

# WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and colder. Friday considerable cloudiness and not as cold with occasional rain.

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# RED CHINA BOYCOTTS UN MEETING



AVA SCORNS LEG ART—Luscious Ava Gardner, who ranks among the best in the "cheese-cake" line, said recently that she wants no more of this sort of posing. She's going in for the more serious type of roles. In any case, the Johnston County glamour gal looks glamorous. (Photo copyrighted by N. Y. Daily News.)

AVA DENIES ROMANCE WITH DAVIS

## Unfairness Of Bottling Tax Pointed Out

RALEIGH (UP)—A new group of spokesmen was scheduled to protest the proposed state tax on soft drinks today on the heels of a warning to the Joint Finance committee that it will put 1,125 persons out of work and chop sales volume by one-fourth. Annual payrolls of the 155 soft drink bottling plants in the state would be cut \$3,125,000 by a tax of three-quarters of a cent on each bottle or equivalent, W. C. Dawson, Elizabeth City bottler, told the committee yesterday. He predicted the tax would produce only \$5,345,000 next year instead of the \$7,125,000 anticipated by the state. But he added, "It's been said the Tax Research Department took into account the drop in sales volume," in predicting receipts from the tax. "If that is true, it means they admit this is a disastrous tax."

W. R. Roberson, Jr., a bottler from Washington, told the committee when South Carolina enacted such a tax in 1925 "the smaller marginal bottler was forced out of business." Wesley Woodson, owner and general manager of a Charlotte bottling plant, recalled his experience and that of other bottlers in Pennsylvania after that state adopted the soft drink tax. He said his plant in Altoona, Pa., was identical to one operated by his father in Decatur, Ill., with only 3 per cent of difference in sales volume. When the Pennsylvania tax went into effect in June 1947, he said, his sales dropped 21.2 per cent below the preceding year while those of his father's plant continued a 5 per cent annual rise. West Virginia enacted a similar tax in 1951, Woodson said, but since then the "governor, speaker of the House and president of the Senate have all stated publicly that the soft drink tax is an unsuitable source of public revenue." Dawson protested the crown tax collection procedure. He said a bottler able to order a carload of cans totaling 30,000 gross would have to pay \$6,825 to the manufacturer and send a check to the state for \$32,400 before he could use a single one. "The Michigan Republican said he intends to put an end to this menace to congressmen's health by introducing a bill calling for construction of a new and larger restaurant. He said the present dining room is entirely too small and inadequate to take care of 435 congressmen. "The President has sent us a health plan for everybody and we're taking care of people all over the world," he said. "Well, it's about time we House members took care of our own."



WATERMELON IN FEBRUARY—Whether it's July or February, there's nothing better than a big slice of watermelon. These two Dunn men, Amos Council and Wilbert Thompson, are shown here as they put away a quantity of the stuff yesterday morning. Cledus Naylor, local trucker, brought the watermelons from Florida. "That's good eating," said Amos. (Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

## Refuses Plea To Discuss Cease-Fire

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 3 (UP)—Red China today refused to send a representative to the United Nations Security Council to debate a New Zealand proposal for a Formosan cease-fire. Communist Premier Chou En-lai informed U. N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold that Red China would take part only in debate of a Soviet resolution which would brand the United States an aggressor in Formosa. Even then, Chou said, Red China would agree to be represented only if the Nationalist Chinese, who occupy China's seat in the United Nations, are "driven out." The blunt Red China reply shattered virtually all hopes a formula to end the Formosan shooting and eliminate the danger of a general war can be worked out through the U. N.

## RUSSIA BOOSTS ARMS

MOSCOW (UP)—Russia today ordered a 12 per cent boost in her arms budget and publicly announced the scrapping of the short-lived consumer goods program in favor of more heavy industrial production. Even before the Peiping reply was made public, the major efforts to end the Formosan crisis had shifted to London where India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru was attempting to arrange outside the U. N. a conference of principals to end the shooting. The Red Chinese rejection of the U. N. invitation was announced by the Communist New China News Agency and broadcast by Radio Peiping. The broadcast said Chou sent his reply on Jan. 31, but Hammarskjold's office here said the message had not been received. REFUSE COMMENT United Nations delegates to the United Nations refused to comment on the gloomy turn of events until they have had an opportunity to see the official text of Chou's reply. Chou's reply, as broadcast by Peiping Radio, said Red China is of the "firm opinion that the United Nations Security Council should condemn the United States (Continued on Page Eight)

