

Increasing cloudiness tonight and Thursday with scattered showers southwest portion Thursday, mild tonight.

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100 DIE IN SHIP FIRE



TEACHER HONORED - Mrs. Jean Pipkin, center, beloved first grade teacher at the Boone Trail School ever since the school opened in 1928, is retiring this term. On Sunday afternoon around 500 persons attended an "open house" in her honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Stewart.

Leroy Collins Wins Florida Governor's Race

MIAMI (AP) - LeRoy Collins, landslide winner over Acting Gov. Charley Johns in the bitter governor's race, planned today to go right to work on his extensive program for Florida's government after a brief rest.

The 45-year-old Tallahassee legislator said he would appoint citizens' committees to work on his campaign pledges after he and his family visit his son, LeRoy Jr., a midshipman at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, after "some fishing on some beach."

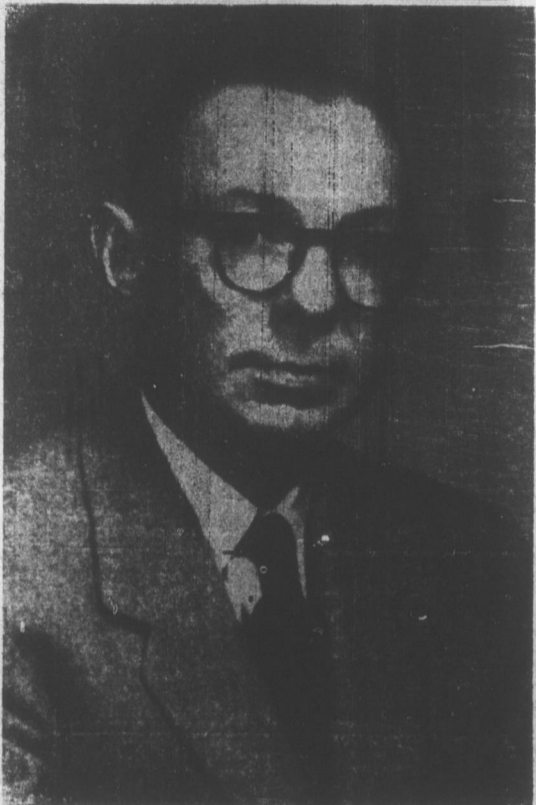
TAKES OVER JAN. Collins will take over as Florida's 32nd governor next January after facing token opposition from the Republicans some 13 to 1 and have not elected a GOP governor since Reconstruction days.

Both the total vote of more than 680,000 and Collins' victory margin of some 65,000 votes surprised nearly everyone except the victor himself. The total balloting was some 100,000 more than president.

With 1,718 of the state's 1,722 precincts counted, Collins had 373,040 votes and Johns 307,987.

SMALL COUNTIES Collins won 23 counties and Johns 44. But Johns' lead came mostly from the light-voting small counties, and in the large ones which he did carry, his majority was slim.

Dade County alone, where more than 20 per cent of the state's voters live, gave Collins a 56,000 vote lead. And Hillsborough, where Johns won narrowly in the first primary, went to Collins this time by 10,000 votes.



RAYMOND L. SARBAUGH

Sarbaugh Is Named Manager Of Leder's

Raymond L. Sarbaugh, widely-known department store manager, has been named manager of Leder Brothers, Inc. in Dunn, it was announced today by Herman Leder, president of the company.

Mr. Sarbaugh, one of the best known men in the mercantile field in Eastern Carolina, came to Dunn from Lumberton, where he managed a large department store for the past 20 years.

The new Leder Brothers manager has a total of 28 years experience with department stores.

MANY YEARS EXPERIENCE In announcing his appointment here, Mr. Leder said today: "Having known him for a number of years and having a high regard for him both as a gentleman of excellent character and one possessing a wealth of knowledge and experience in the capacity in which he is to serve, it is with much pleasure and a feeling of great confidence as to the future that we announce the appointment of Mr. Sarbaugh to the position of manager of our Dunn store."

"Mr. Sarbaugh," continued Mr. Leder's statement, "needs no introduction to the mercantile field, having successfully managed a large department store for one of North Carolina's foremost mercantile establishments for more than two decades."

"Being so familiar with the needs and customs of those whom we serve, we are confident that Mr. Sarbaugh will be instrumental in effecting a service in which we and our patrons alike may well be proud," concluded Mr. Leder.

COMMUNITY LEADER While in Lumberton, Mr. Sarbaugh played an important role in the business, civic, social, religious and fraternal life of that town and community.

He is a member of St. Albans Masonic Lodge, No. 114, A. F. and A. M. at Lumberton, is a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Wilmington Consistory, a Shriner and

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125 Others Hurt In Explosion On Aircraft Carrier

QUONSET POINT, R. I. (AP) - Approximately 100 men were killed and 125 injured early today in a blast-punctuated fire that turned the inside of the big aircraft carrier Bennington into an inferno.

Casualties were placed at those figures early this afternoon by Capt. William F. Rayburn commander of the Bennington, after he brought his fire-scarred ship to port here.

