boarding home, will nearly offset these new expenses. Previously, the county home was allocated \$24,000 for operating expenses. Under the new arrangement, its cost to the county is \$4,000.

All county employees, elective and appointive, received a general ten percent salary increase, retroactive to July 1. Increase of tax valuations of nearly one and a half million dollars made raises and new services possible without a tax rate hike.

Most county functions fall within the scope of the general, poor and health fund. Out of the \$1.30 levy 95 cents will go to support this general fund in 1953-54. Schools, always the biggest budget item, are financed by a separate levy.

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Senator Morse To Vote GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Wayne Morse, Oregon independent, said today he will vote to keep the Republicans in control of the Senate should illness force the retirement of Sen. Robert A. Taft.

Morse, who quit the GOP last fall during the presidential campaign, said he will work to defeat the Eisenhower administration in the 1955 congressional campaign. But he said he will not take advantage of a parliamentary "emergency" to defeat the will of the people as expressed at the ballot box last fall.

Compromise On Cotton Reached

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Agriculture Committee agreed today on a compromise cotton acreage bill, but the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee said its chances there are "very slight."

After two days of negotiations between Western and Southern cotton interests, the House committee approved a bill setting 1954 national cotton plantings at 22,500,000 acres and limiting any state's acreage cut to 29 1-2 percent.

Chairman Clifford R. Hope R-Kan said committee members will attempt to get the House to pass the bill tomorrow.

But Chairman George D. Aiken R-Vt. of the Senate committee said he doesn't think the plan will be acceptable. He doesn't intend now to call a meeting to consider it.

Tobacco Harvesting Season Is On Hand

By MRS. LLOYD JOHNSON
Lillington, Route 1 Correspondent

Throughout Harnett County the tobacco harvesting season is in full swing.

Everywhere in the rural areas keep jogging the mules to keep are found men, women, and children, at work at the task of taking care of the tobacco crop that is now at the peak of harvest.

From the fields where the men are busy cropping the leaves can be heard the snap-snap of the leaves as they are broken in the early morning while the dew is still on them.

Along with this is the sound of voices as they call a "whoo or a giddee" to the faithful old mules as they pull the sleds of tobacco up and down the rows, some on to the looping sheds, while some use the tractor to make the work a little easier for "ole Jim". In this capacity the little boys are quite often used. As the little fellows keep jogging the mules to keep are found men, women, and children, at work at the task of taking care of the tobacco crop that is now at the peak of harvest.

Under the barn shed we usually find more women and children than men. They, too, feel the responsibility of helping with the work. Usually, they are a happy group; at times neighbors are swapping work in order to save the leaf. At this time a lot of visiting is done that couldn't possibly be done any other way at this season of the year.

THEY SING SPIRITUALS

Often near a barn where there is a number of colored women at work, a visitor, no doubt will hear them as they get started to work to the time of some good old spirituals. This seems to make the work easier for all.

Then when the last stick has been looped, and the tobacco is in the barn ready for the heat, workers get a big slice of those "July Hams" that have been brought in early in the morning, pay day, and off to home they go ready for the next day's work.

However, the work isn't finished then. The curing is the most important part of the work; without careful watching, and the use of the right temperatures, no farmer can get the full value for his tobacco. Then there is the constant danger of losing a barn by fire. So from the very beginning of the tobacco harvest to the last step of it, there is work and responsibility for an entire family.

Senator Taft Holds His Own

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission today granted permits for new television stations, including: WMFD-TV, Inc., Channel 6, Wilmington, N. C.

NEW YORK (AP) — Sen. Robert A. Taft's ambassador son arrived here by plane today from Ireland to visit at the bedside of the ailing Republican leader who was able to sit up for breakfast.

"I think he's better than he was," said William Howard Taft III, U. S. ambassador to Ireland, as he left the airport for New York Hospital where his father was in a serious condition from an undischarged illness.

A morning bulletin issued by the hospital said the condition of the Ohio senator "remained relatively unchanged." It was learned that Taft swung his legs over the side of his bed and sat on the edge to take breakfast for a bedstand table.

SPED TO HOSPITAL

Young Taft, 37, the eldest of the senator's four sons, appeared haggard and nervous. He was cleared quickly by immigration authorities and sped to the hospital.

"I have just come back from Ireland. I hope only for a few days to visit my father," he said. "I'm looking forward to my father getting better and I'm hoping to be getting better and I'm hoping to be getting better."

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Last Minute News Shorts

O'NEILL, Neb. (AP) — An Air Force helicopter crashed and burned near here today, killing six persons, Holt County authorities reported.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy said today that the Marine Corps pilot aboard the Flying Boxcar which crashed July 17 near Pensacola, Fla., killing 37 ROTC students, had 186 hours flying time in multi-engine planes. It denied a report published by the Washington Daily News that the pilot, Capt. Grady L. Yoder, 33, had less than 90 hours flying time in multi-engine planes and only 40 hours altogether.

