

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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WEATHER

North Carolina — Cloudy and turning colder today and tonight with occasional rain likely in central and east portions today and early tonight.

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Violence Breaks Out In New York Dock Balloting



BIG CHRISTMAS — Mrs. Beatha McCracken, 220 E. Edgewood, Dunn, received a big surprise for Christmas this afternoon when the local Lions Club presented her with a new Smith-Corona typewriter. Recently when interviewed, Mrs. McCracken told a Record reporter that she did not have a typewriter. The word was passed on to the Lions and they took the work from there. Mrs. McCracken is blind, and is one of the many persons assisted by Lions. Pictured with her are (left) Jesse Capps, president of the local club; and James Yates, chairman of the club blind commission. Besides presenting the typewriter, the local club recently presented Mrs. Jesse Dudley, S. Elm, with a heater. Mrs. Dudley is also blind. (Daily Record Photo)

Douglas Favors Cut In Excise Tax Immediately

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Paul Douglas D-Ill recommended today that excise tax cuts scheduled for next April 1 be allowed to go into effect to help bolster the country against a depression.

While emphasizing that he is not predicting a depression, Douglas told reporters he sees some "danger" of an economic slump. He proposed that plans be developed right away so that government would be prepared to combat a depression in case one should develop.

"I would say that we are in a real recession," he said.

Douglas was a professor of economics at the University of Chicago before his election to the Senate.

FACTORIES HARD HIT

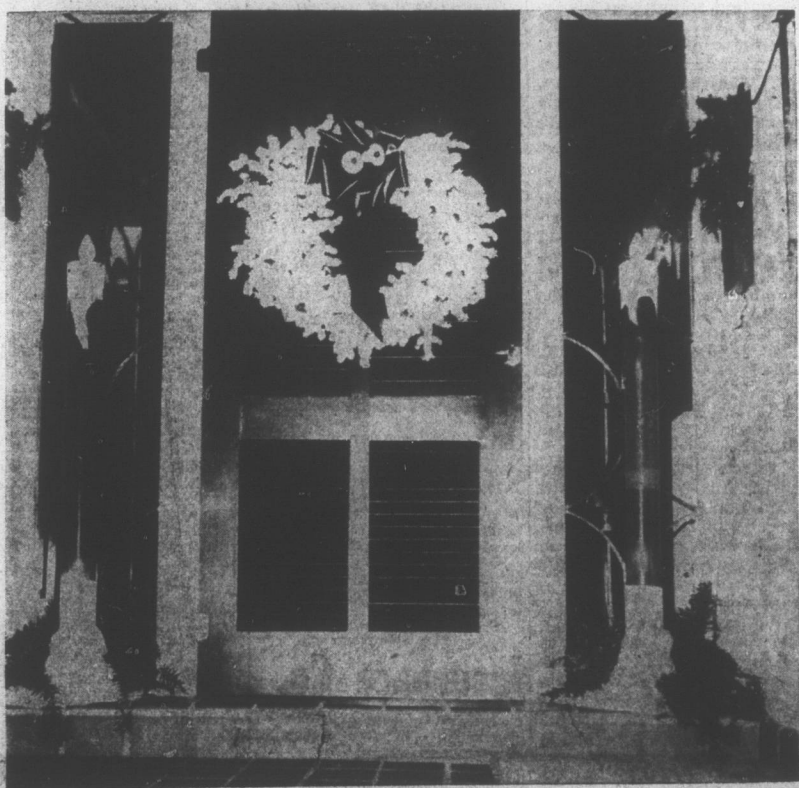
He said he has found farm implement factories "hit very, very hard," reflecting a drop in farm income, and that he understood that the automobile industry "is beginning to feel the pinch."

Both factors, he said, result in a cutback in the demand for steel.

His nervousness about the possibility of a depression was based on his fear that such factors could set off a chain reaction to cause an economic slump. He said, however, that he sees no danger of a depression as serious as that of the early 1930's.

If the administration should conclude that a depression is coming, Douglas said, there should be a reduction in what he called "consumption taxes." He said this reduction could be achieved by cutting excise taxes (sales taxes on specific items) and by increasing the present income tax exemptions of \$600 a person.

Douglas said excise tax reductions would result in lower prices of the products affected, with a resulting increase in demand for them.



INVITING SCENE — There's nothing prettier than a beautifully-decorated home at Christmas time and one of the prettiest in Dunn is that of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Purdie on South Orange Avenue. This attractive door scene caught the eye of a Daily Record photographer. Homes throughout the city are beautifully decorated for the holidays. (Daily Record Photo)

Three Stabbed As Rival Union Members Vote

NEW YORK (AP) — Three longshoremen were stabbed today in a second outbreak of violence at the Brooklyn polling place where rival unions balloted for control of waterfront workers.

