

WEATHER
North Carolina — Cloudy to partly cloudy, a little warmer today, tonight and Tuesday with local drizzle east portion this morning and near coast early Tuesday.

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NIKE SUBMITS NEW HOUSING PROGRAM



RECORD CARRIER BOY MEETS VICE PRESIDENT NIXON
Steve Surles, 12-year-old Dunn Boy Scout and carrier boy for The Daily Record is shown here in the nation's capitol chatting with Vice President Richard Nixon, who congratulated him on his Scout record. Steve, son of Mrs. Iris Surles, won the trip to Washington for holding the sale of tickets for the "Scout Circus" at Washington.

Left to right are: Scout Executive Russell McLean of Dunn, who took the Scouts to Washington; United States Senator Alton A. Lennon, who took them in to meet the vice president; Steve, and Mr. Nixon. Steve said today that meeting Senator Lennon and the Vice President "was the biggest thrill of my whole life." (Daily Record Photo by Seth Muse.)

West Appeals To Russia On Atomic Issue

BERLIN (U) — The West appealed to Russia today, at the opening of a Big Four conference, to back President Eisenhower's atom-for-peace plan as the first real hope of sweeping away the danger of all-out atomic warfare.

Speaking for the foreign ministers of the United States, Great Britain and France, French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault said: "Peace is urgent everywhere. The bold offer of the President of the United States offers, for the first time, the possibility of envisaging progress toward a solution of the problem of the atomic threat."

Bidault's appeal was addressed directly to Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov, and he was backed up by U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

MOLOTOV MAY EXPLODE
Molotov was expected, as his big move, to explode a "peace bombshell" in the form of an offer to end the cold war and give sweeping security guarantees in exchange for a neutralized Germany and the scrapping of Western defense alliances.

Bidault said the difficulties of turning atomic energy to peacetime purposes were "immense" and that the threat of atomic war could be swept away only if the big powers agree on general limitation and control of armaments.

He warned Molotov that the West considers free all-German unification. Then, he said, the four powers should negotiate a peace treaty that would be "neither a peace of vengeance nor an imposed peace."



J. O. (BOB) WARREN

Bob Warren Buried Here This Morning

James Oliver (Bob) Warren, 52, assistant secretary-treasurer of Johnson Cotton Company and affiliated stores in the two Carolinas, died unexpectedly in his sleep Saturday morning at 4:30 o'clock at his home at 407 South Orange Avenue in Dunn.

Babies Are Sold On Black Market

Editors Note: The "black market" in babies is flourishing. So many parents want, but are unable to have, babies that the price for illegal adoptions has risen to a top of \$3,500. Laws are inadequate to cope with the problem which is international in scope.

Elizabeth Toomey, veteran United Press correspondent, has spent three months interviewing authorities and gathering material for a series of five dispatches telling, for the first time in such detail, the story of the adoption racket.

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK (U) — Babies are sold every day as much as \$3,500 or as little as a doctor's fee in widespread black market dealings that cross state and national boundaries.

The illegal traffic involves both heartbreak and happiness. It results both from good intentions and callous disregard of the needs of a child and its natural mother.

To present a complete picture of this puzzling social and legal problem, the United Press interviewed lawyers, social workers, adoption agency officials and unwed mothers whose babies are the biggest source for black market operators. Statistics came from the U. S. Children's Bureau and from state studies of adoption practices.

DELIVERED TO DOOR
At the present time, one organized ring is known to promise "door-to-door delivery" of babies by paid couriers, Ernest Miller, assistant attorney general of New York County, informed Congress during a recent hearing.

This and other rings operate with surprising openness for one major reason. Everyone involved in a baby sale is a party to the illegal transaction, and each person has reason to keep the secret.

A generation ago the problem was reversed. Orphanages had trouble giving babies away for adoption.

Broad Program Designed To Aid All Groups

WASHINGTON (U) — President Eisenhower today submitted Congress a broad new housing program aimed at helping American families of all races, creed and income levels acquire "decent homes in wholesome neighborhoods."

His major proposals included:
1. Provision of a new kind of government mortgage insurance, with very long repayment periods and token down payments, for homes costing under \$8,000.
2. Setting aside nearly one billion dollars in federal aid funds for "renovation" of run-down neighborhoods and elimination of slums.

LIBERAL LOAN TEAMS
3. More liberal loan terms for purchase or remodeling of old homes.
4. More vigorous federal action to insure that "minority groups have a fair opportunity to acquire adequate housing."

