

WEATHER

North Carolina - Cloudy, windy and turning colder today with snow in mountains. Occasional rain changing to snow flurries central portion and showers east portion.

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THE RECORD GETS RESULTS

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DEAN THREATENING TO USE TROOPS

Dunn's Parade Is Hailed As Big Success

Dunn staged two Christmas parades Friday night—one featuring Santa Claus and the other a series of floats depicting the birth of Christ—and both proved highly successful and left both ministers and children of the area happy.

Dunn's parade this year attracted nation-wide attention and publicity after Santa was kicked out of the religious parade by decree of the ministers.

But a compromise solution was worked out. Santa came to town about 5 o'clock and paraded through the business district on a fire truck and then sat on top of the fire truck and watched the religious parade go by about an hour later.

The combined crowds which witnessed the two events was reported about the same size and possibly a little larger than the parade a year ago, when Santa Claus brought up the rear of the religious parade.

DIFFERENT VERSIONS

Which parade drew the largest crowd was difficult to determine since they came so close together and most people had their own version of which drew the most people.

But it seemed all the children were out to greet Old Santa. Other units in the Santa parade included the Dunn and Erwin high school bands and local Girl Scouts. Neither of these units were allowed in the Christmas pageant parade.

Pastor Alton Cobb said he figured the crowd this year was about the same as a year ago.

The crowd was estimated variously from 5,000 to 10,000 people.

FLOATS BETTER

Most people agreed that the floats in the religious parade were even prettier and more impressive than a year ago. Twenty different churches of the area had floats in the parade and each of them depicted a different event in the birth of Christ.

The Rev. Ernest P. Russell, pastor of the First Baptist Church and chairman of the ministerial committee in charge of the religious parade, said everybody seemed highly pleased with the success of the event.

Chairman Dave Kimmel of the Retail Merchants' Committee said he thought the compromise arrangement worked out well and that the controversy had served a good purpose in calling attention to the true meaning of Christmas and possibly also helped the crowd. Manager Norman Suttles of the Chamber of Commerce observed: "I think everybody was happy."

Ministers of the town who had been asked to stage the parade, however, weren't too happy about the controversy. Some ministers said frankly they wouldn't put on another Christmas parade for the town.

Chamber Voting On Board Group

Members of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce this week are balloting by mail on three new members of the chamber's board of directors.

The nominating committee has submitted a list of 21 names to the members and they will be voted on by mail. In addition to the 21 nominated, chamber members may write in any other name they desire.

Members of the nominating committee were: Henry M. Tyler, chairman. (Continued on page four)

Dunn Man Held On Breaking Charges

Theodore McRae, alias Jim McRae, a Dunn Negro with a long record for criminal offenses, was bound over to Superior Court this morning by Judge H. Paul Strickland for breaking and entering. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Mc. M. Paul, Dunn policeman, testified that he was patrolling town Sunday morning around 1:45 when he caught McRae in Doug's Coffee Shop at the Bus Station. The business is operated by Douglas Thigpen.

Paul said he entered the building and McRae jumped over a counter and ran to the store room. He had already taken a switch blade jack knife, two or three bill folds, several decks of cards, and several dollars in change. Thigpen told the officers that \$100 was missing, but it has not been found as yet.



CHRISTMAS PLAY—"The Other Wise Man," a Christmas play, was presented by the Covenant Class of the First Presbyterian Church last night with Mrs. Palmer Davis, Jr., as director and Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Byrd, directors. Included in the cast were those pictured above. They are, left to right, front row, Herman Lynch, Palmer Davis, Jr., and Frank Belote. Back row, Bill Bryan, who had the leading role; Marvin Godwin and John Weiborn. (Daily Record Photo)

Cotton Farmers To Cast Vote On Marketing Quotas Tuesday

Contest Will End Saturday 11 A. M.

With The Daily Record's big "Everybody Wins" prize subscription contest now in its final phase—terminating at 11 a. m., Saturday, December 19th—the eyes of the Dunn residents are focused on the ultimate outcome.

The question uppermost in their minds is who, among the various strong contenders for highest honors, will emerge winner of the grand capital prize.

CONTESTANTS' ATTENTION: Participants in the Daily Record's contest are requested to call in person at this office and verify our count of their individual vote totals to date with the campaign manager before these figures are turned over to the contest judges for the final count. Otherwise our figures, which have been carefully checked, shall be considered correct.

