

WEATHER

Cloudy, windy with showers and widely scattered thundershowers today. Colder west portion this afternoon. Much colder tonight with scattered showers east portion.

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CONGRESS GETS FRILL-FREE BUDGET



BIG CROWD—Large crowds of people jammed into the Willford Dry Goods Store here today as the goods formerly owned by Houston Jernigan went on sale. In Lillington, the court announced that the business now is the property of a Charlotte sales company. The property was sold for \$13,000, the court petitions showed. (Photo by T. M. Stewart)

Congress Slated To Increase Cotton Acreage

WASHINGTON (AP) — A dual purpose bill to increase this year's cotton acreage and provide potato growers with limited government price protection came up for almost certain passage in the House today.

The Senate — approved measure may become the first major legislation to be enacted at the new session. The Senate will have to pass on House changes in the bill, but the measure may go to the White House tomorrow.

The measure, a compromise between earlier House and Senate versions, was drafted by a conference committee last night. It would: 1. Increase the national cotton allotment for this year's controlled crop by 3,458,854 acres, a 15 per cent reduction from last year's uncontrolled crop instead of 30 per cent originally ordered by the Department of Agriculture.

2. Permit the department to use price support funds to buy up a limited amount of surplus potatoes for use in school lunch and similar programs. Congress banned all price supports on potatoes several years ago after government losses on the crop passed the 500 million dollar mark.

ENDORSED BY BENSON

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson endorsed both the cotton and potato phases of the bill. He urged an increase in cotton acreage to ease the shock of production controls on farmers.

Under present law, Benson was required to proclaim a national allotment of about 17,900,000 acres compared to last year's crop of about 25 million acres. The bill would set this year's plantings at about 21,379,342 acres.

The government is now supporting cotton prices at 90 per cent of parity the "fair price" yardstick. It now has about \$1,200,000,000 tied up in surplus cotton and stocks are mounting.

Presbyterians Plan Meeting in Harnett

The next meeting of the Presbytery will be held in Lillington at the Presbyterian Church April 20. It was announced this week at the 311th session of the Fayetteville division of the church in Maxton.

During the meeting, officials of the church voted to accept an invitation of Cumberland County to participate in the 200th anniversary of the organization of the County, April 23, 24 and 25 of this year.

Among the ruling elders at the meeting was H. T. Atkins, pastor of the Lillington Presbyterian Church. Frank Davidson was granted a license with the church and examined for ordination by the Fayetteville Presbytery during the meeting. He will serve as pastor of the Er-

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LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON — Steve Surles shakes hands with his mother, Mrs. Iris Surles, as the bus driver looks on. Steve, a Record newsboy, will tour Washington with a number of Boy Scouts who won the trip by selling tickets to a Boy Scout Circus in Raleigh. (Photo by T. M. Stewart)

Newsboy Wins Trip To Washington, D.C.

Steve Surles, 12 year old Daily Record newsboy, left this morning for a free trip to Washington, D. C. He was awarded the trip for standing fourth in 12 counties of North Carolina in the sale of Boy Scout Circus tickets.

Surles is a member of Troop 714 of the Divine Street Methodist Church. The troop is under the leadership of Scoutmaster Furman Turnage.

Active in all scout work, Surles lacks the Morse Code having his first class badge.

He left Dunn today to go to Raleigh where he will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Russell McLean who will accompany him to the Washington. McLean is Harnett County's Scout Executive.

In Washington, Surles and the other youths from this district on the tour, will visit the Wash-

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President Opposes Any Further Tax Cuts For This Year

By DAYTON MOORE

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower sent Congress today a bedrock "necessity" spending budget of \$65,570,000 which he said was stripped of frills and would protect national safety and prosperity.

He outlined \$1,200,000,000 of selective tax relief for some individuals and corporations, but opposed any further general tax cuts this year.

This first all-Republican budget in 22 years was slashed \$12,300,000,000 under the last Democrat budget proposal. It still would leave the government \$2,928,000,000 in the red in the fiscal year of 1955, which begins this July 1.

Eisenhower said "necessity—rather than mere desirability—was the test he applied to all proposed expenditures."

He said he "firmly" believes his budget "will not only protect our way of life but will also strengthen our economic base and enhance the welfare of all of our people."

As in every budget since the outbreak of the Korean war, national security was the biggest item by far—\$44,800,000,000 this time. This was \$3,260,000,000 below the latest estimate for the current fiscal year.

MORE DEFENSE — The President pledged to provide more national defense for less money by cutting down on manpower and putting greater reliance on air power and atomic weapons. Military forces would get \$37,575,000,000 of the national security total, and the Air Force would get the lion's share of that—over 16 billion.

Other big national defense items: \$4,275,000,000 for foreign military aid; \$2,425,000,000 for atomic energy and \$585,000,000 for critical stockpiling.