Rayburn said 25 or 30 of those hurt have more than minor injuries. There was no indication as to when the Navy would release the names of the dead and injured.

TURBINE EXPLODED The fire, which raged out of control for four hours, was touched off by a steam turbine generator explosion that raked the mighty warship while it was sailing off the eastern coast toward this home port.

The engine room "looked like hell," said aviation electricians mate third class Francis Toth of Phoenixville, Pa. "Everyone I pulled out was dead."

The carrier, affectionately dubbed "Big Ben" by its 2,300 officers and crew, docked here about seven hours after the fire—a veritable death shop.

The disastrous blaze broke out at 6 a. m. chow time for many of the men. It roared through the portside forward section, trapping scores of ship personnel.

At the time of the fire the Bennington was 75 miles south of Newport, R. I.

IKK OFFERS SYMPATHY The disaster shocked the nation. In Washington, President Eisenhower offered his sympathy to families of those who were killed or injured. The President said a Navy inquiry into the disaster would begin immediately.

Rayburn praised his crew. He said they reacted with remarkable feats of heroism.

One seaman, Bruno Costantini of Detroit, Mich., said many of the men were in their bunks when the fire started. Costantini said he raced to the hangar deck and helped pull out 10 of his shipmates.

A Bennington crew member told the United Press the disaster occurred when a steam turbine generator exploded and hit a catapult containing highly flammable fluid that burst into flame.

It was announced Secretary of Navy Charles S. Thomas was flying from Washington to investigate the tragedy.

A big emergency corps of doctors and nurses was on hand here to meet the stricken carrier on its arrival from what was to have been (Continued on Page Two)

DENNIS ASHLEY DIES Dennis E. Ashley, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ashley of Spring Lake, Route 1, died Wednesday morning in Highsmith Hospital at Fayetteville.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Evening Star Holiness Church with Rev. J. A. Forbes of Raleigh officiating.

Survivors include one step-son, Daniel Martin Goodman of New Bern; one brother, Floyd Goodman of Georgia; a nephew, John D. Goodman and one cousin, Mrs. Rena Goodman, of Dunn.

A large crowd was present to pay final tribute to Aunt Susie.

Ava Returning To Get Divorce

NEW YORK (AP) - Actress Ava Gardner comes back to the United States from a European holiday today to proceed with plans to divorce her crooner husband, Frank Sinatra.

There seemed to be no doubt that their stormy marriage was at an end. Berore leaving Spain, Miss Gardner warmly kissed good-bye her bullfighter boyfriend, Luis Miguel Dominguez, and during a stop-over in London Tuesday night announced she definitely intended to divorce Sinatra.

In Hollywood, Frankie's friends reported the crooner long ago had dropped the torch for his statuesque wife and now was deeply enamored with pert, blonde Mona Freeman, ex-girl friend of Bing Crosby.

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Senator McCarthy Walks Out Angry

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy took an angry but brief "walkout" on the Army-McCarthy hearings today while Pvt. G. David Schine's former company commander was testifying.

McCarthy left the hearings for about 15 minutes in protest against what he called "drivel" and "irrelevant testimony" by Capt. Joseph J. M. Miller.

BULLETIN WASHINGTON (AP) - Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens and Army counsel John G. Adams today agreed to publication of transcripts of their monitored telephone calls dealing with the Army-McCarthy dispute.

BULLETIN WASHINGTON (AP) - The Army case in the McCarthy Army hearings was completed at 1:26 p.m. EST today and Roy M. Cohn was called to the witness stand.

The senator had threatened to stay out until Miller completed his story about Schine's behavior in basic training at Ft. Dix, N.J. But Miller was still on the stand when McCarthy returned and seated himself again beside his aides—Roy M. Cohn and Francis P. Carr—who did not take the walk with him.

SCHINE'S RECORD Miller, commander of Ft. Dix Co. K, 272nd Infantry, testified that: 1. Schine, on his first day on the base, made an offer of "personal assistance"—help on a trip to Florida—which the captain considered improper.

2. Schine got both Christmas and New Year's holidays off, although the company policy was to allow each trainee but one holiday.

3. He once found Schine in a truck cab, during a driving range, while others in the company were practicing on the rifle range. He said Schine explained he was

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These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

BERT ALABASTER GIVEN PREVIEW OF YULE TOYS

LITTLE NOTES: George Franklin Blalock had an unusual experience Monday. He went to a general and ended up making a speech. It was at the funeral held for Aunt Susie McBryde, 80, who had faithfully served as cook for the Blalock family for 33 years.

Dr. W. W. Stanfield also spoke in tribute to Aunt Susie. James Surles has been sick in bed for a couple of days. Lynch Manufacturing Co. of Dunn has invented a new machine that automatically dusts and sprays cotton and tobacco. It's a big, self-propelled thing and sells for about \$1200.

