

BULLETINS

MOSCOW (P) — Dmitri Shostakovich, considered by many musicians as the world's greatest living composer, admits he likes some of the modern Western music and is a fan of the late George Gershwin. The 47-year-old Stalin prize winner granted an interview Wednesday night following a performance of his Tenth Symphony at the Moscow Conservatory.

WASHINGTON (P) — The Army and Air Force today wrote "presumed dead" across the names of some 3,650 men missing in action in Korea. For the thousands of families who have clung to the last thin shred of hope that their long missing sons or husbands might still be alive, it was a heartbreaking New Year's message. It raised the U. S. death toll in the Korean War to nearly 30,000.

LONDON (P) — London police said today that Peter Keane, 25, had piled up one of the thickest records of any criminal for a man his age.

Keane is awaiting sentencing on charges of turning in 118 false fire alarms, sending 200 taxes on false errands, stealing between 200 and 300 letters, stealing money from a porter and a business firm, forging withdrawal forms on a stolen bank book and about 130 other counts involving some form of dishonesty.

HANOI, Indochina (P) — Loyal French forces fought hand-to-hand bayonet battles with Communist Viet Minh rebels today as the Reds stepped up their activities on three Indochina fronts.

RALEIGH (P) — Claude Arlington Griffin, 30, was free today after a coroner's ruling that the rifle shooting of Griffin's girl friend was suicide. Coroner M. W. Bennett held that Mrs. Ina Claire Allen, 31-year-old local waitress, fatally shot herself with a rifle. Her body was found last Sunday in the bedroom of her home near Garner.

RALEIGH (P) — Clifton L. Moore, 53, of Burgaw will be sworn in Monday as judge of the Superior Court of the Eighth Judicial District, succeeding retiring Judge John J. Barney. John J. Burney, Jr., 29, Wilmington, will take the oath immediately afterward, replacing Moore as solicitor of the Eighth District.

Chief Justice W. A. Devin of the North Carolina Supreme Court will administer the oaths at 10 a. m. at special ceremonies in the office of Gov. William B. Umstead here.

The governor announced the appointments Tuesday following approval of Judge Burney's application for retirement because of poor health after 15 years of service on the bench.

GOLDSBORO (P) — The State Ports Authority met here today and Chairman Edwin Pate of Laurinburg said the group hoped to choose a new director of state ports to succeed retiring Col. George W. Gillette. In issuing the call for the meeting through SPA headquarters at Wilmington, Pate said the committee in charge of recommending a new director had narrowed a field of 15 applicants to "two or three." Gillette charged that "politics" was interfering with functioning of the authority when he submitted his resignation under pressure last fall. The resignation is effective tomorrow.

TOKYO, Dec. 31 (P) — The Tokyo Clearing House reported today that 33,508 checks bounced during the first 29 days of December, setting a record average of 1,340 bad checks daily.

MIAMI (P) — An estimated 500,000 persons will jam downtown Miami tonight to watch the 20th annual King Orange Jamboree parade and many millions more will watch and listen to nationwide radio and television broadcasts.

CHARLESTON, S. C. (P) — Sen. Burnet R. Maybank D-SC said today he will return to Washington Monday after recovering from an attack of influenza at his home here.

GREENVILLE, S. C. (P) — South Carolina gets another powerful television outlet tonight when WFBC-TV begins programming on VHF Channel 4 at 30 minutes before midnight.

WASHINGTON (P) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson has announced that Southern railroads have agreed to continue for another month reduced freight rates on hay shipped to drought areas.

TUSKEGEE, Ala. (P) — Tuskegee Institute, reporting no lynchings for the second straight year, announced abandonment today of its 41-year-old annual lynch reports. The famed Negro college, accepted as the most authoritative source of lynch statistics, explained that "lynchings as traditionally defined no longer are valid for judging race relationships."

LOS ANGELES (P) — Firefighting crews, reinforced by expert Apache and Zuni Indian teams, made "good progress" today against two forest fires and beat one of them back from the Mt. Wilson observatory.

WASHINGTON (P) — The U. S. Weather Bureau forecasts unusually cold weather for most of the nation in January and a lot of snow for some Eastern states. The Northwest and New England however, will have "above normal" temperatures during the month, according to the bureau's 30-day outlook.

