

NORTH CAROLINA — Fair with slightly higher temperatures today and tonight, except warmer in mountains tonight. Saturday, generally fair and mild.

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BIG-4 MEETING SET FOR JANUARY 25

Reuther Says CIO To Seek Higher Wages

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIO President Walter P. Reuther said today his federation will fight to maintain high wages in 1954 and "will strive to obtain a guaranteed annual wage" for labor.

Reuther said winning such objectives would bolster the economy. In the new year's statement, the union leader said the CIO will be "a front rank fighter" in 1954 for a "better America for all its citizens."

Reuther expressed confidence "that in 1954 the forces of evil will be beaten back on every front." He voiced this confidence despite what he called the "underlying horror" of possible atomic warfare, "fear" of depression, and concern over civil liberties.

Reuther's statement was one of many issued to mark the arrival of another year.

U. S. STEEL PLANS

Benjamin H. Fairless, chairman of the board of the United States Steel Corp., announced that his company "is backing its confidence in this country's economic future by an investment of approximately \$300-million during 1954 in new equipment and replacements at its production facilities."

Fairless said production records set by U. S. Steel and the rest of the industry during 1953 were aided by "substantial freedom from major work stoppages" and the elimination of government controls.

But, he added, these developments "do not in themselves" guarantee a flourishing economy now that defense spending is leveling off.

To meet this defense readjustment, Fairless urged vigorous selling of steel products in the civilian market.

Police Busy Last Night

Dunn Police had plenty of business last night as New Year's celebrations turned out to usher in the year. Seven arrests were made yesterday and last night, according to the arrest report.

Included in those charged were: Russell Hammond, Fayetteville, no license; Jose Madrigal, Ft. Bragg, possession; Marvin Brookshire, Erwin, drunk; Ira B. Brock, Route 2, Newton Grove, drunk; Dave Malloy, N. Washington, no support; Marcell McNeill Sr., Townsend Street, drunk; and Atlas Hall Gardner, 1977 Rose Hill Road, Fayetteville, driving drunk.

The new year came in relatively quiet. Some five or ten minutes before 12 o'clock horns began to honk, fire crackers went off and bells about town clanged.

Some resident reported that at 12:01 their telephone rang. The caller wished only to say, "happy New Year" and hung up.

Strickland Rites Set For Saturday

Funeral services will be held here Saturday morning at 11 o'clock for Lewis William Strickland, 69, well-known Dunn insurance man and a member of one of the town's most prominent families.

Mr. Strickland died in the Veterans Hospital at Fayetteville Thursday. He had been seriously ill for several weeks.

The funeral will be held at the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Ernest P. Russell, pastor, and the Rev. J. Luther Davis, pastor-emeritus of the Gospel Tabernacle, will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery. The body will lie in state at the church for an hour prior to the services.

Mr. Strickland was a native of Sampson County but had spent practically all of his life in Dunn. He was the son of Mrs. Sophronia Strickland of Dunn and the late Richard Hector Strickland.



FOUR BROTHERS show their bravery as they talk about their scheduled operations in a Philadelphia hospital. They are waiting to have their tonsils snipped out by their uncle, who is a surgeon. Left to right, Jerry McCarthy, 3, Michael, 5, and Justin, 7, look into the mouth of brother Pat, 6, who will go first. Student nurse Ellen Tunison stands by. The boys' mother is expecting a tenth child. (International)

Ordinance Passed To Set Up Recreation Commission

Recreation Program Would Use Tax Fund

Mayor Ralph Hanna refused today to say a recreation tax would not increase the tax rate for Dunn. City Council has voted to present the recreation tax vote to the people, but without saying whether it would mean an increase in taxes.

The Mayor gave his opinions on the recreation vote this morning, following a stormy session on the proposed tax last night at a special meeting of the City Council.

NO OTHER WAY

One city official who asked that his name not be used declared: "Of course, to provide a recreation program would mean an increase in taxes. Otherwise, why would it be necessary for us to hold an election and appropriate money for such a purpose. If it didn't require the spending of money, they wouldn't be up here asking for it. And the spending of money by any government always means, without exception, that tax money will be used. There's no other place to get it."

The same official said that only one or two people seem to be pushing for the recreation tax vote. A storm of protest has already arisen from many property owners of the town, who point out that city taxes here already are too high. Many feel other city improvements are needed worse.

Hanna said the meeting was called last night because Wayne Justesen, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Recreation Commission, was pushing for it. Justesen was one of the main supporters of a recreation tax when the subject was presented to Council recently. After the Board voted to present the vote to the people, Justesen said there was no need

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Last Minute News Shorts

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (AP) — Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter today rebuked St. Louis Catholics "under penalty of mortal sin" to attend a motion picture showing actress Jane Russell dancing in a scanty and revealing costume.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new year officially ushered in a 10 per cent income tax cut today for more than 50-million taxpayers. But an accompanying hike in social security taxes, also effective today will cancel the reduction for many taxpayers in the lower income brackets.

