

Generally fair and warm this afternoon and Friday. Cool tonight. Highest today 75 to 83; lowest tonight 38 to 45 in mountains and 44 to 54 elsewhere.

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WEST SAYS BIG FOUR MUST AGREE



MR. HENRY HONORED - Tuesday was the 62nd birthday of W. H. Stocumb, popular cashier of the First Citizens Bank and Trust Company here and his co-workers didn't forget. After they finished counting money at the close of the day's business, they brought out a big beautiful birthday cake and let "Mr. Henry," as they affectionately know him, count the candles. Mr. Stocumb, a veteran of 13 years service with the bank, is shown here slicing a piece of cake for Vice President Earl H. Mahone, shown holding his

empty plate at right. The cake was baked by Mrs. Shirley Bass and Mrs. Maxine Whitman decorated it. Shown in the picture are: Mr. Stocumb, Mr. Mahone, Mrs. Phoebe Murphy, Mrs. Wilma O'Brien, Mr. Whitman, Miss Barbara Parker, Miss Jean Blackmon, Mrs. Evelyn Cameron, Mrs. Bass, and Mrs. E. B. Graham. Two employees, Mrs. Lou Frances Royal and Ermon H. Godwin, cannot be seen in the picture. Mr. Godwin, a banker by profession and photographer by hobby, made this picture.

Benson Speech Is Anxiously Anticipated

WASHINGTON (AP) - Insiders will be listening for Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson's Moorehead, Minn., speech this week for a tip on Republican plans for dealing with organized labor in next year's presidential campaign.

Benson is scheduled to speak before a farm audience Friday evening. His last previous speech on farm prices aroused CIO President Walter Reuther to sharp reply.

That speech was given Sept. 20 in New Orleans before the Farm Equipment Institute. Benson did not place all the blame for the high price of farm equipment on union labor wage gains. But he squarely placed some of the blame there.

Reuther challenged instantly, inviting Benson to join him in urging congressional investigation of wages, prices and profits in the steel, automobile and farm equipment industries. Meantime, the word in Washington was that Benson had not cleared his speech with the White House where some of the staff was represented as upset by the secretary's potshot at union leadership.

Politically Explosive Theme But some of Benson's advisers urged the secretary to stick to the theme that some of labor's gains have been unwarranted and unfair to both the farmer and the consumer. That is a delicate and politically explosive proposition. Benson stated it at New Orleans with special reference to farm equipment and some parts of the food industry in which he cited specifically higher wage, handling and transportation costs. It has been suggested by some (Continued on Page Five)



PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR - Before Little River Baptist Association broke up yesterday, plans were laid for the meeting a year from now on October 30 and 31, 1956. Prominent at this year's conference were (from left) Moderator H. Paul Strickland, Dunn; Julius Holloway, associational missionary, Buie's Creek; Robert Morgan, Lillington, secretary of the Association; Rev. Forrest Maxwell, pastor of the First Baptist Church

in Erwin; Ernest P. Russell, vice-moderator, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dunn; Berles Johnson, treasurer of the association; and Rev. G. Van Stephens, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Angier. Rev. Stephens gave an address yesterday and the association also heard from E. L. Spivey, executive secretary of the state missions.

Stiff Warning Delivered At First Session

GENEVA (AP) - The West bluntly told the Soviet Union today the Big Four must agree on German unity and European security before there can be "further progress" in easing the cold war.

The warning came at the opening session of the Big Four foreign ministers conference in the ornate hall of the Palais des Nations.

From the start, Britain, France and the United States were ready to offer the Soviet Union a package guarantees in return for German unification on western terms.

But as U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, British Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan and French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay convened, their discussions were dogged by other complications.

There was a threatened danger of new war in the Middle East, and a new governmental crisis in France.

Decide On Details

In his opening statement Pinay, the chairman, said:

"It is clear that... German unity and security, there is no obstacle to an immediate decision on the details of a plan destined to link the realization of German unity to the elaboration of a security system.

In the absence of such a decision, no later progress would be possible."

As an inducement to Molotov, Pinay added that the plan would be carried out progressively, taking account of everyone's "legitimate interests," once the decision is made.

Macmillan reiterated that the West was ready to make every effort here to keep the world on the road to peace despite a background of new dangers.

"We must recognize that there are considerable gaps between the positions hitherto taken by the Western powers and by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics," he said. "We believe that these can be bridged, and we are determined to make every effort to achieve success."

CALLS FOR CHANGE

WASHINGTON (AP) - Former Secretary of State Dean Acheson called today for election of a Democratic president because Republican "imaginative thinking has dried up."

Acheson, who served as President Truman's secretary of state from 1949 to 1953, said the Eisenhower administration's foreign policy "has coasted on the momentum of past initiative."

Baptists Report Big Gains; Rename Association Officers

By TED CRAIL Record Staff Writer

Nearly 500 persons attended for all or part of the two-day session of the Little River Baptist Association on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Yesterday afternoon an election of officers was held and the top leaders in the association, including Moderator H. Paul Strickland and Vice-Moderator E. P. Russell were re-elected.

Mr. Strickland, Dunn attorney and Judge of Recorder's Court here, has been prominent in Baptist activities. He was first elected to the Moderator post last year, succeeding Dr. Leslie H. Campbell of Campbell College who served for 17 years.