Roundup

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will serve a three year term on a board composed of Mack McDonald, Lillington Route 2 and R. A. Adams of Bunnville, Route 1. McDonald is serving his first year a three year term, and Adams the second of a similar term. A state wide convention for state soil supervisors will be conducted on Jan. 20 in Statesville. All members of the Harnett board hope to attend, but no definite plans yet have been made.

mers need is an old-fashioned snow. W. E. Boykin, county soil conservationist, has an apt answer. The rain that fell Tuesday and Wednesday, he reports, is good enough for him. In fact, the scientific truth is that it would take seven inches of snow to equal one inch of the kind of rainfall that fell this week. Recent rains have brought water to all dry wells and ponds in the county. Winter grain crops look "fairly good" too, reports Boykin. But he exploded another popular fallacy. This rain can't be hoarded until the summer growing season, as the excess water flows off. Most crops here have one foot root systems and to thrive, need weekly showers. The regular four-foot deep water line isn't much help.

Here's Review

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dent. Following a suggestion of the Chamber of Commerce, the town commissioners set up a Planning Board to study the future development of Dunn.

With a Planning Board named, the wheels of progress began. Dunn became industry conscious, and early in January, the Dunn Industrial Development Corporation, was set up and Earl Westbrook was named chairman of the Board of Directors.

In Lillington things were changing too. January 6 — Mrs. Elizabeth Fugate Matthews was named assistant clerk of court. She had served as clerk while popular Robert Morgan served in the U. S. Navy.

BUILDINGS GO UP
Back in Dunn, building began. All over town new buildings were going up, and Thad Pope announced that he would build a new, modern department store next to Sears and Roebuck.

This year was time for the State Legislature to meet too, and three Harnett County persons were working with the session. Former State Senator L. M. Chaffin of Lillington was named chief enrolling clerk; William A. (Billy) Taylor of Dunn was sergeant-at-arms of the Senate; and Miss Kitty Taylor of Dunn was named assistant Senate calendar clerk.

Civic clubs were active. New officers were named, and Al Willenwaber was appointed to the Executive Committee of the 289th District of Rotary International. John Suckland was named president of the local Rotary and Jesse Capps was elected president of the Lions Club.

But, some were leaving Dunn too. Waite Howard, the "1952 man of the year," and popular head of the loan department of the First Citizen Bank, received a promotion and moved to Raleigh. That left the Chamber of Commerce without a treasurer.

FLUORIDE ADDED
Fluoride—the one subject receiving more constant discussion than any other, came into the news on January 19 when City Council decided to use the chemical in the water supply. Throughout the year it was kicked around. Some even fear that the chemical will kill them, and boil all water they drink. Later in the year officials of the State Health Board met with the local Town Commissioners to discuss the problem. Many citizens attended the meeting and all agreed to continue use of fluoride.

Carson Gregory, the Harnett County vote getting representative in the State Legislature, was named to 10 committees including the important agriculture and appropriations committees.

The Florida Contest for 1952 ended in December, but winners were not announced until around the middle of January, 1953. Dunn was one of five towns in her class to receive honorable mention, and was given \$100 besides.

Something new in law enforcement was added in 1953. The Whammy began to knock down the speeders, and around the third week in January, the first speeders were caught with radar in Harnett.

The Dunn political pot began to boil about this time of the year, too. Myres W. Tilghman was mentioned for mayor of the City.

Not everything that happened in 1953 was good. Death claimed many of the most outstanding men and women of the County. Raymond L. Cronin, the 80 year old merchant and pioneer of Dunn, died on January 31. He had held a prominent position in the community for many years and was one of the oldest citizens of the town.

HOST TO JAYCEES
Back to the progress, the Dunn Jaycees were host to a district meeting of North Carolina Jaycees on February 2.

Like this, there was never a year like it. John E. Norris, city building inspector declared as he added up the list of building permits. A new addition was constructed at the hospital, and \$9,000 worth of new furniture was moved in during the first week of February.

Churches went on a building spree. During the first weeks of February the Gospel Tabernacle announced plans for a \$30,000 additional addition and grounds were broken. The Hood Memorial Christian Church began a \$35,000 addition in 1953. Glad Tidings Church announced a \$30,000 building program, and the Advent Christian group began a \$20,000 church building.

JURY TRIALS WAS ISSUE
Politics entered the courts too. There had been a long fight over jury trials in Dunn. Judge H. Paul Strickland contended that the State Statutes were not clear on that point, and had refused jury trials. Many citizens appealed the case to Carson Gregory, representative in the State Legislature, and he announced that he would ask for "abolishment of that Constitutional right."

Included in the work of the Town Council was a study of retirement. But, later in the year the voters of Dunn rejected the plan by an overwhelming vote.

February 25—the first new industry of the year had been secured. Bien Jolie, a garment factory of Newark, N. J., announced plans for constructing a factory here which would employ around 150 persons.

Attention turned to the youth of Harnett in February, and on the 28th, plans for securing a full-time scout executive were announced. Later in the year, Russell McLean of Henderson assumed that position.

