

Partly cloudy and cold this afternoon. Some cloudiness and colder tonight. Saturday mostly fair and somewhat warmer.

ROBBERY SAFE FOUND, NO ARRESTS YET



PRESIDENT CULBRETH



SECRETARY CHROMARTE



CHARTER MEMBER WILLIAMS

WE LOVE YOU, SAYS HIS HONOR, BRING THAT TV SHOW TO DUNN

Mayor Hanna Invites Big Jim To Switch From Benson To Dunn

Mayor Ralph Hanna of Dunn, who is also the town's fire chief, today went clanging into the controversy between nearby Benson and its once-favorite son, Jim Thornton.

And Big Jim, king of the hill-billy music-makers, can now sing with gusto—and complete accuracy—the words to a popular tune that says:

"If you don't want my love, then I know who I'll give it to—"

Because Mayor Hanna made it clear in a letter dispatched to television top hillbilly star that he and the people of Dunn still love Jim and his Country Style TV Show, even if his native Benson doesn't.

The town's live-wire mayor told him so in no uncertain terms. Further, he invited Thornton to make Dunn his home and to move the big Saturday night television show to Dunn's big armory or to the city auditorium in the municipal building.

His Honor told Jim that Dunn would furnish enough admiring spectators to fill the armory with at least 3,000 people every Saturday night.

If Benson is tired of being called "Capital of the Broad Slab" by Thornton — then Dunn would be glad to have the title, Hanna said. "The way I see it, Thornton and his TV program could make a town so famous people will be making special tours just to see it. Why, you carry this thing far enough, and pretty soon the map-makers would put a dot on the map to indicate Broadslab—they'd draw the lines to show it. We would like to have them be a suburb of Dunn.

"That's fame. Nobody looks down on you because you're famous. In his ballad, 'The Broad Slab Drag,' Thornton is indicative enough to refer to Dunn a good step ahead of Benson in population. As just a suburb of the 'Capital of the Broad Slab.' Mayor Hanna said it's his feeling (Continued On Page Two)



MAYOR RALPH HANNA

Senators Ask Foreign Policy Be Reviewed

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WASHINGTON (U) — Two Democratic senators and one Republican today proposed a full congressional review of foreign policy as a result of the controversy over Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' "brink-of-war" statement.

Sen. Mike Mansfield, (D-Mont.), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, planned to take the Senate floor to propose a "complete review" of foreign policy.

Another committee member, Sen. John J. Sparkman, D-Ala., told reporters that "we are going to have to re-examine the facts" of foreign policy in light of the furor over Dulles' statement and President Eisenhower's all-out defense of his secretary of state.

Mr. Eisenhower said at his news conference Thursday that he considers Dulles the best secretary of state he has ever known. He said he has complete faith in Dulles as a man devoted to peace.

But Dulles came under immediate attack in the Senate from a member of his own party's more conservative wing, Sen. William E. Jenner, (R-Ind.). Jenner described Dulles as an "identical twin" of Dean G. Acheson, President Truman's secretary of state who was a frequent Jenner target. Jenner called for a "complete re-examination" of foreign policy by Congress.

But Dulles was defended by Sen. William Langer (R-ND), an unpredictable Foreign Relations Committee member who frequently criticizes the Eisenhower administration.

Langer said that "there is a feeling of security that as long as Dwight Eisenhower is in the White House there isn't going to be any war, even if his secretary of state may have taken us to the brink."

Mansfield would not comment before his speech on the Dulles controversy itself. But the scholar, J. Montanan, said he thinks the time has come for a thorough review of foreign policy.

Benny Is Invited To Carnegie Hall

HOLLYWOOD — Comedian Jack Benny on his invitation by the New York Symphony Orchestra to play his violin at Carnegie Hall, said: "I shall try to sound like I think I'm good enough to play with the symphony even though everyone in the audience knows I'm not. I've been practicing with the hope something like this would happen. It takes practice even to play lousy."

Safe Empty When Found In Sampson

The story was spreading fast today that the safe-robbers, who took a large but undisclosed amount of money from the home of W. T. Webb on Jonesboro Road, have been captured.

Not so, say officers. While this rumor was apparently groundless, progress has been reported in the case. The safe has been recovered. Officers actually recovered it on Tuesday, but news of its having been found was withheld in the hope that they would be able to close in on the bandit.

The report from Clinton is that the small iron safe turned up in a dry drainage ditch on the farm of Freeman Bass in Plain View township in Sampson County. Bass and a crew of men were cleaning out the canal and came upon the safe completely covered with dirt. Webb's name was on the safe, and officers were notified.

No money was recovered, but valuable papers were found strewn on the ground.