5. Construction of 140,000 new low-rent public housing units over the next four years at a rate of \$35,000 a year, compared to the present rate of 20,000 a year.
6. Raising the present \$16,000 ceiling on Federal Housing Administration guarantees for new home mortgages.

7. Standby authority to reduce interest rates and lengthen repayment schedules on government-guaranteed loans, if necessary, as an economic pump-priming device.

8. Reorganization of the Federal National Mortgage Loan to substitute private capital for much of the 2 1/2 billion dollars in treasury funds now tied up in providing a "secondary market" for mortgages.

Eisenhower also disclosed he soon will submit a reorganization plan designed to bring the present "loosely knit federation" of government housing agencies into a single organization under firmer central control.

Eisenhower said present housing programs are designed mainly to encourage building and buying of new homes, with too little provision for those who want to buy or repair old homes. He noted that the nation now has 19 million non-farm homes over 30 years old.

While he did not spell out his proposal for more liberal mortgages, (Continued On Page Five)

Home Lost In Sunday Blaze

A frozen fire alarm may have resulted in the total loss of a home occupied by Felton Godwin, Dunn, Route 3, early yesterday morning. The home was owned by Marvin Griffin.

Howard M. Lee, secretary-treasurer of the Fire Department, said today that even after the truck arrived, another truck had to carry water back and forth from Dunn.

Godwin, who was taken to Dunn Hospital for shock, said he awoke early Sunday morning to find the house filled with smoke and fire. He got up and was able to get out.

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Pope's Having Grand Contest

Pope's Dept. Stores in Dunn and other are having a big business adjustment sale and along with the sale are conducting a grand prize contest with the top prize, an all-expense-paid week's vacation at Miami Beach, Fla., of a mahogany bedroom suite, going to the lucky winner.

Contestants' standings are based on the number of votes cast for them by the public each day. All information on the contest is available at either one of the stores.

Besides the grand prize nine other big prizes will be given to nine of the contestants. Winners in the contest will be announced at a later date.

Those entered in the contest from Dunn are: Mrs. Pat Brannon, Mrs. S. Hanor, Mrs. Robert Hedge, Mrs. P. H. McCullen, Mrs. M. T. Mann, Mrs. Doris Turner, Mrs. Lizzie Weaver, Mrs. Jessie Weeks, Mrs. Barbara Yancey, Mrs. Doris Godwin, Mrs. Margaret Godwin, Mrs. Lunette Yanghen, Mrs. M. Blake, Mrs. Barbara Graham, Mrs. Harold Holmes, Mrs. F. T. Massey, Mrs. Arthur Norris, Mrs. Peggy Giles and Mrs. L. T. Tew.

Angier contestants were Mrs. V. L. Brock, Mrs. David Denton, Mrs. Wilson Curin, Mrs. Howard Barbour, Mrs. Eliza Surles, Mrs. Olivia Dixon, Mrs. Expell Trenchurch, Mrs. Howell Stewart, Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mrs. Walter Senter, Mrs. Rita Barbour and Mrs. Dick Wall.

Schools Are Robbed At Dunn And Erwin

Robbers returned to Dunn High School last night for a repeat performance on safe breaking, and dropped by Erwin High School for their first visit.

Beaty Given Prison Term

CHARLOTTE (U) — Businessman Keith M. Beaty was sentenced today to a total of two years imprisonment and \$20,000 fine plus the cost of court action for income tax evasion amounting to some \$200,000 during 1945-47.

Judge Wilson Warlick pronounced sentence this morning after reading a medical report on Beaty's physical condition. The report stated that the businessman was in "good general condition."

Beaty was sentenced to two years for each of the three years he was convicted of tax evasion, with the sentences to run concurrently. He was fined \$10,000 for 1945 and \$5,000 each for 1946 and 1947. He was also ordered to pay the cost of court action.

He faced a maximum sentence (Continued On Page Five)

Appliance Men To Hear Walker

Scotty Walker of Atlanta, Ga., southeastern manager of the General Electric Company, will address appliance dealers of Harnett and Johnston County Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Woman's Club in Dunn.

Plans for the meeting of the Two-County Appliance Dealers Association was announced here this morning by William S. Welton of Dunn, president of the organization.

Mr. Welton said Walker would speak to the group on problems currently facing the appliance industry and the outlook for the year. All appliance-dealers of the two counties are expected to attend.

F. M. Fall of the local Police Department, was making an investigation of the robbery this morning assisted by SBI Agent Lee Phillips.