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — The Viet Minh Communist rebels are pouring thousands of troops into northwest Indochina for an attack on the isolated French outpost of Dien Bien Phu and violent fighting has broken out. The French high command said today. French patrols reported that a force of rebels totaling several thousand is deploying in the hills surrounding the outpost which paratroopers captured far inside enemy territory Nov. 20.

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP) — Strengthening winds today posed a "serious new turn" to more than 1,000 fire fighters "working their hearts out" to control the larger of two six-day fires in Angeles National Forest.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Motorists drove more safely — "miles for miles" — in 1953 than ever before. Nevertheless, a tragic number of 6.7 deaths for each 100 million miles driven was recorded. Ralph Thomas, president of the American Automobile Association, reports that 38,000 traffic fatalities in 1953 will have been marked up when all returns from New Year's Eve accidents are in.

WHITTIER, Calif. (AP) — Vice President Richard Nixon's father, Francis A. Nixon, celebrated New Year's Eve at home today after a week's hospitalization for a severe stomach hemorrhage.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The staff of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's Permanent Investigating Subcommittee has lined up "more than 50" income tax compromise cases for possible investigation. It was learned today. Francis P. Carr, subcommittee staff director, said some of the cases "look very good and

Dunn's City Council passed an ordinance creating a Recreation Commission here as the old year went out last night, but left the matter of setting a date for the recreation tax vote open for further study.

The special session became stormy when Wayne Justesen, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Recreation Commission, accused J. Leon Godwin of attempting to delay a vote on the recreation tax. City Council set March 2 for the date of the election a few weeks ago, but dropped that date last night at the suggestion of the City Attorney I. R. Williams.

Williams took up the fight with Justesen, telling him, "I don't intend to be rushed into this election. It takes time to draw up a special election," Williams asserted, "and I don't intend to be pushed into it."

PREDICTS TROUBLE "There's going to be trouble—maybe a law suit about this thing, and I want to be able to defend the Board's action," the City Attorney stated.

Williams presented the Board with a suggested ordinance setting up a Recreation Commission, but gave no recommendation. The ordinance called for a committee of five persons, appointed by Council, (Continued on page two)

Dunn Business Men Predict Good Year

Dunn businessmen were generally optimistic today when asked their opinions of business prospects for 1954.

In spite of the fact that national economists have sounded a warning of a five to six percent recession, several business leaders of Dunn, today said they are looking forward to a good year.

Represented in the informal survey of businesses were the drug business, automobile, hardware, radio-TV, department store, cotton, and furniture.

+ Record Roundup +

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY—County courthouse offices were closed on Friday for the New Year holiday. Exception was the county education building where since schools were in session offices were also kept open. Federal, Agriculture, Stabilization and Conservation offices closed at noon Thursday and had a long holiday week end to enjoy. Other courthouse offices will open at noon on Saturday.

LICENSE—A marriage license was issued Dec. 30 from the office of the county register of deeds in Lillington to Dora Stewart Holmes, 26, of Fayetteville and Mayne Jernigan, 23 of Dunn.

BUSY MONDAY—Monday bids to be a busy day at the courthouse in Lillington. A one week criminal term of superior court will open on Monday morning. County commis-

360 Expected To Die During This Holiday

By UNITED PRESS

Motorists, perhaps alerted by a heavy toll from accidents in the Christmas holiday weekend, showed care in their New Year's Eve driving, reports from across the nation indicated today.

The National Safety Council said 360 persons might die in weekend traffic accidents, but the toll mounted with comparative slowness in the first hours of the long weekend.

A United Press survey showed that since 6 p.m. New Year's Eve 54 persons died in traffic accidents. Fires caused 11 deaths, a plane crash took two lives and a miscellaneous accident eight for a total of 75 from all causes.

At Chicago, two women died in separate apartment house fires which drove other persons out to below-freezing cold.

At Milwaukee, Wis., the county medical examiner reported George Kukla, 52, died of a heart attack while square dancing at a New Year's Eve party.

MILD WEATHER

The weather in most parts of the nation was comparatively mild as millions wound up the holiday season and the old year with a last round of parties and holiday trips.

In the northern great plains, generally the nation's ice box, the temperature fell no lower than 20's and 30's. At Key-West, Fla., the early New Year's day temperature was a balmy 87.

The National Safety Council said that if its prediction of 360 new year's traffic deaths is reached, it will mean nearly 1,000 Americans have died on the highways over the year-end holidays.

The country recorded one of its worst Christmas tolls in history last week as 532 persons perished in traffic accidents.

Local Church Plans Program

Sunday morning worship services during the month of January will be broadcast from Divine Street Methodist Church by station WCKB in Dunn. Rev. J. W. Linberger, pastor, has announced that the sermon topic for January 3 will be "I Believe." This is the first in a series of sermons on the general (Continued on page two)

Some businessmen noted a slight decline in 1953 over sales in 1952, but said this should be expected. None of the persons interviewed blamed the slight decline on the present administration in Washington.

