

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and cool with occasional light rain or drizzle this afternoon, tonight and early Thursday, fog again tonight and Thursday.

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MINISTER DEAD, ATE POISONED SUPPER



VERY SMOKY — "Smoky" Smith, left, and "Smoky" Eggers, center—professional scout workers who came by the same nickname in very different places—chat with Mary Foster, wife of the manager of the Cottendale Hotel. Smith was checked out to move into his own home on North McKay as he takes over as Harnett's Scout Executive. (Record Photo by Ted Crail.)

Legislature Begins Its Duties Today

RALEIGH (AP) — The 122nd session of the North Carolina General Assembly convened today and both houses organized swiftly to prepare for the inauguration of Gov. Luther H. Hodges.

Hodges and nine other elected state officials, all Democrats, will take oath of office in ceremonies at noon Thursday at Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium. The General Assembly will convene in joint session for the inauguration.

The Senate took only 31 minutes to complete its organization today, choosing Sen. Claude Currie of Durham as its president pro-tem.

Unanimous Vote Secretary of State Thad Bire called the Senate to order at 11 a. m., and after a roll call opened the floor for the nomination of a president pro-tem.

Missing were Sen. F. J. Blythe of Mecklenburg, who resigned unexpectedly Tuesday on the advice of his physician, and Sen. James M. Poyner of Wake County, chairman of the inaugural committee.

The bald Currie, described by Sen. N. Elton Aydelet of Pasquotank as the "Yul Brynner of the Senate," president pro tem from chief Justice J. Wallace Winborne of the State Supreme Court.

Currie was escorted to the dias by Sens. Paul E. Jones of Pitt, J. G. Stickleather, Jr. of Buncombe and J. C. Eagles Jr. of Wilson.

He then opened the floor for nomination of a principal clerk.



KING SAUD

King's Tips More Than \$750 Meal

WASHINGTON (AP) — When King Saud likes the service at a restaurant, he lets 'em know it.

In fact, sometimes the tips cost him as much as the bill.

For example, the Saudi Arabian monarch and a party of about 50 dropped by the Normandy Farms Restaurant in nearby Maryland for a bit of lunch.

The check ran to nearly \$750. But the tips ran as high if not higher.

First the king tipped his waitress with a gold wrist watch.

Then he presented another gold wrist watch to the restaurant's manager.

And then he left \$500 to be scattered about among the rest of the restaurant's employes.

Nor does the king confine his generosity to restaurants.

He was reported to have passed out four gold watches to medical personnel at Walter Reed Army Hospital where his partly-paralyzed three-year old son has been treated.

He also was reported to have sent replicas of his royal robes to all member of the cabinet.

However, apparently all this is only a beginning.

When he arrived, the king was reported to have 15 trunks filled with gifts. And how much room can a few watches take up?

Rev. McNeill's Death Blamed On Souse Supper

By TED CRAIL Record Staff Writer

An apparently poisonous helping of that odd Southern dish known as souse meat led to the death Sunday morning of Rev. G. D. McNeill, Sr., negro pastor of four churches.

No official confirmation that this was the cause of death is available since an inquest has not been scheduled yet, and laboratory findings have not been received.

Two young grandchildren were hospitalized following the death of Rev. McNeill. They also became violently sick on Sunday morning, several hours after they had eaten the souse at an evening meal.

The grandchildren were Carol Elaine Thompson, 6, and Iris Faye McNeill, 9. Rev. McNeill's wife had barely touched the souse, was reported as faintly ill, but not committed to the hospital.

Why did one die while three others lived?

The doctor who treated the two children suggested that their grand father had probably eaten more of the mixture of odd parts from a pig than did the grandchildren or his wife.

Information on the fatal supper was scarce today, and it was not known whether an inquest is to be held. Coroner R. L. Pate, Sr., could not be reached for comment.

The Dunn physician who arrived at McNeill's home just after his sudden death, and ordered the grandchildren into the hospital for immediate treatment, said that a specimen of the pork eaten at the meal has been sent to state laboratories for analysis.

Fifty-six years old, Rev. McNeill was a member of Pleasant Grove Church and pastor of four others in this general area. Three of these were identified as Willow Spring Church in Johnston County, Sandy Grove and Union Hill Baptist Churches in Harnett County.

"I thought he was a real good preacher," commented a young woman who had known him. "He substituted at our church sometimes, and he always said what he meant, and didn't make it too long."

Said an older man, "That souse meat is mighty good but mighty peculiar. If you don't have respect for it, you might come up dead."