The robbery, one of the coolest in Harnett history, was pulled off while Webb was out of the house. Mrs. Mattie Webb, and an infant, were in the house when the men entered. One man held a gun on Mrs. Webb and told her she would not be hurt while others searched out the safe.

The Smithfield sheriff's office, which is in charge of the investigation, denied they had made any arrests as yet and said they do not know of any other police or sheriff's office doing so.

Dunn's police gave a similar answer. So did the sheriff's office in Lillington. William O'Daniel, of the State Bureau of Investigation in Raleigh, said no arrests had been made as far as his office knew.

And added, "I'm sure we would know."

SCRAMS "ESCAPE-PROOF" JAIL

Six Times Killer Is Loose Again

PRINCETON, Ind. (U) — State police armed with sawed-off shotguns and tommy-guns today guarded officials and witnesses who helped convict Leslie Irvin, the "Chinese execution" killer who slipped out of an "escape proof" jail Thursday.

Irvin had killed six persons before he was trapped, tried and condemned to death. Police said he probably is armed and won't hesitate to kill again since his own life is worthless.

Authorities in Indiana, and Kentucky — scenes of his crimes — also were warned to be on their guard against Irvin, who became known as the "Chinese execution" killer because he made his victims kneel before sending a bullet through the back of their heads. The escape of Irvin terrified citizens of Evansville, home of two



DOG'S LIFE—Lassie, the famous dog star of movies, is now faring better in TV. He drew only \$263,000 in seven years of movie stardom. His home-screen earnings last year, plus personal appearances, earned \$100,000.

Got Evidence Off Floor

Erwin Long of Erwin pled guilty to possession of non-taxpaid whiskey in Harnett Recorder's Court Thursday morning.

Rural policeman B. E. Sturgill testified that in a search at Long's house Dec. 24 he found white whiskey poured out on the linoleum floor. He said he mopped up enough from the floor to absorb a pocket handkerchief for evidence.

"Sixty days in jail," said Judge Lee. "The Court doesn't take a friendly attitude toward this. When you're caught, you're caught."

Charles Williams, new Erwin attorney who was trying his first case by defending Long, refuted Judge Lee that Long was too sick to work and had been ill for several months with a stomach ailment. He had a previous good record, Williams said.

Building & Loan Has Best Year

The Building and Loan Association, which has been going strong in Dunn since its start in 1922 on \$20,000 capital, took the biggest jump in its history in 1955.

R. L. Cromartie, Jr., longtime secretary of the association, reported following the annual shareholders meeting this week that total assets were up \$91,000 in the past year alone.

That brings the assets to well over a half million (exact figures: \$572,766.17) as of December 31, 1955. Not only that, reports Cromartie, but the Association has been running, in all departments, with ultimate smoothness.

"I haven't got a single loan 30 days delinquent on my books," he said today. "We're paying three and a half percent dividend on savings — paid out \$16,000 in that way in the past year — and we have ample reserves."

E. B. Culbreth, Dunn businessman and a leader in business and civic affairs, was re-elected president of Building and Loan this week.

It is a position he has held since the early 1930's. Cromartie has been secretary-treasurer since 1932, and was re-elected on Tuesday night.

The stability of the official "family" which guides the Association is matched by the stability of its financial condition. Supervised by the state insurance department like other organizations of its type, it has maintained an excellent record throughout its history.

Cromartie said today that a recent examination of the books revealed there are no past due loans. The Association's money is loaned to persons in Dunn only after careful study, and Building and Loan has shown that it can conduct this business and maintain its high rate of dividends to shareholders with great success.

Although the Tuesday night meet was strictly for business purposes, those who attended were gratified by the annual report which Cromartie gave (those interested will find it on Page Two)

Man Drowns Another Hurt Near Godwin

One man drowned and another was injured when a pickup truck crashed through a wooden bridge abutment into South River near here yesterday.

Rescue squad members recovered the body of Charles Junior Smith, 19, Godwin, several hours after the accident. Vernon Deamon, 27, Godwin, was treated at Dunn hospital for a fractured leg and internal injuries.

The state highway patrol said the truck apparently skidded on the wet pavement at high speed. Deamon leaped clear as the truck plunged into the river.

Dr. Swann Dies After Illness

Dr. George Rogers Swann, 56, of Buie's Creek died early Friday morning at Watts Hospital in Durham.

He was a teacher in the English department at Campbell College.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete. The body is at Cromartie Funeral Home in Dunn.

Dr. Swann was a native of Va. son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Swann. He received an A. B. Degree at Furman University in S. C. and his Master's Degree at the University of Va., his Ph. D. at the University of Pa. He received his Th. M. Degree at Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa., and a B. D. Degree at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va.