In Erwin, the robbers broke padlocks on all three buildings, opened doors in the building which had been locked, and made a general search for money. Nothing was molested and nothing torn up, Stuts said.

Stuts thought the schools in Erwin were robbed last night since he was at the building yesterday and nothing was disturbed. Johnson also visited Dunn High School yesterday afternoon, he stated.

SIMILAR MANNER
Besides the Dunn School, the Boone Trail School was robbed in November. Officers this morning were of the opinion that the schools were robbed in a similar manner as before. SBI Agents who investigated the November robberies called them "professional jobs."

Stuts said today that the Erwin School does not have a safe. Money is deposited each day, he added. However, the robbers made a tour of all three buildings, breaking in to rooms looking for money.

Officers in Dunn had not determined the method of entry used by the robbers. Inside the building, the door to the main office was opened. However, the robbers used a blunt instrument to open the side door leading into Johnson's office where the safe is kept.

Local Jaycees To Hear Brooks

Rev. J. W. Brooks, Clinton, a Pentecostal Holiness minister and a returned missionary from Africa, will be guest speaker at the Wednesday evening Jaycees meeting.

Corbett Eimore, chairman of the program committee for this week, has announced that Brooks will discuss the problems of missionary work on the "Dark Continent."

Rev. Brooks has been associated with the Falcon orphanage and has appeared at the annual camp meetings as speaker a number of times. He is considered one of the most outstanding missionaries in the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

1954 Is Seen As Second Best Year

EDITOR'S NOTE: William C. McKeenan, vice president of J. Walter Thompson Company, in a recent address in Washington, dispelled the gloom about all the propaganda permeating the air about a possible recession or depression in 1954. Mr. McKeenan quoted facts and figures to indicate that 1954 should be the second best business year in history for the U. S. A. Because of the significance of Mr. McKeenan's address, we are printing it as follows, in full.

At a meeting in Washington of the American Statistical Association, held on December 28th, a majority of the nation's top economists deliberated at length on the outlook for 1954. What they really concluded was that 1954 should be the second best year in our entire history!

Yet, all over the land, in the press, on the radio, and on television, this story was turned into a prediction of an "Orthodox Recession for 1954!"

While very mindful that the negative is always more sensational than the positive, this nevertheless makes one wonder... wonder how many pocketbooks were closed by this nationwide-release... wonder how many new home starts for 1954 were discouraged... wonder how many legitimate purchases were stifled. Much more importantly, one wonders how many hopes were dampened, how much faith was weakened, how many minds — not appreciating the facts — were confused.

NEGATIVE GETS SPOTLIGHT
There are positive predictions, of course, but from far too many quarters today come these gloomy, often slanted forecasts. And, as we look to 1954, the negatives continue to get the spotlight. A popularized British economist is certain America is poised for a severe depression. One of our outstanding weekly magazines, reporting a "small decline" as seen from Washington, is asking the question "Is the Boom Over?" A well thought of news magazine reports that "1953 has seen the end of the boom" (Continued On Page Eight)

Dunn Farmers Win In Cotton Contest

Two Dunn farmers, A. B. Godwin Jr. and his tenant, John Maynor, of Dunn, Route 4, this afternoon were presented a \$300 cash award as the district cotton-producing champions of 1953.

The award was made at State College as the State-wide contest came to close.

Godwin and Maynor won out over all other farmers in a 23-county area in which Harnett was included.

TWO BALES PER ACRE
County Agent C. B. Ammons, who accompanied them to Raleigh for the presentation, said they produced an average of 1,001 pounds of cotton per acre, which is a little better than two bales.

Ammons had high praise for Godwin and Maynor and pointed out (Continued on page two)

Funeral For Joyner Set For Wednesday

LA GRANGE (U) — Dr. James Yacklin Joyner, 51, a pioneer in North Carolina's educational system, died in a hospital in Kinston last night after a short illness.

Joyner, with the late Gov. Charles B. Aycock, was instrumental at the turn of the century in bringing a program of modern educational methods to North Carolina.

A native of LaGrange, he served for 17 years as superintendent of public instruction for the state, being appointed by Aycock in 1902. He was also among the State Farm Bureau leaders who put over the price support program for tobacco.

Born in 1863, the son of John and Sarah Wooten Joyner, he attended the University of North Carolina and became an attorney in Goldsboro in 1889. Joyner's wife died in 1930. Surviving him are two sons, Col. William T. Joyner of Raleigh and (Continued On Page Two)