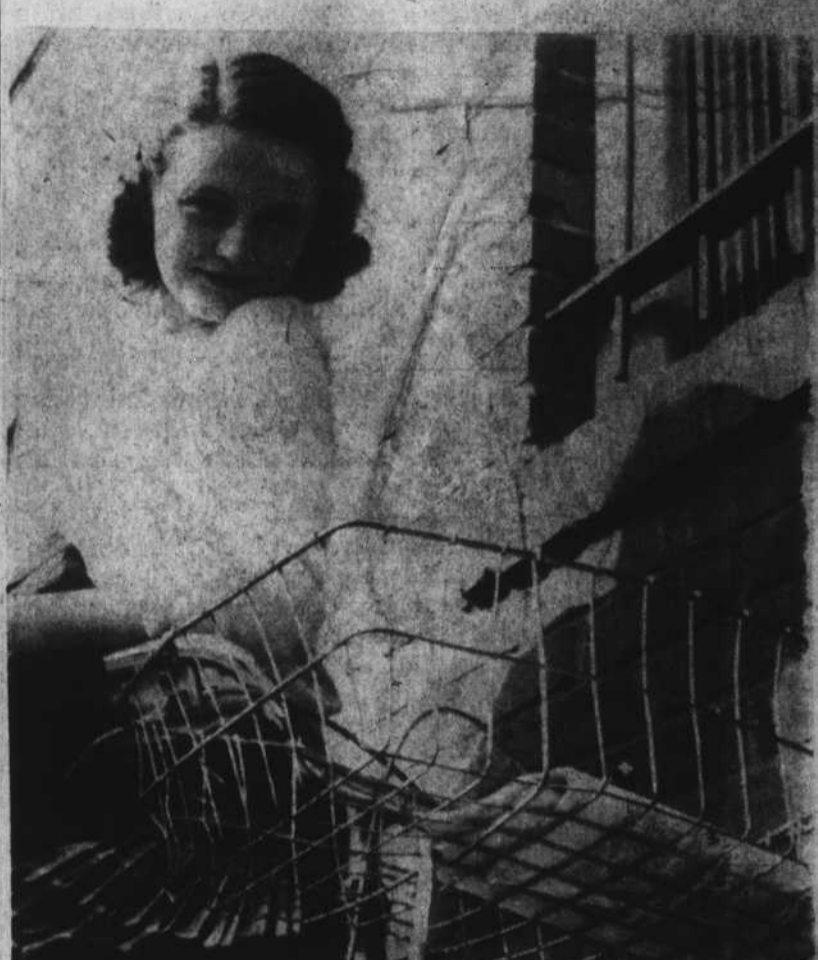
The doctor who had treated Rev. McNeill's grandchildren said the meat was eaten about seven o'clock on Saturday evening. Rev. McNeill, he said, ate more of it than the others and became ill that same night, dying about three a. m. before the doctor reached his bedside.

Whether souse meat become poisonous or not, the doctor said, "depends on the primary handling."

"Next thing after handling is to keep it cold. If handled properly and kept under refrigeration and if certain utensils are not placed with it — those that cause the rapid growth of bacteria — why, it will be all right."

Funeral services are to be held tomorrow. Rev. Will Cox of Durham and Rev. Connie Smith, local pastor, will officiate.

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MAINSTAY — Ann Britton, though she may not look too athletic in this photo, is a top player on the girls' team of Dunn High. This weekend she rested up for contests against Lumberton and Benson. Stricken with pneumonia earlier this year, she recovered to become a squad mainstay and big point maker. (Record Photo by Brent Adams.)

Powerful Searchlights Purchased

Sheriff And Aids Can Brighten Corners

To paraphrase the words of a gospel song, cheerful Sheriff Claude Moore and his smiling rural policemen now have all the equipment necessary "to brighten the corner" where they are.

County commissioners this week approved the purchase of seven battery-operated searchlights for the officers. Sheriff Moore demonstrated the handy headlights which resemble nothing more than an everyday pressing iron, with a powerful searchlight on one end of the handle and a red blinker at the other. Batteries are at the base.

The combined blinker and searchlight operates on dry cell batteries which may be replaced at nominal cost, and are guaranteed to burn 185 hours.

Will Help Find Lost

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Local Moonshine Is Scarcer Now

The systematic battle being waged against the sale of illegal whiskey by the county sheriff's department was reflected this week in the small number of illegal stills reported seized during January.

"It's getting a bit hard to find a liquor still in Harnett County," commented one officer.

Rural policemen, according to a report filed by Sheriff Claude Moore with the county commissioners, confiscated four stills, 3

condensers, 25 gallons of "white" whiskey and 300 gallons of beer. Two men were arrested and charged with illegal manufacture. They were Gib Jackson and Jessie James Stewart.

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Crippled Youth Charged With Transporting Liquor On Bike

A 19-year-old crippled youth, Billy Franklin Pope, has been arrested here and charged with transporting whiskey on a bicycle. His mother was also arrested and charged with possession following a raid on his home.

On Thursday, January 14, Police said that neither has any record for liquor dealings.

Pope was stopped yesterday at 12:15 p. m. by a rookie policeman, Earl Allen. Police had received information that whiskey was being transported by bike, and Allen checked a box in the bicycle basket.

Both have been released without giving bond and cited to court 19-year-old boy under arrest. A

These Little Things

By ROOBER ADAMS

LITTLE NOTES ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

Campbell College has an ardent booster in County Commissioner Joe Currin of Angier. One of the first things the popular new official did after taking the oath of office Monday was to instruct County Auditor Herbert D. Carson, Jr. to send his commissioner's pay of \$35 a month to Campbell College.

