

North Carolina - Occasional rain east and extreme north early today. Clearing this afternoon. Somewhat colder today.

MILITARY MANPOWER MAY BE REDUCED

Pocketbooks To Play Big Issue In Elections

WASHINGTON (UP) - Three Democratic senators predicted today that "pocketbook issues" will play an overriding role in the 1954 congressional election campaign.

The forecasts came from Sens. Richard S. Russell D-Ga., Robert S. Kerr D-Okla. and Hubert H. Humphrey D-Minn.

All doubt the current Republican charges that the Truman administration was lax toward Communist spies in government would survive for another year.

Russell told reporters he regards farm policy as "the key issue" next year and he expects the Democrats to recapture control of the House because farmers are "very apprehensive."

He said the 1952 election of President Eisenhower was the only election he could remember that was not decided "strictly on economic issues."

FARM ISSUE VITAL

Humphrey described the farm issue as "one of many" and said the Eisenhower administration has failed so far to get action on farm and labor legislation, social security and foreign trade and "hasn't even made up its mind" on some other issues.

Kerr told reporters the major issues next year will be farm policy, higher interest rates and the higher cost of living and "increasing lack of confidence in Republican leaders."

"Money in the pocket - or the absence of it - will not be disregarded by the rank and file of voters next year," he said.

While discussing the political importance of the espionage issue, both Russell and Humphrey favored continuing investigation.

"My feeling is that we should bring the issue to a head now," Humphrey said. "Let's name names and clean up the issue once and for all now. We have a big legislative program ahead next year and it ought not to be delayed or sidetracked."



CHRISTMAS CHECKS - Christmas checks were being mailed out this week to persons who have maintained a Christmas savings account at the Commercial Bank during the past year. J. Norwood Stephenson stated that approximately \$50,000 has been mailed out to some 500 persons this week. Pictured above getting the checks ready are, (l to r), Mary T. Johnson, Janet Signor, Rosalie Stephenson, and J. Norwood Stephenson. (Daily Record Photo)

Dunn Judge Says Bridge Stakes Bad As Dice Game

Solicitor Defends Record Of Court

Harnett County Solicitor Neill McK. Ross said today that he couldn't very well comment on a critical report calling for further investigation of the county court because the grand jury had not provided him with specific facts and did not give him a chance to be heard.

Foreman Hugh Prince of the grand jury yesterday handed Judge Clawson L. Williams a report assailing the county recorder's court for its failure to collect fines and forfeitures, for the not prooving of "a startling number of cases" and for failure to bring certain cases to trial.

NO CHANCE TO BE HEARD - Solicitor Ross, veteran court official and son of the late Charles Ross, longtime State leader, told reporters today that the grand jury had not given him a chance to be heard.

Widow Of Slain Gunman Says He Was A Wonderful Husband

FAYETTEVILLE - A short, stocky woman was sitting on a green-leather couch in the sheriff's office. She crossed her legs and covered her face with her hands. There was a single gold band on the third finger of her left hand.

Joe McCarthy Says Truman Not Important

NEW YORK (UP) - Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy offered himself today as an issue in the 1954 congressional elections.

The Wisconsin senator, on a nationwide radio and television broadcast, defended his role as the founder of "McCarthyism" and invited voters to pass judgement on his Communist-tunting tactics at the polls next year.

McCarthy made a half-hour speech Tuesday night over major radio and TV networks after demanding equal time to answer an attack by former President Harry S. Truman on "McCarthyism."

The senator said that if the American people agree with Mr. Truman that "McCarthyism is bad," they can "get rid of me as chairman of the investigating committee next fall by defeating any Republican up for election."

He denounced Mr. Truman as an exponent of "Trumanism," which he defined as "the placing of your political party above the interest of the country, regardless of how much the country is damaged thereby."

He also criticized the Eisenhower administration for not getting rid of all alleged Communists in the government and for not cutting off foreign aid to nations which conduct business with Communist China.

TRUMAN WON'T COMMENT - Mr. Truman, at his home in Independence, Mo., refused to comment on the McCarthy speech and gave no indication whether he even had listened to it.

President Eisenhower went to bed early Tuesday night at Andrews, Ga., and did not hear the speech.

Few members of Congress, Democrat or Republican, would comment on the McCarthy speech. Democratic National Chairman Stephens A. Mitchell had only this remark: "Look who's talking."

Rep. Herman P. Eberhart D-Pa. said McCarthy "reminds me of a bubble that has so much wind in it it's going to burst. He's a blow-hard."

McCarthy sat before microphones and TV cameras in a small CBS television studio in New York to condemn Mr. Truman's conduct in the Harry Dexter White case and charge that the Truman administration had "crawled with Communists."

"Tonight I shall spend but very little time on Harry Truman," he said. "As an individual, he is of no importance."

BULLETINS

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UP) - Adlai E. Stevenson paid a "non-political" visit to Gov. Gordon Persons of Alabama today in the second stop of a Southern trip.