In Lillington another outstanding citizen died. J. Frank Byrd 94 died on March 3. He had been an outstanding citizen of the community for many years.



PVT. JAMES VANCE TEW, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Vance Tew of Godwin spent Christmas in Southern Germany. He is now on security duty with the 63rd Tank Battalion. Pvt. Tew arrived overseas this December after completing his schooling at Fort Knox, Kentucky. The 22-year-old soldier entered the army in December of 1952. He is the husband of Mrs. Betty Tew, Route 2, Dunn, and has one son, Randy.

were announced on March 19. Lewis Strickland, Jr. was to be "mayor for a day." Serving with Strickland was Eskell Edwards as city manager.

Among the new companies and industries of the year was Matthews Cotton Company with Z. E. Matthews, Emmett C. Egerton and Clarence Lee Tart in the business. Ready Mix Concrete began a \$75,000 business here around the same time the new cotton company was organized.

ERWIN GETS LIBRARY
March 19 — intellectual progress in Erwin announced. Thanks to Bob Insko, Erwin will now have a library. On March 19, Rev. Insko announced that a library would be opened at St. Stephens Episcopal Church where he is pastor.

Among the Lillington civic clubs — Robert Morgan, youthful clerk of court, was named president of the Lillington Rotary Club in March. And, in Dunn the first Ham Radio Club was organized with Ted Burwell as president and Charlie Hildreth, secretary-treasurer. During the year the club was asked to serve during several storm emergencies to keep communication established throughout the State.

March 30 — the first sign of real political action in the Dunn election was evidenced when J. Leon Godwin filed as a candidate for commissioner in the First Ward. The next day Bill Bryan threw his hat in for commissioner from the Third Ward. Both men were successful candidates. On the same day Bryan announced for commissioner, Joe E. Wilkins announced his candidacy for mayor of Dunn.

Dunn received plans for the first health center to be constructed in Harnett County on April 2. The center cost \$35,000 with both county and federal funds used in the construction.

DOWD WAS KILLED
Another aged citizen of Dunn died on April 2. David Jackson Dowed, Sr., 80, stepped into the path of a car the day before his death. During his long life, Dowed served as a railroad mail clerk, from which position he had retired, and was at the time of his death, Chairman of the Harnett County Draft Board.

April 3—word was received from England, that Sgt. Hubert Byrd, 21, a native of Bunnville, had been killed in a carbon monoxide accident. At least one politician of Dunn will never be defeated — or at least that is what he said this year.

B. A. Bracy, town commissioner, announced that never again would he be a candidate for any office in Dunn. "I'm through," he told a Record reporter.

Spring "sprung and Easter came. Church attendance Easter Sunday was the largest ever recorded in Dunn. Flocks of people stended service. The Record files indicate.

New officers of the Dunn Jaycees were announced April 7. Elected were Roy Lowe, president; Hubert Gray, first vice president; Worth Vainoy, second vice president and treasurer; and Bob Leak, secretary.

G. T. Proffitt, successful educator, was named for a two year term as superintendent of Harnett County schools on April 8.

BENSON HAS ELECTION
In Benson, the political pot was hot too. But, J. R. Barstow came out on top to win the mayor's position from L. L. Levinson by a 56 to 322 vote.

Back in Dunn, Harry L. Thompson was named post commander of the local VFW.

One of the projects for the finer Carolina contest was building a Women's Club. Considerable commotion was given to the project, but finally the ladies of Dunn purchased the home of Mrs. Glenn L. Henson at one of \$15,500. Various plans for the project and new

Judge Plays

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for judgment continued for 12 months on payment of cost of court.

Shelton D. Young, driving drunk, 90 days in jail, suspended for 12 months on payment of \$100 and cost of court.

Luther Jefferson Bailey, speeding, prayer for judgment continued for six months on payment of \$5 and cost of court.

Willie Brown, abandonment and non-support, six months in jail, suspended on payment of \$15 weekly for the support of his wife and three minor children.

William Roosevelt Freeman, careless and reckless driving, 30 days in jail, suspended for 12 months on payment of \$5 and cost of court.

Lacy Kinlaw, driving drunk and no license, 90 days in jail, suspended for 12 months on payment of \$125 and cost of court.

Jerry O'Lea, drunk, 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of cost of court.

L. A. Warren, drunk, 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$5 and cost of court.

Lloyd Eldridge, drunk, no license when it was reported that he had died.

Alex Washington, drunk, 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$5 and cost of court.

Cary Washington, drunk, 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$5 and cost of court.

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Harvey Williams, 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$5 and cost of court.

Fight Looming

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to keep them in "economic serfdom."