This all too short week may be the deciding factor in determining winners of more than \$5000 in highly desirable prizes to be awarded this Saturday noon. Right now leading contenders for these prizes are making their final stand for victory and will continue to do so until the final bell rings next Saturday. With the very important difference of over \$2000 in value. (Continued on page six)

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Judge Strickland heard the evidence and found probable cause to bind McRae over to Superior Court. "He is an old hand at this type of thing," the Judge stated. Chief Alton A. Cobb said McRae has a long record of criminal offenses. He has served two terms. (Continued on page six)

Dulles Asserts Soviet Union Changing Tactics

PARIS (UP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles warned today that the Soviet Union is changing its tactics—but not its policies—in an attempt to get the Western alliance to drop its guard.

Informed sources said Dulles told a secret session of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization council of ministers that their 14 countries must continue to build their strength. Force, he said, is the only means of convincing the Russians to negotiate for peace on a realistic basis.

He repeated his frequent appeal for quick ratification of the European defense community project by which \$500,000 German troops would be added to the NATO armies.

BIDAULT SERVES NOTICE: But French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault served notice, in opening a three-day NATO meeting that France will require guarantees from the United States and Great Britain as the price of its ratification.

Bidault, addressing the 600 delegates packed into the dilapidated Palace De Chaillot, also welcomed President Eisenhower's plan for an atomic energy pool as offering new hope to a strife-torn world.

The President's plan, Bidault said, offers a chance to establish "cooperation and association in a field where the world's greatest prospects for progress and also the most powerful means of amphilation."

Bidault made it plain that France still feels a "jeuneur" Germany which would provide 400,000 troops in a six-nation European arm under the European defense community plan.

Six Arrested By ATU Agents

Five men and a teen-ager, caught in two raids conducted in the area over the weekend, today were facing trial in U. S. District Court on bootlegging charges.

They were bound over at hearings held in Dunn before Mr. George Arthur Jackson, local United States Commissioner.

Four of the defendants were arrested while allegedly operating a distillery in Banner Township in Johnston County by Federal ATU agents. (Continued on page five)

Harnett cotton farmers will go to the polls Tuesday to vote on whether or not cotton quotas are to be established for 1954.

Kyle Harrington, county office manager of the Harnett Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation unit, said today that all cotton farmers have been provided details on voting and have also been notified of their allotments. Mr. Harrington pointed out that. (Continued on page five)

+ Record Roundup +

ANNUAL PARTIES—Harnett County home demonstration clubs think December is the ideal time for party-going. No formal programs are set for the month, but instead each club gives a Christmas party, many incorporating ideas and preparations made long in advance. Two are set for tonight, Monday, Dec. 14, Anderson Creek Club holds its affair at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse in that community. Olivia Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at the recreation room of the Olivia Presbyterian Church. Mt. Pisgah Club is slated to have its holiday function on Wednesday.

CAKE MAKING—Few things were more important on the holiday homemaker's calendar as making the Christmas cakes. A demonstration on how to make and bake a cake, good enough to please the most exacting family or to entice a guest. (Continued on page two)

W. C. Bethune, 68, Dies In Lillington

Walter Cleveland Bethune, 68, one of Lillington's best known merchants, died unexpectedly from a heart attack at 5:45 a.m. Monday at his home.

Within recent years he had owned and operated the W. C. Bethune and Sons stockyard, one mile South of Lillington. As a young man he had been in business with his brother, the late Frank Bethune in Dunneville. Later he moved to Lillington where he built a store and owned and operated a general mercantile business at the corner of Main and Street and Prison Camp Road.

A man of genial and kindly disposition, he could call liberally hundreds of Harnett County residents by their first names. His witty remarks at auction sales delighted the crowds who went weekly to his place of business.

During the summer, when he first suffered a series of heart attacks, he was in the hospital in Raleigh. (Continued on page four)



CUDDLING UP TO SANTA—Pretty little Gloria Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barnes, is shown here cuddling up to Old Santa Claus after telling him all the things she wants for Christmas. Old Santa was all ears, too. And Gloria gave him a big hug. Santa greeted all little children Sunday at Johnson's Restaurant, and a large crowd was on hand to see him. (Daily Record Photo)

Tenneson Rejects Home And Country

TOKYO (UP)—A young Communist-indoctrinated American war prisoner rejected his home, family and country today in a propaganda-packed letter to his praying Bible-clutching mother in a Tokyo hotel.

Last Minute News Shorts

NEW YORK (UP)—The National Labor Relations Board meets in extraordinary session today in an all-out attempt to restore peace to the Atlantic Coast waterfront by Christmas. The meeting will be the first the NLRB has held outside the nation's capital in 18 years. Not since the board went to Detroit in 1935 has it regarded a labor situation critical enough for an on-the-spot meeting.