## Three Bold Gunmen Captured

BOSTON (UP)—A series of holdups between here and Florida was believed solved today with the arrest of three gunmen. The three were seized in a flat yesterday after a fight in which one of them and a policeman were hurt. Arrested on armed robbery charges were John J. Gunke, 20, of Rochester, N. Y., George E. Russell, 21, of Lewisburg, Tenn., and Gilbert L. Dyer, 24, of Syracuse, N. Y. Dyer and Detective Thomas Conaty, 52, were injured in a struggle for Dyer's gun. Conaty was slugged on the head and treated at a hospital. ONE HOSPITALIZED Dyer was clubbed by another policeman while he and Conaty struggled across the kitchen and into the bedroom for possession of the gun. Dyer was hospitalized under police guard. Police Lt. James Crowley said the gang 10 days ago left Florida, where they staged at least six holdups of motels and taxicabs. While moving to the Crowley said, the gun committed at least five other robberies. The gunmen said one of their victims was Louis Ames, who was described as an assistant to television star Dave Garroway. Crowley said they also staged a \$1,500 grocery store holdup at Raleigh, N. C. stole an automobile at Columbia University, New York, and robbed the Hotel Lenox here of \$207 last Sunday.

## Solon Asks Bigger Cafe For Congress

WASHINGTON (UP)—Rep. Clare E. Hoffman complained today that the crowded House restaurant is upsetting his disposition and digestion. What's more, he said, "insufficient nourishment" in the dining room has resulted in his colleagues "dropping off like flies." The Michigan Republican said he intends to put an end to this menace to congressmen's health by introducing a bill calling for construction of a new and larger restaurant. He said the present dining room is entirely too small and inadequate to take care of 435 congressmen. "The President has sent us a health plan for everybody and we're taking care of people all over the world," he said. "Well, it's about time we House members took care of our own."

## Failure To Buy Plates Is Costly

Failure to purchase his 1955 license plates brought trouble by the gallons to Dan McQueen, 45-year-old Negro of Godwin, Route One. State Patrolman N. O. Dickens stopped McQueen near Godwin to check his expired plates. Dickens said McQueen also failed to stop at a red light. Upon searching his automobile, the officer found 77 and one-half gallons of bootleg whiskey. McQueen was given a preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner T. L. Hon and was bound over to the next term of Federal Court under bond of \$1,000. The government also poured out his whiskey and confiscated his automobile.

# The Truth About Ava Gardner

## These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

This is the tenth in a series of articles on Ava Gardner, the Goddess of Love from Johnston County. Copyright 1955 by the New York Daily News. By JESS STEARN Ava's sympathetic interest and her impulsiveness frequently get her into troublesome situations, according to her friends.

Currently, for example, intimates and movie associates are disturbed by reports in gossip columns linking her name to that of Sammy Davis, an aspiring comedian with whom she just recently made a personal appearance on a Harlem stage. However, friends assert that the actress' appearance with the comic had been misconstrued and that she never appeared anywhere with him except in the interest of helping his career, at his request. "Ava," a friend explained the incident, "goes out of her way to help people she feels need that help. One evening she got a phone call at her hotel from this comedian. He was performing at the Apollo Theatre and asked if she wouldn't take a bow on the stage with him, since it would mean a lot to him. SO THEY HAD ONE DRINK TOGETHER "Ava had a dinner date that night with Bill Williams, a disk (Continued on Page Two)

## Accused Slayer Of Baby Will Receive Hearing

THOMASVILLE (UP)—Mrs. Dorothy Broom, 30, will have a preliminary hearing in recorder's court here Friday in connection with the death of an infant whose body was found in a trunk on the back porch of her apartment. Police Chief Paul M. Shore said yesterday that she had admitted giving birth to the child but had refused to say anything about its death. Shore said she told officers the child was born without medical aid Dec. 19 in her apartment. The woman was arrested Monday in Capitol Heights, Md., and was returned here on a warrant charging her with murder. Dr. Milton Block, Davidson County coroner, said the child apparently died about Dec. 25. The woman's husband, Elmer Mac Broom, is serving a term in a South Carolina prison.