It added up to the biggest air-power buildup since World War II—40,000 planes by 1957 instead of the present 33,000—and the biggest atomic program in the nation's history.

Eisenhower's proposed spending figure was \$5,300,000,000 under the latest estimates for the current fiscal year of 1954 and \$12,300,000,000 under the amount proposed by former President Truman, just before he left office last year.

Budget Director Joseph M. Dodge told reporters the proposed (Continued on page two)

Committee Will Set Projects For Development

The Finer Carolinas Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will be in session this afternoon at 4 o'clock to select projects for 1954. Last year the Committee undertook five projects.

Norman J. Suttles, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, said today that a number of projects have been suggested for the year, but as yet none has been selected.

Under the projects, Dunn could win up to \$1,000 from the Carolina Power and Light Company for civic improvements. The contest begins immediately and closes around the last of December, 1954.

Projects discussed and up for consideration this afternoon include:

- (1) Expansion of the town library and relocation.
- (2) Establishment of a City welfare council.
- (3) Construction of a bath house and dressing room at the City swimming pool.
- (4) Continue development of the park and recreation program.
- (5) Continue the development of agricultural curb market in Dunn.
- (6) Construct bleachers for the football field.
- (7) Establish a day nursery in Dunn.
- (8) Establishment of an awards program in Dunn for the person growing the best acre of cotton in Harnett.
- (9) Construction of an industrial building in Dunn.

Suttles pointed out that so far none of these projects has been decided on, but they will be open for discussion. Others may be added by members of the committee, he added.

Two Enter Race For U.S. Senate

RALEIGH (AP) — The race for the Democratic nomination for U. S. senator from North Carolina had at least two candidates today with the possibility that a third would file within a few days.

W. M. Bostick of Cary filed to oppose Sen. Alton A. Lennon of Wilmington in the May primary. R. C. Maxwell, secretary of the State Board of Elections, said yesterday.

NOT FILED — Lennon has not yet filed but has announced that he will seek the nomination and has named attorney John C. Rodman of Washington, N. C., as his state campaign manager.

Former Gov. W. Kerr Scott of Haw River has been prominently mentioned as a possible candidate for the office. Scott has refused to comment, but has said he would make an announcement on or before Feb. 10.

Bostick, 58, said that he is not a politician but that he is interested in "good, sound government" and in seeing both the state and national budgets balanced. He is an unemployed tool and die maker.

Marines Drown After Accident

INCHON, Korea (AP) — Twenty-eight American Marines drowned in the icy waters of misty Inchon Harbor today in the second worst naval disaster since the start of the Korean war.

The Marines, carrying heavy combat packs, sank immediately (Continued on Page 7)

Store Sale Private Business Court Says

News Shorts

SAIGON, Indochina (AP) — French Union forces today seized the important Red port of Tayho, launching what spokesmen described as "the biggest offensive operation since the beginning of the Indochina war." An official French announcement said some 2,000 seaborne commandos stormed ashore yesterday and captured the Annamese coastal citadel from its Communist defenders. They were the vanguard of more than 8,000 troops thrown into the offensive under Gen. Guy de Beaufort.

BERLIN (AP) — A 121-man Red Chinese delegation arrived in East Berlin today, authoritative sources reported, and a bitter duel appeared inevitable at the coming foreign minister's conference over Soviet demands that China be invited to a world peace conference. Sources close to the Soviet state government said the Peking delegation arrived to "observe" the Big Four talks next week. The Russians have served notice that they will demand a five-power world peace conference with Red China participating. They also are believed committed to press for Red China's admission to the United Nations.

FINE BLUFF, Ark. (AP) — John Daniel Rust, 62, philanthropist and inventor of one of the first mechanical cotton pickers, died here late yesterday after a heart attack. Rust succumbed at his desk as he prepared to close his office for the day. He was rushed to Davis Hospital but was dead on arrival. His secretary said he had been "feeling (Continued on Page Six)

Public sale in Dunn today of dry goods from the W. P. Willford store, formerly owned by the late Houston Jernigan, is strictly a private business venture on the part of Wellons, Levy and Sinker of Charlotte, present owners.

Clerk of Court Robert Morgan said today that the order confirming the private sale of the personal property of the Dunn business man, who was lost in a hurricane at the beach on last August 13, was signed more than a month ago, on December 5, 1953.

The court approves the estate's acceptance of the \$13,000 cash offer made by the Charlotte firm after all legalities had been observed. No other bid was received by the estate for the Dunn mercantile establishment.

On Tuesday, January 19, an order confirming the private estate sale of a Bladenboro dry goods store, also going by the name of W. P. Willford and owned by the Jernigan estate, was signed by the court.

BROTHER MADE BID — Records in the clerk's office show that the first bid on the sale of the Bladenboro store goods was for \$5,000, and received from Charles W. Wadsworth, brother of the widow, Mrs. Alberta Wadsworth Jernigan who under terms of the will of her husband, qualified as executrix of the estate.