BITTER COMPETITION
The nub of the fight over the plan is the bitter industrial competition between the South and New England. Southern leaders, determined to protect Dixie's newly won competitive advantage, assailed the administration move because they fear it will give New England defense contracts their section otherwise would get.

The policy, enunciated by Defense Mobilizer Arthur S. Fleming last month, would set aside 20 to 30 per cent of each group of defense contracts for areas hard hit by unemployment. Many of these areas are in New England. Some also are in the Midwest and other sections.

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MR. AND MRS. GEORGE ELDRIDGE HAYES are pictured above as they were leaving the Mingo Baptist Church in Godwin Saturday afternoon just after their wedding. Mrs. Hayes is the former Ada Frances Carr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Carr of Godwin. Mr. Hayes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas Hayes, also of Godwin. (Daily Record Photo)

Man On Third Trip For Driving Drunk

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After the case against Son McCall was heard in Dunn Recorder's Court this morning, Patrolman D. L. Matthews placed a call to the State Highway Department and found that McCall's license had been revoked until 1955.

Judge Strickland ordered his license permanently revoked and gave him a 12 month sentence on the road for his third case of driving drunk.

An aging Negro man faced his third charge of driving drunk in Recorder's Court this morning, but was lodged in jail for the night until his record could be checked with the State Highway Department.

Son McCall, who has served a nine-month sentence for driving drunk, was back in court this morning for the third time.

Judge H. Paul Strickland ordered his record searched to determine past judgments. On the first account, he was given three months on the road. It was noted, but before he could be sent to the road, he was charged with driving drunk again.

Strickland said he would pass judgment on the Negro tomorrow if the report from the Highway Department arrives in time.

This morning, only six months after being released from jail, McCall was back again. Strickland said the record here was not clear on the number of years his license was revoked. He ordered Patrolman L. Matthews to check the State records and placed McCall in jail until an answer can be determined.

But the Judge was sure what he would do with the defendant. "I'm going to send him to the road he told the court, but I don't know yet for how long."

Policeman John Brockington arrested McCall, said that he was driving down W. Cook street, his door open when stopped. Call told Brockington, "I'm a drunk," the policeman testified in court today.

Besides being drunk, he had a license and had bad brakes, Brockington stated.

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known canning concern. Dougal advised Norman J. Suttles, executive manager of the local Chamber of Commerce. "We are highly pleased to welcome this well known canning concern to North Carolina," Douglas said.

Suttles in turn credited the C&D Department's commerce and industry division. C. B. Ammons, Harnett county farm agent, Dunn Enterprises, Inc., the State Department of Agriculture, Carolina Power & Light Co., and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad with helping secure this new type of industry for the Dunn area. "We had the finest kind of cooperation," Suttles added.

Roy V. Tew, Jr., a graduate N. C. State College at Raleigh, has been retained by Cannon to work with farmers in Harnett, Johnston, Sampson, and Cumberland in growing of the some 8,000,000 per plan to be transplanted growers, who have promised a Delaware canners at least 600 acres of red peppers.

The Dunn plant will be the cannery the Cannon Company has established outside Delaware and the concern was founded in 1881 by the late Henry P. Cannon.

MARKETS

HOGS
RALEIGH (P) — Hog markets: Tarboro, Rocky Mount: Market 25 cents lower at 24.75 for good and choice 190-240 lb barrows and gilts. Rich Square: Steady at 24.75. Smithfield, Wilson, Dunn, Goldsboro, Mt. Olive, Fayetteville, Florence: Steady at 24.50.

Marion: 25 cents lower at 24.25. Washington, Weldon, Wilmington, Jacksonville: 50 cents lower at 24.00.

Experts Think

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and smaller profits for companies which make them.

The business decline began in late summer, when manufacturers started holding back on production until they sold off some of the tremendous volume of inventories they had in stock. Although business activity is still higher than it was at this time last year, most economists feel the gradual decline will continue throughout the coming year.

But at the end of 1954, the economists predict, the figures will still add up to a total which is second only to the best year the U. S. economy has ever seen—1953. Even a drop of 10 per cent in production—twice what most economists are predicting—would leave total output higher than it was before the Korean war.

So head off a serious drop in the nation's economy, it is urged unexpectedly, understate the Eisenhower administration is preparing a booster program reported to contain specific plans for public works projects, new tax cuts and easier credit.

New Pepper

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And, as the year neared the half way mark, on June 20, the new home of Chevrolet was opened in Dunn. The automobile business building is the most modern now in Dunn. Earl Westbrook, former mayor of Dunn and prominent civic leader, is owner and manager of the business.

Thus ended the first half of the year 1953 — one of the busiest in the history of Harnett County as well as one of the most progressive.