Norman J. Suttles, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, predicted that there will be a "definite leveling off in 1954," but as far as a strong decline is concerned he says "no."

Most of the businessmen said (Continued on page two)



NEW YEAR'S DISH — For many years the traditional hog jowl and black-eyed peas are a must for dinner on New Year's Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bryan in Lillington. Here their daughter, Mrs. David Pemberton, puts the peas in the pot and the hog jowl is already simmering on the stove. Mrs. Pemberton, the former Miss Mary Hughes Bryan and her son, Davie, a first grade student, have been living in Lillington for several months. And grand mother and mother want to be sure Davie gets the right start on his New Year's eating. (Photo by T. M. Stewart)

Supreme Court To Decide On Movies

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court takes up the hot issue of movie censorship next week and will personally view two films which have been banned in some states as either immoral or anti-social.

The pictures will be the basis for "free speech" decisions, as was "The Miracle" last year. They are "M", banned in Ohio in 1952 on grounds it tends to promote crime, and "La Ronde" which New York censors branded immoral.

The nine justices will see the movies on Wednesday. Superior Films, Inc., produced "M" while Commercial Pictures Corp., made "La Ronde." They appealed to the high court after state tribunals upheld the censors.

"M" is the story of a man prematurely dismissed from a mental hospital who is driven to kill small girls. The city's organized racketeers track him down.

Superior Films contends that the picture points up inadequate facilities of mental hospitals; the risks of letting children roam unattended on the streets and the possible power of a criminal syndicate. They maintain also that the film seeks to increase popular understanding of psychopaths whose conditions stem from broken homes. (Continued On Page Five)

Dunn Hospital's First 1954 Baby Born Early Today

A baby boy born to Mrs. Viola Barnes, Negro, 616 E. Harnett St., captured the title of being the first baby of the new year to be born at Dunn Hospital.

The mother was rushed to the hospital early this morning and still had not been registered around 11 o'clock.

Henry Barnes was listed as father of the boy.

Collins And Spence Announce For Sheriff To Open Campaign

Political activity in Harnett County got off to an early start today when two candidates announced for the office of Sheriff, a post held for about a quarter of a century by Sheriff W. E. (Bill) Salmon.

Announcing for the office today were: A. J. (Andy) Collins, prominent Lillington businessman, and Slaye Spence of Lillington, Route 1.

According to reports, there may be a large number of other candidates for the county's top law enforcement post.

Sheriff Salmon is expected to seek re-election again.

OTHERS MAY RUN Among others expected to make the race are: Claude Moore of Dunn, who lacked only a few hundred votes of winning four years ago, Constable O. E. Pearce of Dunn, and County Commissioner Lick Laster.

A number of others have also been mentioned as potential candidates.

Neither Collins nor Spence announced any specific platform to-

Berlin Picked As Site Of Big Conference

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Western Powers have agreed to hold a Big Four Foreign Ministers meeting with Russia in Berlin Jan. 25, informed sources said today.

The United States, Britain and France originally had suggested Jan. 4 for the conference but the Soviet Union last week asked for a three-week postponement. Officials said the Western Powers today agreed to that delay.

State department spokesman Henry Suydam said Charles E. Bohlen, U. S. ambassador to Russia delivered the U. S. reply to the Soviet proposal at 5 a. m. EST today. He assumed the British and French envoys delivered similar notes from their governments.

COMMENTS WITHHELD

Suydam withheld comment on the note.

Informed sources said, however, that the Western reply agreed to the Jan. 25 date. The United States, Britain and France were said to express their regret that the meeting was not set up for Jan. 4 as the West had hoped.

The West views the Russian postponement as a stall to delay the meeting until after Jan. 17 when the new French president assumes control of the French government. The strategy apparently is based on a Soviet hope that the new government may be plunged immediately into a cabinet crisis which would sabotage the prospective foreign ministers' meeting indefinitely.

The Soviet strategy is aimed ultimately at killing off the long-stalled European Defense Community treaty which would re-arm German troops within the framework of a six-nation European army. France has been a principal stumbling block to creation of the EDC.

Officials said the Western Powers today also agreed with a Soviet proposal that the Big Four high commissioners in Berlin work out technical details for the prospective meeting. The note is said to express a preference that the conference be held in the building formerly used by the Allied Control Authority, but the West is not holding out for that site.

The building is entirely within the American Zone of Berlin. The Soviets said in their note that the high commissioners should decide the question of the meeting place. The Western note is said to be brief. Officials said the three powers explain that question of agenda are not discussed because the Western views already have been stated and substantive questions themselves will soon be taken up by the foreign ministers.

If no further hitch develops, the meeting would be the first for Big Four foreign ministers since October, 1949, when they met in New York.

The West hopes the meeting will make progress on reunification of Germany and on conclusion of an Austrian state treaty. The Soviets (Continued on page two)



ANDY COLLINS

LEWIS STRICKLAND