Almost simultaneously the National Labor Relations Board announced that the ballot count, scheduled to begin in the Brooklyn polling place at the close of the second day's voting tonight, had been moved to its own Manhattan office.

Members of Manhattan's notorious "pistol local" 824 of the independent International Longshoremen's Assn. joined forces with those of Anthony Tough Tony Anastasia in his Brooklyn stronghold today to electorater at prescribed distances from the polls.

They were almost immediately in clash with the new AFL-ILA which seeks to take over representation of some 22,000 dock workers.

THUGS INVOLVED

Outlawed ILA thugs were involved in a fist and shove brawl with AFL voters early in the day as thousands lined up to cast their ballots.

Scattered fighting continued throughout the morning as police moved in reinforcements to maintain order.

Three dock workers were stabbed in the fracas which was broken up in swinging police.

"Pistol local" hoodlums who showed up as electioneers included several notorious criminals who have been refused work cards under the new waterfront law.

Some 16,000 longshoremen voted in Manhattan and Jersey City yesterday, and 6,000 were expected to go to the polls in Brooklyn today, indicating an almost 100 per cent turnout.

Tart Predicts Dunn Orphanage Head Will Be Reappointed

Some Area To Get A White Christmas

By UNITED PRESS

A cold wave accompanied by snow squalls and rain marched into the East today, and weather forecasters said there was a good chance for a white Christmas in many areas between the Rockies and the Appalachians.

Meanwhile, as the leading edge of the cold front advanced as far as western New York State, the mercury took a nose-dive in the midwest.

Heavy storms kicked up by the cold wave Tuesday left highways icy or snow-clogged in widespread areas from the Dakotas to Kansas to Chicago.

Even at Presidio, Tex., often the hottest city in the country with 110 degree hot spells, an inch of snow covered the ground.

IN SOUTH, TOO

The Weather Bureau said there was a "very good chance" for a white Christmas as far south as Texas' Pecos Valley, and a 19- (Continued on page two)

John Henry Tart of Dunn, Route 4, chairman of the board of trustees of the Dunn Free Will Baptist Orphanage, predicted today that the Rev. J. Edward Johnson will be renamed as superintendent of the orphanage without any difficulty.

Rumors have been circulated and published here during recent days that a move is underway to oust Johnson, who has held the post for a number of years.

JUST RUMORS

Mr. Tart today branded the rumors "just talk" and said he is confident Johnson will be renamed when the board of trustees holds its annual meeting on New Year's Day.

"I don't know a single member of the board of trustees who is opposed to Johnson," declared Tart, who indicated that he things Johnson is doing a good job in the post.

He declined to comment on the rumors and speculation except to predict his reappointment.

Christmas Won't Be Too Happy For This Family

Christmas this year will not be too happy for Mrs. E. N. Bowden and her teen-age daughter of Coats. Soon after the death of her invalid husband, Mrs. Bowden's rented home was completely gutted by fire. All of their furniture, household goods and clothing were destroyed. Mrs. Bowden wishes to express her (Continued on page two)

Insurance Company Denies That Jernigan Is Dead; Moves Suit

Five Children Burn To Death

MARNETTE, Wis. (AP) — Five children were burned to death here today, despite their father's frenzied efforts to save them from a second story bedroom. Their ages ranged from six years.

The father, Robert de Gayner, 29, himself was critically burned when (Continued on page two)

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company today denied in court that Houston Jernigan, prominent Dunn businessman reportedly drowned last August 13, is dead and asked removal of a \$42,000 insurance suit from Harnett Superior Court to Federal Court.

Americans Jam Terminals On Their Way Home

By UNITED PRESS

Americans making their annual pilgrimage home for Christmas were already jamming rail, air and bus centers today.

Highway travel, too, was building up to the peak that will come Thursday and Christmas Day itself.

Much of the auto travel in the central portion of the country was over icy or snow-dict highways, and the National Safety Council predicted 510 traffic deaths in the official holiday period from 6 p.m. Thursday to midnight Sunday.

Rail travel was expected to surpass last year's mark, and United Air Lines expected an estimated 20 per cent increase in passengers from Chicago alone.

Next week the New Year's holiday will bring the same story—with football bowl game fans adding to the jam.

This company was one of eight companies named in 13 different suits brought by Mrs. Alberta Wadsworth Jernigan, the widow, who is seeking to collect insurance totaling \$178,448 in her husband's death.

