

WEATHER

North Carolina - Mostly fair east and central. Snow flurries in mountains. Rather cold today. Fair and a little colder tonight. Low temperatures 15-20 in mountains, 22-30 elsewhere.

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NATO TO GET ATOMIC WEAPONS



HAIR CUTTING TIME - It was hair cutting time yesterday at Jack's Barber Shop for some 50 boys from the Falcon Orphanage. The boys received the hair cuts free as a Christmas present from the barbers. Shown cutting hair in the picture is Paul R. Craig. Jack Spell is shown standing with Craig. Also assisting with the cutting were E. J. Seabolt, and Branle Calne. Some 18 boys were present for the first group yesterday afternoon and a second group was due to get a trimming last night. (Daily Record Photo)

Santa Begins His Visit To Orphan Kids

ASHEVILLE, N. C. (UP) - Hundreds of delighted youngsters greeted Santa Claus today as the merry old gentleman began his delayed tour of the state's orphanages and children's homes in the 9th Air Force's fourth annual "Operation Christmas."

Saint Nick began his gift-bearing trip a day late as his modern conveyance, two helicopters, were grounded yesterday by rains, snow and winds up to 55 miles per hour. However, eager orphans quickly forgot their disappointment of yesterday as they excitedly watched Santa disembark from his helicopter at the Elida Orphanage here, first stop in the tour.

Santa, Mutual commentator Frank Edwards, distributed the gifts which had been timed to arrive by truck simultaneously with the 'copters.

He carried an emergency pack of gifts in the event any of the letters to Santa Claus at Pope Air Force Base, Fayetteville, the "North Pole" of Operation Christmas, had been overlooked or a new child had entered the orphanages after the letters were sent.

After about an hour of chatting with the youngsters, Santa was off to his next stop at nearby Black Mountain orphanage where more orphans eagerly awaited his arrival.

At Black Mountain, the two helicopters separated with one going to South Mountain Industrial Institute at Tocco and Alexander Schools at Union Mills and the other to Grandfather Home at Banner and Sipes Orchard Home at Conover.



KIN TO ME? - I should say not! Can't you see I have a nice fur coat for the winter and he has nothing but good cloth? He's my master's grandson. The boy is Robert Earl Noel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Noel, Sr., who with Mr. Noel's mother is in Dunn this week where they are showing a number of chimpanzees and a gorilla. The gorilla is one of few in captivity in the U. S. (Daily Record Photo)

Gruenther Reports Build-Up Fantastic

PARIS (UP) - Supreme Allied Commander Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther said today the build-up of his North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces has been "fantastic" and they soon will be given added power in the form of atomic weapons.

There is no word but "fantastic" to describe the increase in Allied power against Communist aggression since the dark days of 1951 when Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower arrived in Europe to organize Allied supreme headquarters, Gruenther told the North Atlantic Council of Ministers.

But the prospect of atomic weapons does not mean "an automatic reduction for forces" will be possible, Gruenther warned. He said Allied leaders must keep open minds and "resist popular pressure" to cut troop strength.

FRANCE ANGERED - Gruenther made his report as France rocked with anger and surprise over the warning yesterday by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that the United States must make an "agonizing" review of American policy unless France ratifies the European defense community pact soon.

Diplomats called Dulles' statements "shock tactics." Newspapers called them "brutal" and "a clumsy warning."

Former French Premier Edouard Daladier, a bitter foe of the European army plan, said Dulles' statements "profoundly injure French national feeling."

Gruenther, who served as chief of staff to Gen. Eisenhower at supreme headquarters, addressed the NATO council after ministers had referred, at their morning session, to "significant progress" and "noteworthy advances."

"The progress has been fantastic when we consider the difficulties which had to be overcome" Gruenther said.

The Ministerial Council considered at its meeting the "annual review" of Western capabilities and requirements.

CALLS FOR INCREASES - This review calls for "reasonable" increases in 1954 of seven and one-third divisions and 1,700 planes. At the end of 1953 the Allied strength will be 37 2/3 "standing" divisions, 45 divisions capable of being ready for action within 30 days, and 4,000 planes.

MRS. IKE UP - Hagerty said the President's wife was "up and around several hours a day" and "coming along fine" but still not ready to resume the normally rigorous schedule of a first lady.