PARIS (UP)—The United States was prepared today to tell its European Allies that continued military aid is assured provided the six-nation European arm is put into effect this spring.

WASHINGTON (UP)—Mayors and city managers of about 115 major cities came here today at the invitation of President Eisenhower to receive a two-day secret briefing on military and civil defense problems. An opening address by Mr. Eisenhower and talks by top military and civilian defense officials were scheduled for today and Tuesday in the State Department auditorium.

KITTY HAWK (UP)—A four-day celebration of the air age's golden anniversary began here today on the site of the Orville Wright's historic 120-foot flight on Dec. 17, 1903. Speedy jets and helicopters participated in the observance near lonely outer banks of the North Carolina coast where Orville and his brother, Wilbur, were drawn for their experiments by reports of good wind conditions in the area.

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower and other high government officials prepared a lavish welcome for Vice President Richard M. Nixon today on his return from a 45,000-mile goodwill tour of 19 nations in Asia and the Middle East.

NEW YORK (UP)—Maurice Connolly and Tony Trabert held the No. 1 spots today in the tentative official 1953 ratings of the U. S. Lawn Tennis Association. Both national champions were re-ranked. (Continued on page eight)

Tells Reds He Will Insure POWS' Release

PANMUNJOM, Korea (UP)—American envoy Arthur H. Dean said today he told the Communists that "if necessary" Allied troops will line up south of the demilitarized zone in January to insure that 22,000 anti-Communist prisoners walk to freedom if they wish.

Dean who will leave for the United States Tuesday, said, however, he was "very sure" the Communists would resume the disrupted preliminary talks on convening a Korean peace conference.

"They may hold off a week or 10 days," Dean said. The American envoy, representing the United Nations at the talks, said President Eisenhower ordered him back to Washington but that he would return when the Communists "show a serious desire to resume the talks."

Dean's announcement that U. N. troops would guarantee the freedom of anti-Communist prisoners was the first Allied statement on what will happen on Jan. 22, date set in the armistice agreement for the end of their captivity.

90-DAY PERIOD: The Armistice terms called for a 90-day expiration period which will end on Dec. 23 and a 30-day period in which the final disposition of unrepatriated prisoners was to be decided by the peace conference.

Dean's statement, however, was in effect a rejection of Red's offer to retain custody of the prisoners past Jan. 22, if both sides agreed.

Dean told 500 soldiers in Munsan that Allied troops south of the demilitarized zone would assemble Jan. 22 to feed, take custody of and provide transportation for all the anti-Communist prisoners when they walk the 500 yards from their compounds into South Korea.

Brutal Slaver Still Sought

PAMPLICO, S. C. (UP)—Officers reported no progress today in the all-out manhunt for a 38-year-old Negro escaped convict charged with the brutal double murder of a young couple here a week ago.

The FBI, called into the case during the weekend, checked reports that a Negro resembling Raymond Carney had been seen in at least three other states while state and local officers pressed the search in the vicinity of the crime.

A bus driver in Winston-Salem, N. C., said he was "certain" that Carney rode his bus to Charleston. (Continued on page six)

Dunn Stores Begin Late Hours Sat.

Businesses in Dunn will start Christmas night hours beginning December 19, it was announced today.

Norman J. Suttles, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, said today that stores will remain open until 9:30 each evening from December 19 through December 24.

Dunn Woman Gives Organ To Church

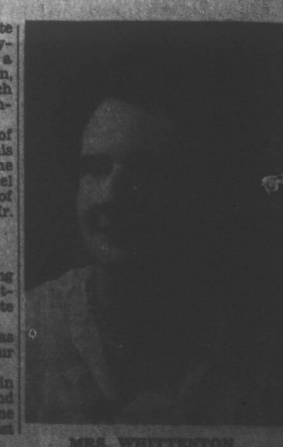
Members of the Chalybeate Springs Baptist Church at Chalybeate Springs Sunday dedicated a handsome new Hammond Organ, which was donated to the church by Mrs. Reta Whitenton, prominent Dunn woman.

Mrs. Whitenton, who is one of the outstanding musicians in this section of the State, donated the beautiful two-manual church-model organ to the church in memory of her mother and later, the late Mr. and Mrs. George Robert Wells.

PARENTS' EARLY LEADERS

Mr. and Mrs. Wells were among the pioneer members and outstanding workers in the Chalybeate Springs Church.

A brief service of dedication was held at the morning worship hour Sunday. Mrs. Whitenton was baptized in the Chalybeate Springs Church and prior to moving to Dunn was one of its active leaders. She was pianist. (Continued on page two)



MRS. WHITENTON