Pat plans to try it out soon in Georgia. Has already sold a number of them. One of the pretty new song hits is, "I'll Understand." The Tart says a lot of people have been riding by Tart Coal and Oil Co. just to see that new 30,000 gallon gas tank.

Sad note on a tragedy: Chief Petty Officer J. T. Moody, Jr. of Dunn died of the helicopter crash injuries on his wedding anniversary. In his talk to Dunn Rotarians Friday night, Emmett Alford disclosed that his ambition was to be a dentist and he spent two years in college preparing for such a career.

"I had a lot of trouble with my teeth when I was younger," he said, "and those dental bills convinced me it must be a good profession." But he ended up following in his father's footsteps as a machinist. If you've had any presses repaired lately, you've found out that ma-

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Highway Group To Meet Friday

FAYETTEVILLE—Plans for providing better service for the thousands of tourists traveling over Highway No. 301 and other roads in this area will be discussed at a tourist workshop clinic here Friday at 10 a. m. in the Prince Charles Hotel.

The clinic, which will be under the sponsorship here of the local Chamber of Commerce, is another in the continuing series being held over the State by the State Department of Conservation and Development's Tourist Bureau.

Hotel, motel, tourist court operators, and all others who cater to the traveling public are urged by Director Ben E. Douglas of the Department of Conservation and Development to attend the clinic.

William Allen, Chamber of Commerce president, will preside.

Fred Whitaker, manager of the C&D Department's Tourist Bureau, will present a panel of speakers composed of the following: Harley N. Melvin, executive vice president of the North Carolina Assn. of Quality Restaurants; T. E. Pickard, Jr., Charlotte, vice president and general manager of the Carolina Motor Club; Thompson Green-

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School Finals Are Underway

Several hundred students will end their high school years tomorrow evening as commencement ceremonies are held in various schools throughout the county.

Dunn High School will have the largest graduating class with 69 seniors slated to receive their diplomas. Boone Trail will graduate 31 students; Erwin will have 43 completing their work; and Hartnett County Training School, New Hope School in Dunn, will graduate 48 students.

Dr. Carlyle Campbell, president of Meredith College in Raleigh, will give the commencement address in Dunn; Roy Armstrong of the University of North Carolina, will deliver the Boone Trail commencement address; and Dr. Edmund

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Son Of Harnett Minister Killed As Robbery Suspect

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (AP) - Police today shot and killed a burglary suspect who was carrying a letter from his father, a Baptist minister, urging him to "go see a minister—change your ways and straighten up."

The dead man was identified as Charles Edward Ruffin, 29, Sanford, N. C.

In his wallet, officers found a letter from his father, the Rev. Charles E. Ruffin Sr. of Broadway, N. C. Route 1.

The Rev. Mr. Ruffin is one of Harnett County's best known ministers and has served a number of rural churches in Western Harnett.

"Go see a minister," the letter begged the son. "Change your ways and straighten up."

Patrolman Paul T. Pearey shot Ruffin to death, firing three times when Ruffin disregarded his orders to surrender in the darkness of the Trade Winds Tavern.

Whitney Reeve, manager of the tavern, said Ruffin was ousted from the saloon when it closed last night. Ruffin was hiding under a booth and pretended to be drunk, Reeve said.

Later, Pearey and another patrolman, received a police radio alert that the tavern was being robbed. They found Ruffin inside and ordered him to come out with his hands up, but Ruffin threw an ashtray and ran.

Pearey began firing and Ruffin collapsed against a booth. He died shortly afterwards in General Hospital from wounds in the abdomen and leg.

Police said Ruffin was a newspaper printer who came here two days ago from Knoxville, Tenn.

Lennon Slated For Committee

RALEIGH (AP) - Sen. Allen A. Lennon said today he is "confident" that he will gain a place on the Senate Agriculture Committee "just as soon as my seniority will permit."

Lennon, in an early morning radio address to farmers, said he opposes "discrimination" against farmers in President Eisenhower's proposals to Congress.

"Our farmers deserve and need have equal partnership with industry and business," he said.

Lennon said that in regard to farmers to "check the nation's stock of flexible price supports on

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Scouts Put Out Blaze At School

Boy Scouts went to the aid of the local Fire Department again last night when fire broke out in the gymnasium at Plain View High School. Before Dunn's fire trucks arrived, the scouts had the fire under control.

Boy scouts of the Second Baptist Church of Dunn performed a similar service recently when they discovered a fire in a storage house in front of the church and reported it before flames could spread to a nearby home. As a result of their quick work in reporting the fire, the storage house was only partially burned.

Scout Master Corby Blas or Troop 1 at Plain View said today the wooden gym would have gone up in flames had it not been for the quick members of his troop.

The fire was discovered around 8:30 by Frederick Fiquett, 18 year old son of Principal F. A. Fiquett. Fred notified the scouts who were in session at the school, and work began.

Members of the troop hurried for buckets of sand and water and rushed into the gym. Scoutmaster Blas said the fire began under the gym floor and the cause has not been determined.

For awhile, it looked as if the old wooden gym would burn down. (Continued on Page Two)

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