

WEATHER

North Carolina — Sunny and warm today, clear and cool again tonight. Lowest 35 to 40 except near 25 in mountains. Fair and continued warm Tuesday. With "Fog" and "Frost" you're safe, you're sure.

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HARNETT YOUTH SLAYS HIS FATHER

FBI Arrests 14 Former Klansmen On Flogging Charges

Truman To Tell His Version Of White Case

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UP) — Former President Truman is expected to tell the nation tonight that he kept the late Harry Dexter White in a high government job to give the FBI a chance to catch him — and perhaps others — in the act of spying for Russia.

Mr. Truman will speak from Kansas City at 11 p. m. EST. His 30-minute prepared address will be carried by all four major television networks and by the Columbia, American and Mutual radio networks. The National Broadcasting Company radio network will carry a rebroadcast at 11:30 p. m. EST.

Mr. Truman probably will have one of the largest listening and viewing audiences in history for his long-awaited reply to charges which Atte. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr. made against him in a Chicago speech 10 days ago.

Brownell asserted that Mr. Truman promoted White from assistant secretary of the Treasury to U. S. executive director of the International Monetary Fund in early 1946 despite FBI reports branding White a Russian spy. The attorney general will have a chance to elaborate on his charges when he testifies Tuesday before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, which is investigating the White case.

TO CLAIM MURDER Brownell predicted that he will accuse Brownell of distorting the facts for political "smear" purposes, and that he will offer his own explanation about these lines.

White was not promoted but actually was shifted to a less-sensitive position. Mr. Truman learned of the FBI reports only after the Senate had confirmed White for the monetary fund job. He sought the advice of Supreme Court Justice (then attorney general) Tom C. Clark and the late Fred M. Vinson (then secretary of the Treasury) on what to do about White. It was decided the best strategy

Sears Announces Coloring Contest Mrs. English Heflin, manager of the local Sears Catalog Sales Office announces today a contest that will be of much interest to boys and girls in this area.

A children's coloring contest starts today and boys and girls can obtain a free circular from the local office with the rules, regulations and prizes to color. Winners of the contest will be the most realistic coloring of the toy illustrations. Entrants in the contest will be divided into three groups. Group one will consist of

Prince Is Named Grand Jury Head

Judge Clawson Williams, Sandford, opened a two weeks term of Superior Court in Lillington today by calling on the grand jury to exercise their "supervisory" duties.

"Even if the grand jury had nothing to do with the indictment of someone, your other duties would justify your existence," Judge Williams told the grand jury. "You are the trustees of the people who do not come to court," Williams said.

In their supervisory capacity, Judge Williams reminded the grand jury that they should turn "an eye" on the justice of peace courts of Harnett. "The justice of the peace court is the man who can render the greatest public service that the justice of the peace can give," Judge Williams emphasized. Judge Williams said if he is of any help to the people who do not know and understand



CORPORATION MEETING — South River Electric Corporation officials had to get together over the weekend when some 2,500 members of the membership attended a meeting at the Dunn Army. Pictured at the meeting are (l. to r.), R. E. Edwards, manager of the Corporation; Joe C. Howard, Goldsboro, president; Keeler C. Butler, vice president; and Rebekah Evans, secretary. During the meeting the membership heard the annual reports of the corporation and enjoyed a musical program. (Daily Record Photo.)

South River REA Members Given Report Of Progress

Kidnapers' Trial Getting Underway

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UP)—Wealthy Robert C. Greenlease looked for the first time today at the sullen face of the kidnaper who murdered his six-year-old son, Bobby Greenlease, even before he demanded and got a \$600,000 ransom.

Greenlease saw the murderer, Carl Austin Hall, 34, and Hall's accomplice and mistress, Mrs. Bonnie Brown Heady, 41, at a trial that will determine only whether they shall die in Missouri's poison gas chamber.

PLEADED GUILTY Both Hall and Mrs. Heady have pleaded guilty to the kidnaping and murder and their attorneys announced in court, as the trial opened, that the pleas will not be changed and that the defendants will not try to get off by claiming they are insane.