## Mrs. Jessie Dudley Dies In Hospital

Mrs. Jessie Watkins Dudley, 79, one of Dunn's oldest residents, died Thursday morning in the Dunn Hospital. She had been ill since Sunday with pneumonia and had been a patient at the hospital for two days. Burial will be in the Dudley family cemetery in Sampson. The body will lie in state at the church for one hour prior to the services. LIVED HERE SINCE 1913 Mrs. Dudley, who had been blind since childhood, attended the old State Institute for the Blind in Raleigh for 12 years and while there met her husband, the late Julius Dudley. They were married in 1910 and moved to Dunn in 1913. Her husband was a piano tuner (Continued on Page Two)

## Girl Friend Left \$10,000 By Rubi

NEW YORK — Serge Rubinstein remembered only one of his many girl friends in his will, but took care of his mother, his two daughters, his butler and three secretaries. While police continued their search for the stranger of the forty-six year-old playboy last Thursday, his will—dated Dec. 24, 1953—was filed for probate yesterday in Surrogate's Court. It gave no indication of the size of his estate but assessed it legally "in excess of \$100,000." Estimates have placed it as high as \$100,000, \$10,000 FOR SINGER Rubinstein left a \$10,000 bequest for Betty Reed, a singer, and specified that his daughters, Diana, who will be nine on May 13, and Alexandra, who was seven on Aug. 4, are to divide the principal when they reach fifty. Rubinstein did not mention his aunt, Miss Genia Foresta, eighty-two, who was in his home at 814 Fifth Ave. the morning he was killed, nor his divorced wife, Mrs. Lauretta Lockhead, of 617 Horquilha Palos Verdes Estates, Ridgewood, Calif. (Continued on Page Six)

## Draft Is Extended Until June, 1955

WASHINGTON (UP)—The House Armed Services Committee today approved 32 to 0 an extension of the draft until June 30, 1955. House leaders then scheduled a vote on the bill Tuesday. The over-riding committee approval indicates it would pass the House. The draft now is scheduled to expire June 30. Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson has said the draft is the only way the nation could maintain a scheduled 2,850,000-man armed force. The committee approved two amendments to the present act: 1. Any man who has served six months or more since Sept. 16, 1940, is not liable for induction except after declaration of war or a national emergency. This is aimed at preventing re-drafting of men who have served previously, sometimes almost three years. An estimated 144,000 men previously had been drafted before. 2. Men who join the National (Continued on Page Two)

## + Record Roundup +

YOUTH BANQUET TONIGHT—The Rev. Henry Speight of Fayetteville will be the guest speaker tonight when the young people of the Hood Memorial Christian Church meet at the church for a youth banquet. Plans for the evening were announced today by Pat Lewis, who will preside. Special music will be presented by Art Bishop of Fort Bragg. Time of the banquet has been set for 8:30. MORRIS TO SING — Jeff Morris of Lima, Ohio, lyric tenor, will sing the role of Peppino in the Grass Roots' Opera production of "Pagliacci" to be presented at Campbell College Monday night. Last spring, he was under contract with the New York City Center Opera Company. BUSINESS SESSION — A business meeting of Dunn Legionnaires (Continued on Page Two)

## Harnett's Birthday Plans Shaping Up

Plans for Harnett County's centennial celebration today were taking shape rapidly. At a meeting of a temporary steering committee Friday night in Lillington, the tentative date for the celebration of the county's 100th birthday was set for sometime during the week of October 10. The committee decided to confine the celebration to two days and two nights with exact dates to be announced later. The week selected is one week prior to the N. C. State Fair and at that time all county schools will have completed at least one month. Meantime, around 50 persons throughout the county will be invited to serve on a general centennial committee which will hold a public meeting on Friday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the courthouse in Lillington. Size of this committee will be flexible, and suggestions for additional members from each community will be welcomed at that time. TO NAME CHAIRMAN Election of a permanent chairman to direct the celebration will be made at the Feb. 21 meeting. The temporary steering committee (Continued on Page Three)