PANMUNJOM, Korea (UP) - American envoy Arthur H. Dean told the Communists today "considerable progress" had been made on setting up the Korean peace conference but blasted the Reds for trying to invite Russia as a "neutral."

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (UP) - Police said today they arrested actress Gail Russell on drunk driving charges and jailed her in lieu of \$250 bail. She was booked as Betty Hutton.



STUDY EVIDENCE - SBI Agent Jesse R. James, foreground, is shown as he studied evidence collected in the safe breaking at Dunn High School yesterday. Chief of Police Alton A. Cobb, standing next to him, looks on. Margaret Lee, secretary to A. B. Johnson, principal, is shown watching the officers. (Daily Record Photo)

Probe Continues In Robbery Of Schools

Investigation continued today on the safe breakings at Dunn High School and Boone Trail School Monday night which netted the robbers around \$800.

Chief of Police Alton A. Cobb said today that it would be about a week before any report would be available, but that he thought the robbers used gloves.

N. E. Jones, principal of Boone Trail said yesterday that SBI Agent Lee Phillips worked one hour and "quit" because the safe there was "covered" with glove prints. Approximately \$225 was taken from the safe at Boone Trail, Jones said.

While there was no evidence to prove that the two safe cracking jobs were done by the same persons, SBI agents indicated that it was the same type of work. At Dunn High School approximately \$375 was taken from the safe after the door was ripped open with crow bars and other safe breaking tools.

Jones said that he was fearful after finding that the safe had been robbed because he was in the office Monday night around 9 o'clock, but did not have the lights on. "The robbers may have been in there then," he thought.

An investigation at Boone Trail did not reveal conclusively the method of entrance, but a window was partly open and a second floor fire escape door was open Thursday morning. A padlock on the inside of the office door was also cracked, possibly to give another way of escape in case anyone came in on them, Jones thought.

Of the \$425 taken at Boone Trail, \$11.25 was in checks. One check was for one dollar and was drawn on the Lillington Bank, and the other was for \$10.25 and was drawn on the Broadway Bank, Jones announced.

GAME TYPE JOBS - Most of the Dunn Police Force was assisting in the investigation here yesterday under the supervision of Chief Cobb, and SBI agent Jesse R. James. SBI Agent Lee Phillips investigated the Boone Trail robbery and later conferred with James in Dunn.

MR. E. B. TAYLOR - Junior-Senior banquets are not necessarily spring affairs. Coats High School will have the county's first of a series on Thursday, Dec. 3 at Johnson's Restaurant in Dunn.

MARRIAGE LICENSES - Marriage licenses were issued this week by the county clerk's office.

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10 Per Cent Cut Will Be Decided Next Fiscal Year

WASHINGTON (UP) - Assistant Defense Secretary John A. Hannah said today the Army, Navy and Marine Corps are studying the possibility of cutting manpower strength by 10 per cent in the next fiscal year.

A decision is expected early next month, when the defense budget for the fiscal year starting next July is due to be completed. A 10 per cent cut in manpower may save one billion dollars, it has been estimated.

Hannah emphasized at a news conference that if a 10 per cent cut were made it would be in "support" troops and not impair the "combat effectiveness" of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

Hannah said that it has been agreed that the Air Force will keep its present authorized strength of 970,000 men while building up to 127 wings.

ASKS MORE EFFICIENCY - As for the other services, Hannah said he has asked them to make a "honest to goodness effort" to cut their strength about 10 per cent through "improved utilization" of manpower.

Hannah said there is a "wide-spread feeling" within the Defense Department that the three services should be able to maintain their present combat strength with "fewer men in support." He emphasized that the 10 per cent was a "starting point" for manpower studies.

If the services find it "impossible" to make such a cut without impairing their combat effectiveness, he said, the proposed reductions will be modified.

Hannah said he has given these manpower targets for the services to aim at as their fiscal year-end strength in June, 1955:

Army 1,281,000; Navy 670,000; Marine Corps, 207,000. This compares with fiscal year-end strength set for June, 1954, of Army, 1,520,000; Navy, 670,000; Marine Corps, 207,000.

Dunn Gets \$6,221 From Beer Taxes

City Manager A. B. Uzle said today that beer taxes due Dunn this year exceed what he had estimated. A release from the State yesterday indicated that Dunn will receive \$6,221.

Uzle said that in making up the budget this year, he had estimated that Dunn would receive around \$5,000.

Last year the town received \$5,326 from beer taxes. The increase here this year might be attributed to the increase in business, it was thought.

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- List of names and addresses of potential major prize winners, including Mrs. A. C. Parker, Mrs. Margaret Starnes, Mrs. Janet Signor, Mrs. Susan Black, Mrs. Arthur Cappel, Mrs. Elizabeth Gwynn, Mrs. M. M. Driver, Mrs. William A. Taylor, Mrs. Wanda Johnson, Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, Mrs. Helen Thomas, Mrs. Mary V. Caldwell, Mrs. E. B. Crawford.