He had taught at Elon College, John Brown University in Arkansas, Pembroke State College and had taught at Campbell since 1953. He was a member of the Buie's Creek Baptist Church and, as an ordained minister, had filled the pulpit on numerous occasions.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Virginia Truitt Swann of the home; two daughters, Miss Virginia Rogers Swann of Washington, D. C. and Miss Linda Elizabeth Swann, a student at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Who Wouldn't, Laurence, Sir!

ROME (U)—Sir Laurence Olivier, famed for his Shakespearian roles, said today he would enjoy working with Marilyn Monroe in a movie but doubted that previous commitments would permit him.

Olivier, who is visiting Rome, said he had been approached to co-star with the sexy blonde actress in the film "Sleeping Prince."

Ike Speaks Tonight; Will Raise Funds

WASHINGTON (U) — President Eisenhower makes his first major public appearance since his heart attack tonight to help the Republican Party raise millions of dollars for the 1956 campaign.

The Chief Executive will be principal speaker at one of hundreds of "Salute to Eisenhower" dinner rallies being staged by the GOP National Finance Committee from coast to coast. The occasion is the third anniversary of Mr. Eisenhower's inauguration.

Mr. Eisenhower will not attend the eating part of the Washington dinner. But he will motor to the Shearson Park Hotel in time to address fellow Republicans across the country by closed circuit television and over the radio networks on a 30-minute program beginning at 10 p. m. EST.

Fall Campaign Effort The President probably will de- (Continued on Page Five)

Marilyn Obscene? He Thinks So

MILAN, Italy (U)—A school teacher has charged a magazine editor with "obscenity" for publishing pictures of actresses Marilyn Monroe and Anita Ekberg.

The teacher took the charge to court when he discovered his students admiring pictures of the lightly-clad actresses instead of their school books.

DAR Pays Honor To Dr. Campbell

Dr. Leslie H. Campbell, President of Campbell College and Chairman of the Harnett County Centennial was presented an "Award of Merit," as the first presentation by the Cornelius Harnett Chapter D. A. R. at the chapter meeting Thursday evening.

The citation was read by Mrs. Louis Stephens, the contents of which follows:

"On behalf of the Cornelius Harnett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, it gives me great pleasure to present our 'Award of Merit' from the National Defense Committee, to Dr. Leslie Campbell, in appreciation of outstanding accomplishments to the American way of life.

Keeping before our people, and especially our youth, the significance of patriotic education, and the value of good American citizenship is one of our aims. In consideration of these ideals, it seems that we should give honor to one who has worked diligently and faithfully to carry on the work (Continued on Page Five)



+ Record Roundup +

MUSICAL VARIETIES — Mrs. Reta Whittenton announces the schedule of her radio program over WCKB which is heard each day Monday through Friday at 3:30 p.m. Monday — Teresa Godwin will sing; Tuesday — Mrs. John David Lee will play the piano; Wednesday — Alice Stewart will be the vocalist; Thursday — Peggy Hodges will render piano selections.

Friday — The Dunn High School Glee Club will sing under the direction of Miss Jean Gayle.

MASON'S NIGHT — Dunn Chapter 59, Order of the Eastern Star will observe Mason's Night on Monday evening, January 23 at 8:00 in the Masonic Temple. All Mason's and guests are invited at 8:15.



TAKES IT EASY—Earl K. Long takes the news of his election in the Democratic state primary as Louisiana governor lying down in his New Orleans hotel suite. Earl, 60-year-old brother of the late Huey P. (Kingfish) Long, won an easy victory over New Orleans Mayor Deleseppe Morrison, polling 364,697 votes to 172,319 for Morrison. With him is Mrs. Long. For the first time in 20 years a run-off is unnecessary.

Urge National Gas Allotment

Prodded by some of the concerned companies, Dunn's town council last night moved to urge the Federal Power Commission that it make a natural gas allotment for this area.

Dunn has flirted for some time with the idea of having natural gas here. Last night's action was passed unanimously as councilmen agreed to a resolution stating that there was a definite need in this area for the gas.

Mount, Wilson, New Bern, Goldsboro, Sanford—this will be put before the government agency.

City Manager A. B. Uzzle, Jr., said the government would no doubt agree to the allocation "unless there is another area where they think the gas is needed more than here; it might be there isn't enough to go around."

Firms urging this resolution included Barry and Co. engineers of Baton Rouge. They were represented at the council session last night by Simmons Barry himself. J. M. Broughton, Raleigh attorney, represented Trans-Carolina Natural Gas Pipe Line Co. in the

lengthy discussion preceding passage of the resolution. Trans-Carolina also had an engineer present for the proceedings.

Tomorrow Final For Free X-Rays

Tomorrow is the last day X-ray units from the state board of health will be in the county to give free chest X-rays. One truck has been in Erwin since Tuesday, and will be open today and tomorrow. The other trailer is operating in front of Kelly's Drug Store in Lillington.