BREELIN (AP) — Tens of thousands of people are expected to attend the opening of the new highway through the mountains of North Carolina.

Dunn Man Held On Arson Count

John Hyatt of Dunn, Route 4, is being held under \$1,000 bond in the Fayetteville jail on charges of arson.

He has been indicted for setting fire to a barn on the farm of George F. Pope of Dunn. The farm is located on Mr. Pope's farm, near Godwin, in Cumberland County.

The alleged crime occurred on July 26. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done.

A warrant also charges Hyatt with breaking out several windows in the barn.

In another case tried at Fayetteville, Hyatt was given 90 days on the roads for assaulting his

Western Harnett Farmers Suffering From Drought

By LOIS BYRD
Record Staff Writer

Western Harnett County farmers today scanned the cloudless skies, deeply concerned over the drought which has inflicted heavy crop damages.

In the area around Barbecue Church not a drop of rain has fallen today in exactly six weeks, Kyle Harrington, PMA supervisor reported this morning.

"Even if it rained today," said Harrington, "only about 50 percent of the tobacco crop could be saved. Whatever leaf has been harvested weighs so light the crop will bring little returns."

Harrington estimated that 80 percent of the corn crop is a total loss, only half of the tobacco can be rescued, but that probably two thirds of the normal cotton crop will be saved.

Rolling sandy hills of Western Harnett, a section of small farm owners, many new to the area, is particularly vulnerable to dry weather conditions. For many farmers it makes the third consecutive year of less than usual rain.

DROUGHT SERIOUS

Practically all of Johnsonville and Barbecue townships, three fourth of Upped Little River township and spotted, but deeply affected areas in Anderson Creek township are suffering from the drought, Harrington reported.

County Agent C. R. Ammons agreed with Harrington that the drought was "very very serious, particularly in Johnsonville."

Roughly speaking the drought stretches North of highway 421 to the vicinity of Mansers West to the Lee County line and North to the Cape Fear River, and a similar depth on the Southern side of the same highway.

Some farmers have deserted their crops and already have made arrangements for daily employment at Sanford, Ft. Bragg and other nearby towns.

Sections of Anderson Creek township are also heavily damaged by the dry weather but farmers there report rains have been spotty. Heavy rains on Sunday week, saved crops in the Lee County area of Lillington and Angus, and cotton crops in the Dunn area have been little affected by the dry hot weather.

42 Sign Up For Moose Unit Here

Forty-two Harnett men have already signed up for membership in the Loyal Order of the Moose lodge now being organized here. It was announced today by Harold Wilson, leader in the movement.

An enthusiastic group of nearly 30 met Wednesday night in the city courtroom to make plans for the organization. Jimmy Norman of Fayetteville, a regional organizer, addressed the group.

Mr. Norman said he was well pleased to find so much interest and enthusiasm in the organization here.

ANOTHER MEETING

Another meeting will be held (Continued on page two)

Ben Schneider Retires Today

Ben Schneider, mail carrier on Route Five, Dunn, retired today after carrying mail for approximately 25 years. Including his military service, Schneider has 34 years in government service.

Postmaster Ralph Wade, Mr. Schneider, and friends met Schneider at the car this morning as he returned from his route and presented him with an easy chair. He smiled and said he would do as little as possible now.

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CIRCULATING — Tax Supervisor Series Johnson told commissioners Monday that he and his staff have finished the big task of listing and appraising personal and real property in the county and the books are ready to be turned over to the tax collector. In the "bushier" between now and the fall listing, Chairman Johnson is not going to be idle. He said he has a lot of personal visiting on his schedule. First calls will be made on car owners who have failed to list automobiles for taxes. "They are not apt to walk into my office, you know," explained Johnson.

A GOOD LAUGH — Commissioner, first started on Monday by the story of no water in the Dunn Health Center, had a good laugh over the oversight. Then quipped County Attorney W. A. Johnson, "That's nothing. English have used similar as the church and the other signs when I tried to turn on the water in the basement — a contraction as well as I am — I found there was hot there, not even a place to turn a light bulb."

ON DENTAL COMMITTEE — The North Carolina Dental Society is

Border Markets To Begin Sale Monday

RALEIGH (AP) — The North Carolina Border Belt will begin selling its 118,000,000 pounds of flue-cured tobacco Aug. 3, and a tobacco marketing specialist predicted here today that the leaf would bring in average prices of from \$51 to \$53 per hundred pounds.

W. F. Hedrick, marketing specialist for the State Department of Agriculture, said that in the next 15 days, North Carolina farmers will sell about 200,000,000

pounds of tobacco for more than \$480,000,000.

The border belt markets opening Monday are Chadbourn, Clarkton Fair Bluff, Fairmont, Fayetteville, Lumberton, Tabor City, and Whiteville. South Carolina's 11 markets began sales today.

"Farm prices generally are declining," Hedrick said, "but tobacco during the opening week of sales in the Georgia-Florida belt average" (Continued On Page Five)