Greenlease, a sturdy man of 71, sat about 20 feet behind the defendants. He stared grimly at the backs of their heads, and rubbed

Baby Is Found Dead, Believed Murder Victim

Harnett County authorities today were investigating the mysterious death of a newborn Negro baby boy, found dead—and apparently murdered—Saturday night in the Shawtown community near Lillington.

The infant was found behind Moore's Cafe at Shawtown by Paul Moore.

It was a perfectly-formed baby, according to Coroner Grover C. Henderson, who investigated. Dr. J. E. Williams of Lillington conducted an autopsy, which showed the baby had been dead about 24 to 36 hours and had breathed before dying.

Coroner Henderson said tissues were found about the mouth and that the jaws were out of line, indicative that the baby had been thrown on the floor or against some other hard object. Coroner Henderson said that so far no clues leading to the arrest of the guilty person have been found. Sheriff W. E. Salmon and his deputies, along with Lillington police officers, are investigating.

FOREMAN PRINCE

Two Brought Into Robeson And Flogged

WASHINGTON (UP) — FBI agents today arrested 14 former Ku Klux Klan members in North and South Carolina on two-year old kidnaping and flogging charges.

The 14 were accused of breaking into the separate homes of a brother and a sister at Lake View, S. C., on the night of Nov. 6, 1951, two years ago tonight.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said in Washington the 14 were armed and wore white robes and hoods. They took the victims—Mrs. Christine Rogers and her brother, Ernest Barfield Rogers—across the state line into Robeson County, North Carolina.

The couple were brutally beaten, Hoover said. They suffered serious physical injury.

Hoover said two separate Klan klaverns clubs joined in the incident. They were the Mullins and Dillon klaverns, both of South Carolina.

The victims of the floggers were white.

Justice Department sources said those arrested were described as former members of the Ku Klux Klan because there is no evidence of Klan operations in the area at the present time.

The announcement did not say why the klansmen decided to terrorize the Rogerses, but FBI records showed Mrs. Rogers was the first to be beaten.

BRUTAL BEATING She was made to lean over the trunk of an automobile and klansmen held her outstretched hands while a brutal beating was administered, she told authorities later that one of the klansmen prayed before and after the whipping.

Her brother then was flogged while being held against the fender and hood of an automobile, and again the klansmen prayed before and after the beating.

After the floggings both victims

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Stogsdill Not Broken By Reds

The Record was in error in reporting last week that William Stogsdill, a prisoner of the Communist in Korea for about 27 months, was suffering shock.

Fatette Stogsdill, father of William, stated today that his son was one of the few that the Communist were not able to break. He has been at Ft. Jackson, this past week having dental work done, but was home over the weekend.

Stogsdill stated that his son has not yet decided what to do, but may decide to remain in service.

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON (UP) — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People charged today that President Eisenhower's program to end segregation in schools on military posts has been held up by "bungling or outright defiance by underlings."

NEW YORK (UP) — Detectives pressed their search for suspected kidnap-rape Anthony James Palmisano today after narrowly "missing" the 26-year-old ex-convict on several occasions yesterday.

NEW YORK (UP) — Now there is a self-service department store where everything except diamond rings can be fingered, lifted from the shelves and paid for at a cashier's counter.

NEW YORK (UP) — Margaret Truman was confined

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BASKETBALL BEGINS AT CAMPBELL—The basketball season will be ushered in at Campbell college tomorrow night when the girls and boys will play a double-header beginning at 7:30 in Carter Gymnasium. The girls' game will be played with the Clayton High School sextet as opponents. The boys' game follows with 528th Military Intelligence team from Ft. Bragg.

Starting line-up for Campbell boys will be: Forward, Howard McKinnon, Center, Ollie Harrell, Guard, Bracky Williams, Guard, Jimmy Campbell.



STEIN ADDRESSES ROTARIANS — J. Bernard Stein, right, of Fayetteville, prominent business and civic leader, gave Dunn Rotarians an interesting address Friday night on his recent tour of Europe. Mr. Stein is shown here with Rotary President John Strickland. Rotarians acclaimed the speech as one of the most interesting they had heard recently. (Daily Record Photo.)