Rev. E. P. Russell is the pastor of Dunn's First Baptist Church. The association also re-elected Robert B. Morgan, Lillington, as secretary, Berles Johnson, Buie's Creek, as treasurer, Lonnie Small as head of the Training Union (Continued on Page Two)

Fired Banker Rams Plane Into Bank

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A disgruntled flier killed himself when he apparently deliberately crashed his small rented plane into the airport bank branch where he was fired as a teller Tuesday, police said today.

AFL And CIO Merger Near

NEW YORK (AP) - George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor, said his union and the Congress of Industrial Organizations have "practically completed" arrangements to merge into a giant single union.

The AFL-CIO, as it is to be known, will have a membership of about 14 1-2 million workers. Meany, who will head the combined union, and Walter Reuther, head of the CIO, discussed the pending merger at a news conference late yesterday. Reuther will be one of 27 vice presidents of the (Continued on Page Three)

KILLED INSTANTLY

Fauth, 29, was killed instantly in the crash of the single-engine Aeronca plane into the Bank of America's International Airport branch. Police and Civil Aeronautics (Continued on Page Two)

Four Oaks Farmer Invents Crop Meter

A Four Oaks cotton and tobacco farmer, who has a degree in agricultural education from North Carolina State, has come up with something that would probably please his professors.



JESSE LASSITER

It's a counter, operating somewhat like a speedometer, which the inventor claims will give the tobacco farmer an exact measurement of his planting, and tell him when to lay off so he won't exceed his allotted acreage.

Jesse Lassiter said he first became aware of the disruptions caused by not knowing exactly what acreage had been planted while he was giving on-the-farm instruction to veterans.

"My biggest problem," he said, "was worrying whether I was cutting my own dwindling allotment short by two or three tenths of an acre or over-planting and being required to destroy the excess."

His feeling about the Row Crop Meter he has designed (a few of which, he says, will be available to farmers this year): "I am certain I would have (Continued on Page Two)

These Little Things Given Up As Dead, Woman Is Revived

SMITHFIELD, N. C. (AP) - A woman whose doctor believed her dead after a 20-minute massage failed to restore her heartbeat may have made the most complete and dramatic recovery in medical annals, the doctor said today.

Dr. Wayne H. Stockdale had left the patient and James Raynor had been advised that his wife was dead. Then nurses removing anesthetic apparatus noticed that she had started to breathe again, the doctor said. He immediately resumed the operation.

Mrs. Marjorie Barbour Raynor, 30, has made a recovery that is "the most complete and dramatic I know of," Stockdale said. He described it as "a miracle of the Master's work upstairs." Severe damage to the brain usually results when the heartbeat stops for as long as seven minutes, and if the patient survives he is not mentally competent, the doctor said.

Erwin Gets Its First Attorney

Erwin, a community of around 6,000 population, will soon gain its first practicing attorney.

Charles Williams, who received his oath as a new attorney on October 19 before Superior Court Judge Clawson Williams in Lillington, plans to open an office shortly for the general practice of law in Erwin. Williams said he will locate his office in the Bank Building.

Williams now is employed in the protective service of the Harnett County Welfare Department, a social case work position he has held while awaiting the August bar examinations. He is the son of L. W. Williams and the late Mrs. Williams of near Lillington. (Continued on Page Two)

Veronica Lake Suffers Attack

DETROIT (AP) - Actress Veronica Lake collapsed in the lobby of a downtown hotel early today and was hospitalized with what doctors described as a possible heart attack.

The 33-year-old stage and film star was rushed to Receiving Hospital where a preliminary diagnosis listed the attack as a probably coronary occlusion.

She fainted as she entered the lobby of the Barium Hotel and complained of severe chest pains (Continued on Page Two)

Schools Ready For Halloween Events

Jumping the gun somewhat on Halloween, Dunn schools will present the annual Halloween Carnival on Saturday night, October 29, at the Armory.

Highlight of the evening, according to pert publicity chairman Rita McLean, will be the finalizing of results in a royalty-choosing contest.

Not only a king and queen from the high school, but a prince and princess from the elementary grades will be crowned. Students themselves are choosing the finalists for these titles, but the public will make the final selection. (Continued on Page Two)

Benson Says Politicians Exaggerating Farm Issue

WASHINGTON (AP) - Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said today politicians are exaggerating the plight of the nation's farmers.

Benson, central figure in the controversy about farm policies, declining farm income, prices of farm produce, and the new pork purchase program, asserted that politicians are deliberately kicking up a storm without cause.

"The farm program now in operation is the result of a year's study and was adopted on a bipartisan basis," Benson said in an interview with United Press. "A farm program should not serve partisan political purposes."

"Yet a determined effort is underway to paint the picture blacker than it really is. Not helping farmers. Some politicians are not helping farmers much by their comments."

He answered with a grin only when asked if he thought those persons who advocate a return to 90 per cent of parity say it would jack up farm income.

Criticism of the administration's farm program has been severe. Benson has been pressured by high ranking politicians of both parties, farmers and farm groups in the Midwest, and others to do something about the economic situation of farmers. (Continued on Page Two)

+ Record Roundup +

AT SPRING HILL CHURCH - The annual Harvest Day sale at Spring Hill Methodist Church near Manners will be held on Saturday, October 29. A barbecue and chicken salad dinner will be served for one dollar a plate, and auction of farm and home products will be conducted from 10 a. m. to noon and from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. All proceeds will go toward the church building fund.

GOOD TURN-OUT - The training demonstration on "Sweet Potatoes in the Menu" given on Tuesday by Miss Thelma Hinson, home and shooting her with a .22 caliber pistol. (Continued on Page Two)