Either late Christmas Day or the day following, Hagerty said, the President will transfer his "base of operations" to Augusta at least through Christmas week. While Hagerty did not say so, the chief executive as of now is not expected to return to the White House until the new year.

Hagerty said the stay in Augusta will "permit the President to complete the final draft of his State of the Union Message and to work on his budget messages and his economic report to Congress."

Nixon Says U. S. Must Make Policy Clear To Win Asia

Benson Negro Held On Murder Charges

Last Minute News Shorts

CHICAGO (UP) - Delegates to the American Farm Bureau Federation convention today got a chance to sound off on the controversial price support question before the influential organization submits its recommendations to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson.

WASHINGTON (UP) - President Eisenhower will hold a news conference at 10:30 a.m. EST tomorrow.

WASHINGTON (UP) - The National Security Training Commission believes "it is possible" that atomic weapons might not be used in event of another war. The five-man commission, including physicist Karl T. Compton, made the statement in a report to Eisenhower urging adoption of a universal military training plan, under which men would be called for six months training at age 18.

BOONE (UP) - Snow flurries continued falling today in the first snow storm of the season in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The snow began early yesterday and continued throughout the day, becoming heavier last night. (Continued on Page Eight)

Officers Route Out Desperate Father

COLUMBUS, O. (UP) - Sheriff's deputies flushed a hot-tempered young father from his besieged trailer here early today, 16 hours after he locked himself in with two young sons and threatened to shoot one if anyone approached. After a shouted warning, officers fired two tear gas shells into the trailer. Out ran Charles Eldon McLukhin, 35, a paper factory worker who had threatened violence to his own sons when officers tried to serve an assault and battery warrant filed by his wife Monday afternoon. The youngest son, Ronald Lee, 6, was released at 6:30 a.m. EST today, 14 hours after constables first attempted to serve the warrant. His brother, Charles Ivan, 7, remained a frightened, gun-point prisoner of his father until both ran blinded from the trailer. The siege began at 4:30 p.m. Monday at the trailer camp west of here. Constables tried to arrest the father of three on the warrant filed earlier by his wife, Helen, 37. She and a five-year-old son are safe in a nearby trailer. When constables approached the trailer, the father threatened to shoot. (Continued on Page Seven)

Suicide Ruled In Death Case

HARNETT CORNER Grover C. Henderson ruled today that the death of Mallory Poindester, 35, of Henderson, was a clear case of suicide and said no inquest would be held. Poindester, whose home address was listed as 530 Midland Avenue, Sanford, died in the Lee County Hospital at Sanford last night. He reportedly shot himself Sunday night while visiting in the (Continued on Page 2)

Pageant Slated At Shady Grove

The Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Dunn will present a Christmas pageant, "The Song and the Star" at the Church Sunday evening, December 20 at 7:00 o'clock. William R. Miles, publicity chairman announced today. The pageant will feature songs and piano music as well as readings centered around the mission. (Continued on Page 2)

Purdie's Gets Magnavox Line

The appointment of Purdie's Inc. of Dunn as the Magnavox television dealer for Harnett and surrounding areas was announced here today. Magnavox, the oldest name in radio and television, is one of America's best known television manufacturers and is one of the nation's best sellers. Purdie's is the only local dealer. In announcing the appointment today, J. W. Purdie, owner of Purdie's, pointed out: "We have been trying to get this valuable franchise for over two years and we naturally are proud that we have succeeded in bringing this outstanding line to the Dunn area." It was pointed out that Purdie's is the only dealer in the entire area buying directly from a television manufacturer.

BUYS DIRECT - "The advantages of us being able to buy direct are obvious," said Mr. Purdie. "This enables us to sell these high-quality sets at much lower prices than other TV sets on the market. By buying direct, we have for our customers the middle-man profit." Purdie's now has a big, complete line of Magnavox television sets in every type finish, style, color and price range. "I feel sure," declared Mr. Purdie today, "that with the arrival of Magnavox, television reception in this area will be greatly improved. The high quality of the product is well established all over the country."

BACK HOME - Sheriff W. E. Baldwin was back home today after undergoing treatment at Highsmith Hospital in Fayetteville. He is reported much improved.