Le Crow Says It's God Or Communism

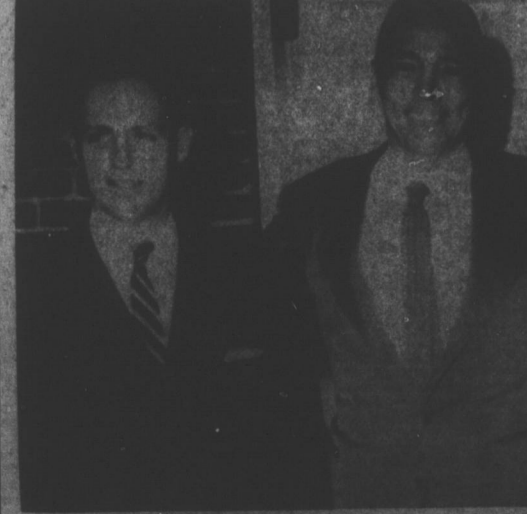
Colonel Roy LeCraw of Atlanta, Ga., noted Presbyterian layman, opened a three-day "Mission-to-Men" at the First Presbyterian Church here last night with a blunt warning that either Christian democracy or Communism will eventually win out in the world.

Who wins, he said, will depend upon whether or not the Christian men of America are willing to launch an all-out Christian offensive to overcome the forces of evil in the world.

Col. LeCraw, prominent Atlanta attorney, distinguished soldier, former member of General Dwight Eisenhower's staff and a longtime civic leader in Atlanta, is here to address a unique series of services. He is a former president of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

HEADS BIG PROGRAM For several years, Col. LeCraw has headed the program now being conducted by Presbyterian men of the South.

He was introduced last night by



DIRECTING MEN'S MISSION — Pictured here are the leaders in the Mission to Men series which opened last night at the First Presbyterian Church in Dunn. Left to right are: Rev. Dick Gammon, pastor; Col. Roy LeCraw of Atlanta, Ga., the speaker; and J. C. Andrews, president of the Men of the Church. (Daily Record Photo.)

Killing Ruled Justifiable; Beating Mother

A 16-year-old Harnett youth shot his father to death early this morning to prevent a murderous assault on his mother and a jury impaneled by Harnett Coroner Grover C. Henderson absolved the youth of blame and ruled it was a case of justifiable homicide.

Alvis Messer, about 55, father of 11 children, died almost instantly as the result of the shotgun wound in his back. It occurred at their home southwest of Lillington.

Bobby Lee Messer, said his father was cursing and abusing his mother and was on top of her beating her unmercifully when he fired at him.

He said he had meant to hit his father in the leg, but the wound pierced his lower abdomen and punctured a lung.

Mrs. Messer and a brother of the dead man, William Messer, corroborated Bobby's story and verified that the dead man was a brutal man who beat his wife and children incessantly.

HEARD SCREAMS Bobby said he was in bed and was awakened when he heard his mother screaming and his father cursing and beating her in the kitchen.

He said he took the gun and fired from the front living room into the kitchen.

Bobby said his father was in the habit of beating and cruelly treating his wife and once he'd seen him cook a gun at her head.

Mrs. Messer testified that her husband left home Sunday morning about 9:30 and returned about 4 o'clock and started cursing and beating her. He left and returned about 11:30 to resume the beating. She said she managed to get him to bed.

Mrs. Messer said her oldest son had left home because he didn't want to have to kill his father for his conduct.

BROTHER SAW SHOOTING William Messer, brother of the dead man, corroborated the other two witnesses and said he watched

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Workers At Cooleemee Seek Pay Raise COOLEEMEE (UP) — The Erwin Mills chain council of United Textile Workers of America has voted to recommend that local unions demand a 12 per cent wage increase from Erwin. Secretary Harold Foster said today.

Foster said the action was taken unanimously at a meeting of the council here Friday night.

He said Erwin workers have received only a 3 per cent wage increase during the past two and a half years despite the fact the mills' profits have been high.