Mrs. Jernigan claims her husband was drowned when he was swept from a fishing pier during a hurricane at Wrightsville Beach last, August 13th. His body has never been recovered.

Her attorney, Duncan C. Wilson, set forth in the suits that Jernigan "met his death by accidentally drowning," that due proof of death has been filed, that demands for payment have been made and that the defendant companies have refused to make payment on the policies.

Other suits against other companies are scheduled to be filed in the strange case. Jernigan held policies totaling \$390,000.

CASE REMOVED

Attorney J. L. Emanuel of Raleigh (Continued on page two)

DIES TODAY

Mrs. John L. West, of North Wilkesboro, the former Addie Lee Heath of Wade, was found dead in bed this morning. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Last Minute News Shorts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government reported today the cost of living declined slightly in November for the first time in eight months.

FT. MEADE, Md. (AP) — FBI agents and police pressed a man today for a short time in an Army uniform who staged a \$48,000 holdup at the Citizens National Bank on the military reservation here yesterday. The gunman forced three women tellers into a vault before scooping up the money and fleeing. Military police freed the women but found no trace of the thief.

CALSBAD, N. M. (AP) — Scouts today went to the rescue (Continued on page 1)

Presbyterians Set Holiday Services

Special Christmas services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Dunn Christmas Eve at 7:30, Pastor Richard Gammon announced today.

The services will consist of prayer, carols, and singing carrying the theme of "Christ, The Light of the World." Rev. Gammon closed today.

In the presentation, the program will be divided into three parts telling the story of Christ, Gammon said. The first part will be entitled "The Promise of the

Ike and Mamie To Open Gifts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President and Mrs. Eisenhower will open their Christmas gifts from each other around a family tree in their private White House sitting room tomorrow night.

They will sing some carols—including Mrs. Eisenhower's favorite "Silent Night"—and the carols of (Continued on page seven)

BROTHER DIES

Mr. W. A. (BUD) Crawley, brother of Mrs. L. C. Essell of Dunn, died at his home in Littleton late Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services will be held in the Littleton Baptist Church Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Burial will follow in the Littleton Cemetery.

BULLETINS

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Crooner Frank Sinatra was enroute to Rome by air today to spend Christmas with Ava Gardner in what friends said could be a reconciliation. Twentieth Century-Fox Studio said the wispy singer was given permission for a week's delay in starting on a new picture, "Pink Tights," starring Marilyn Monroe, so he could fly to his estranged wife. He left last night.

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (AP) — The Oak Ridge Town Council (Continued on page two)

+ Record Roundup +

ARRESTED — Listed on the arrest record at the Police station today were: Buddy Williams, 508 E. Harnett, no license; and Eddie O. Elliott, for possession of non-tax-paid liquor and carrying a concealed weapon.

NEW OFFICERS — New officers of the Vanguard Class at the Dunn Presbyterian Church are: E. A. Rayerle, president; Alsey Johnson, vice president; Herbert Hodges, secretary; Jack Jackson, assistant secretary; W. W. Register, treasurer; F. H. Bartley, assistant treasurer; I. B. Williams, teacher; and Ralph E. Hanna, E. W. Smith, R. D. Goff, and L. P. West, assistant teachers.

SHOOTING — Clyde Womack, who lives South of Lillington near highway 210, today was out of jail on bond following a midnight shooting last Saturday night. Womack allegedly shot Artemus Lynch with a 16 gauge shotgun and also wounded Lynch's father, mother, and his brother. Rural Policeman Wade Stewart said tires on a pick-up near the Lynch house were also punctured by bullets and as far as he was able to determine a quarrel arose over use of the truck. Lynch, shot in the face and back is a patient at Dunn Hospital. Other members of the Lynch family were released after first aids (Continued on page four)

Last Of Convicts Captured Today

RICHMOND, Ind. (AP) — The two remaining convicts who escaped Saturday night from the southern Michigan prison were arrested here today when police disarmed one of them in a hotel room.

Police Chief James R. Rabe said fugitives Robert Dowling and Herman Usiondek were arrested after a routine investigation of a parked car outside the Mack Hotel.

Officers learned Dowling and Usiondek had driven the car there and went to their room to question them, Rabe said.

Usiondek grabbed a pistol from underneath a hat, but Capt. John Rizzo struggled with him and disarmed him, Rabe said. The pistol had one bullet.

Police began checking the car which contained a sack of a lead or bread, on suspicion it was stolen.

Earlier an underworld informant at Detroit had reported seeing the two elusive men in that area. The other 11 men who broke out of the prison at Jackson, Mich., were previously rounded up. (Continued on page four)