BOARD OF HEALTH - The county board of health will meet for its quarterly session on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. in the county health office in Lillington. W. E. Bruce of Overhill is chairman of the board.

Ike Will Work On Speech In Augusta

WASHINGTON (UP) - The White House announced today that President Eisenhower will go to Augusta, Ga., on Christmas or the day after and spend a week there working on messages to Congress.

The President must send to Congress next month his annual state of the union, budget and economic messages.

The White House said Mr. Eisenhower will participate in the traditional Christmas tree lighting ceremony on the south grounds of the executive mansion on Christmas Eve.

TO JOIN FAMILY - Then, perhaps on Christmas Day but no later than some time Dec. 28, he will join his son, Maj. John S. Eisenhower, and John's wife, Barbara, and their three children for a family Christmas celebration at the Augusta National Golf Club. The President will make the trip by plane.

The President will be accompanied on his trip south by Mrs. Eisenhower who has been sitting for three weeks with a severe cold she caught in Augusta at Thanksgiving. Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said Mrs. Eisenhower was feeling "much better" today but would not be able to attend the second diplomatic dinner in the White House tonight.

BULLETINS

NORFOLK, Va. (UP) - The Navy counted noses aboard the cruiser Pittsburgh today and it appeared that all of some 70 sailors survived a dip in the storm-tossed waters of Hampton Roads which swamped a liberty launch. Two vessels combing the area after the near-tragedy yesterday reported picking up 63 sailors. Others of the estimated 65 men from the Pittsburgh and the launch's crew of five were believed rescued by other craft.

PARIS (UP) - France reacted with hurt anger today to U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' blunt warning that French failure to ratify the European army would force an "agonizing reappraisal" of American policy. Diplomats described Dulles' approach as "shock tactic." (Continued on page two)

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IN SERVICE - Two Coast men have enlisted for military service according to Cpl. Fred E. Hawkins, Harnett and Lee Counties Recruiting Officer. The men are Kenneth E. Turlington and Bobby C. Stephenson. Turlington will receive 21 weeks basic schooling. At present he is stationed at Ft. Jackson where he is taking basic training. Stephenson is stationed with the air force. (Continued on Page 7)

Airman To Try To Win Back Red-Loving GI

AN AMERICAN airman in Tokyo got permission today to try his luck at winning back one of the 22 Communist-held American war prisoners who say they prefer to remain with the Reds.

Airman I. C. William L. Randall of Olla, La., was given a go-ahead by the Far East Air Force after he said he had been a lifelong friend of unrepatriated Cpl. Aaron P. Wilson.

Wilson's sister, Mrs. E. W. Gogers of Urania, La., announced she would fly to Tokyo hoping that her nearness might influence her brother to give up communism.

Mrs. Rogers made plans for the trip with knowledge that she will not be permitted to go to Panmunjom for a face-to-face encounter with Wilson, because the Defense Department already has refused such a privilege to the relatives of another Communist captive—Mrs. Fortia Howe of Alden, Minn., mother of Pfc. Richard R. Tennessee.

Dear Santa:

DEAR SANTA, I am a little boy five years old and I want to go to school very much. Thank you for what you brought me last year. I have been a very good boy. I want you to bring me a bicycle, a truck, and a doctor set, and a jacket, and anything else will be alright. Please remember the other children everywhere. My name is Robert Millard Lee, but divisions, 45 divisions capable of being ready for action within 30 days, and 4,000 planes. (Continued On Page Four)

GOP Heads Oppose Universal Training

WASHINGTON (UP) - Congressional leaders consigned to the deep freezer today a new administration plan to start universal military training side by side with the draft.

Indications were they would advise President Eisenhower, at White House legislative conferences later this week, not even to send the proposal formally to Capitol Hill during the coming session. "It hasn't got a chance," was the consensus of key House and Senate members familiar with the case for and against UMT and with the liking it took on the House floor in March, 1952. "I don't think the sentiment of Congress has changed on this matter." (Continued on Page 7)



SHRINE DINNER - Dunn Shrine Club members entertained their wives at a Christmas dinner last night at Johnson's Restaurant. Approximately 100 guests, attended the dinner which was called one of the best ever held. Pictured above, the program giving a gift entitled "Christmas Drafts." (Daily Record Photo)