Mr. Currin said he doesn't want even a thin dime for his services to the county but wants the money to go to Campbell to help finance the good work the college is doing. Postmaster Thad Pope of Dunn reported after returning from Ike's inauguration that the President looks better and even healthier than he did when Thad saw him take the oath the first time four years ago.

Postmaster Pope became a grandpa for the first time last Thursday and on Saturday Assistant Postmaster Cleon Wilson became a grandpa for the second time. A pretty baby daughter was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas G. Wilson in Lynn, Mass. on Saturday.

Father Francis Stokes reports that he had a fine time during his vacation in Florida. "When are you going to get married?" we asked pretty Miss Mildred Jackson of Erwin the other day. "I'm ready," she replied with a sweet smile.

"Well, what are you waiting for?" we asked. "Waiting for him to ask me," she replied. Now there's a very frank and honest young lady. Leon Keltner's recording of "By The River Seine" is a smooth piece of music. He plays it almost every night during

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New Scout Chief Here From Florida

Francis 'Smoky' Smith, who became a tenderfoot scout on his 12th birthday in De Land, Florida, came to Harnett this week as the new district scout executive.

Arriving here from St. Petersburg, Florida, he replaces Homer Eggers, an energetic young man who shares both his passion for scouting and the nickname of Smokey. Eggers has been appointed the district executive for the Raleigh area.

Smith and his wife, the former Margaret Francis of Waynesboro, N. C., will live at 1000 1/2 North McKay Ave. in Dunn. This is not the new executive's first assignment in the Tarheel state. For three years, he worked out of Asheville.

His predecessor was showing Smith around the county today.

Defense Mobilizer Job Goes To Gray

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower today announced the resignation of Defense Mobilizer Arthur S. Flemming.

The President announced at his news conference that he would nominate Gordon Gray, now assistant secretary of defense and former president of the University of North Carolina, to succeed Flemming.

Othe highlights of the news conference:

1. He predicted that Israel will withdraw her forces from the Gaza Strip and the area of the Gulf of Aqaba lying in Egyptian territory in accordance with the resolution of the United Nations.

2. He believes that his confer-

ences with King Saud of Saudi Arabia have produced progress toward a peaceful and, eventually united Middle East.

3. He said the United States should ship oil to Europe to the fullest capacity of available transportation facilities. He held out the possibility that if this does not take place the federal government may have to step into the situation.

4. He renewed his support of the four-point administration civil rights program before Congress. He said there is nothing in it in-

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Lacking Fine Money, Drunks Go To Roads

Four speeders and a handful of other offenders were tried and fined in Dunn Recorder's Monday morning by Judge H. Paul Strickland. A Fort Bragg soldier, Robert Earl Harrell, was given 30 days on the roads suspended on payment of \$5 fine and costs for possession of taxpaid whiskey.

Two colored men charged with public drunkenness were sent to the roads by Judge Strickland. Both landed in court with new charges of drunkenness before they had paid off the fines levied on them the last time they were in court.

The two remanded to the roads were Johnny Clegg, 37, of Dunn, Route 5, and Dick Ray, 41, of

North Fayetteville Avenue in Dunn. Each was given two thirty-day sentences, but the sentences run concurrently so they will be out in a month.

Alan N. Fullford of Fort Bragg, charged with disorderly conduct on South Wilson, pled guilty and was fined with costs.

Brought in for "no mufflers," Jim Henry Adams, 53, of Route 2, Benson, pled guilty and was fined with costs and ordered to have his car equipped properly.

Speeders fined were Harry Gerald Allen, 20, of Erwin, Route 1, \$5 and costs; Joseph Sherrill Coats, 30, Dunn, Route 3, costs; Wilson Free-

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Harnett County Commissioners Seek Soil Bank Changes

By LOIS BYRD Record Staff Writer

The Harnett County Board of Commissioners joined with Lee County commissioners this week in calling on Congress for changes in the soil bank program as it affects flue-cured tobacco farmers.

Chief contention of the resolution is that the tobacco farmer, already forced to take a 20 percent reduction in acreage, wants

the rate of payment on tobacco lands placed in the soil bank raised so that it will be comparable with the percentage now paid for other farm commodities.

Commissioners voted to approve the resolution after hearing County Agent C. R. Ammons explain the proposed changes. Acting Chairman Jarvis Pleasants also said the recommendations agreed with those endorsed by the Farm Bureau. The motion to approve the resolution came from Alex Cameron and was seconded by J. E. Womble.

Text of the resolution was identical to that adopted by the Lee County commissioners at a special called meeting held in Sanford on Jan. 30.

The resolution was as follows: "Whereas, one of the purposes of the Acreage Reserve phase of the Soil Bank Program is to reduce surpluses, and thereby cut production of certain crops, and

Whereas, the extent of participation by farmers in the Soil Bank is determined by the rate of payment per unit, (of acreage) and the il-

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Officials Endorse Flood Control Dam

Harnett County commissioners went on record Monday as favoring the construction of the proposed flood control dam on New Hope Creek, near Moncure at the earliest possible date.

At the same time the Harnett officials named County Agent C. R. Ammons and County Attorney

W. A. Johnson to represent this county at the public meeting scheduled to be held in Fayetteville on

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