To this first bid on the Bladenboro property, J. W. Wilson of Dunn (Continued on Page Five)

All Was Well—But Officers Wondered

Only the curtain was missing from this drama in the Lillington business district which boasted a better than a grade-A movie ending.

Policeman Lee Upchurch, answering a hasty summons from a beauty parlor, found the staff cringing behind a locked door. They reported "wild sounds" next door in an insurance office. They feared for the safety of the secretary inside, and called on the law to investigate.

Into the office plunged Upchurch followed by the solicitors' operations. They shared into the surprised faces of two highly respected Lillington business men.

The explanation was simple. The insurance executive was favoring his friend with a "wild" impersonation of how once when, green to the selling business, an eccentric ordered him to the premises.

BULLETINS

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — French and loyal Indochinese troops thrust north from recaptured Thakhek and southeast from Pakseng today, hoping to close a trap on some 4,000 Communists believed lurking in the jungles of Central Laos. French spokesmen predicted the two columns will link up in a few days to cut off the retreat of survivors of the Communist drive across Indochina. They said the attack, launched mainly for propaganda purposes, already has cost the Reds 4,000 to 5,000 men.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (AP) — The late William Neal Reynolds, philanthropist who was former president of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., and Mrs. Nancy Reynolds Bagley were revealed today as the donors of a two million dollar (Continued on page two)

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DISCUSS TESTS — Dr. Thelma Thurstone, member of the school of education of the University of North Carolina, visited Dunn on Monday. She met with first and fourth grade teachers from the Dunn Grammar School and the Mary Stewart School to discuss techniques of administering standard mental tests. Results of these tests, of which Dr. Thurstone is the author, will be used to help teachers understand their students and adapt methods to suit the

needs. Tests will be given in grades one, four, eight and ten. Services of Dr. Thurstone, a nationally recognized expert in the testing field, are made available to Dunn through the Kellogg Foundation school study.

FULFILL EXCHANGE — Ministers of Lillington's three churches plan a pulp exchange on the fifth Sunday in January. On January 31, Baptists will hear Presbyterian

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Lillington Businesses, Homes, To Be Numbered In Near Future

Before the month is out, every house and place of business in Lillington will have an official number.

Last night, Joel Layton, Jr., mayor of Lillington, said the town authorities, spurred by the February deadline on new listings in the telephone directory, have started the big task of numbering every lot used and unused in the county seat.

Never before has Lillington ever had any official numerals on any property.

Mayor Layton said that with the natural boundary of the Cape Fear River on the North and a railroad on the South, engineers have recommended eliminating all North or South listings. Everything will be listed as East or West, with Main Street and highway 15-A, which are one and the same, marking the dividing line.

EXAMPLE — For example, Dewey Johnson's LaFayette Drug store has been designated Number One, on West Main Street.

Following the recommendations of local engineers and advise of experts from the fire rating bureau of the State Insurance Department, Layton said there will be a single yardstick for the apportionment of numbers. For business property there will be one number for every 25 foot frontage; for residential sections, one number will go for every 55 foot lot.

This system, Layton explained,

will mean that every lot, vacant or in use, will have its official number. He said that to secure uniformity, engineers suggested that in numbering the residential sections the smallest lot, permitted, which in Lillington is a 55 foot lot. This means, that for the sake of the number-givers, every block in town will be divided on paper into six 55-foot lots.

MARKED STREET — The mayor reported he personally marked the length of Front Street yesterday from the Southern Railway to the western town limits. This is the street on which the courthouse stands. Other work will progress rapidly in time for the new numbers to appear in the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company's new directory.

Plans call for every number assigned a piece of property to be listed on a corresponding map in the town hall. For this map lots on which buildings, either business or residential, now stand will receive numbers marked in ink. Vacant areas will have markings in pencil, easily spotted by prospective builders.

Once the numbering is finished on paper, the town board will send every resident and business place a card bearing the official number. After that, it is up to the owner. "He can mark his numbers in crayon" said Layton, "or buy fine metal

ones. No numerals will be furnished by the town."

NO GUIDE — Layton said that more or less casual inquiries last fall about why Lillington had no more numbers prompted him to make some inquiries of his own, which he admitted led him back and forth to Raleigh many times.

The mayor said he discovered that there is no state law to guide a mayor seeking to give his town its first set of numbers. He was referred to the State Insurance Department because the interests of policy holders, whose property is described in fire insurance policies, must be protected. As a result of conversations in that department, Layton said that the fire rating bureau, intensely interested in adequate property descriptions, sent an engineer to confer with the town board and make suggestions about the project. The numbering was facilitated because several years ago the Lillington town board officially zoned the county seat into three classifications, business, industry and residential.

Other town board members agreed with the mayor that the numbering will afford "great convenience to property holders and business people of all types."

Outside the official board, suggestions were heard that the numbering will mark the first major securing house-to-house mail delivery.