

+WEATHER+

Fair and not much change in temperature tonight. Lows in 30s in coastal sections, in 20s southwest. Increasing cloudiness Wednesday and little change in temperature.

The Daily Record



VOLUME 10

TELEPHONE 3117 — 3118

DUNN, N. C. TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 26, 1960

FIVE CENTS PER COPY

NO. 37

IKE RAPS CASTRO FOR INSULTS

Erwin Party Survived Sea Explosion

'We Felt The Presence Of Death'

By TED CRAIL, Managing Editor

An Erwin minister, back from a trip to the Bahamas that almost ended fatally for a thousand persons, described the extraordinary stillness that came over the passengers of a small luxury liner when they piled on deck after an explosion that threatened to carry the ship to the bottom.

"The were no outcries," said the Reverend H. T. Durden, "no panic.

"Everyone was quiet. "Some had their lifejackets on over their pajamas. Others had just pants on. One man was in shorts.

"We felt—I'd say what we felt was the presence of death."

A pastor in the Church of God, Reverend Durden is a big man with a big man's air of physical confidence. His whole family was aboard The Bahama Star with him—his wife, 24-year-old daughter,

Also on board were Eva Tyndall, Laura Turner and Clyde Edwards, all from the Erwin church which he serves and which had sent them as a party of delegates to a missionary meeting in the Bahamas.

Of the thousand persons on the ship, all but 200 or so were returning from that same meeting. When Reverend Durden calls The Bahama Star a "luxury liner,"

(Continued On Page Six)



ACT OF SALVATION — The Reverend H. T. Durden of Erwin uses a telephone receiver to demonstrate how courageous crewman on The Bahama Star plunged hands under-water, found valve to shut off oil and saved ship from second, greater explosion that might have taken all hands with a thousand persons aboard. (Record Photo by Ted Crail.)

Two Stills Destroyed Last Night

Two vat-type stills were destroyed two miles south of here Monday night by Harnett County Sheriff's deputies.

According to Sheriff Wade H. Stewart, officers raided the illicit whiskey operation at approximately 7:30, some 200 yards into the woods off Highway 87.

In addition to the stills, 14 cases of whiskey and a 1951 Ford was confiscated.

Officers said they spotted the car coming from the stills to the highway, but the driver fled the scene before he could be apprehended.

They said a "run" had apparently just been finished.

A Case Of Bootlegging On Big Scale

BOSTON (UPI) — The Boston Traveler said today U. S. Treasury agents are investigating the smuggling of millions of dollars worth of liquor into the United States aboard Air Force planes.

The newspaper said a special task force is conducting "an unprecedented probe" of smuggling activities at Greater Air Force

(Continued On Page Six)

But Plans Aren't Definite

Erwin Bank Has Expansion Coming

Polio Rise In State 'Very Bad'

RALEIGH (UPI) — The State Board of Health today described the incidence of poliomyelitis in North Carolina during 1959 as "extremely bad."

Dr. J.W.R. Norton, state health director, estimated that at least 40 per cent of the state's population had received no polio vaccine and urged local health directors to begin planning vaccination.

(Continued On Page Six)

Yabor Dares U. S. To Send More Troops

HAVANA (UPI)—Cuban Justice Minister Alfredo Yabor warned Monday night that "there will be millions of American bodies" if the United States sends Marine reinforcements to its naval base at Guantanamo Bay.

Yabor referred during a television broadcast to government press reports that "thousands" of U. S. Marines have landed at the base.

However, the base commander, Rear Adm. F. W. Fenno, denied that any new Marines, other than normal rotation replacements, have arrived at Guantanamo.

The minister said, "there are

(Continued On Page Six)

Will Combat Illegal Acts In Territory

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower assured the Cuban people today that the United States has no intention of interfering in their domestic affairs or becoming a party to any reprisals at this time.

The President said he and secretary of State Christian A. Herter were concerned and perplexed by recent attacks on the United States by Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

Eisenhower added, however, that the American people still have the greatest affection for the Cuban people and expect their "firm and mutually beneficial friendship" to continue.

The President discussed the Cuban crisis at his news conference.

Immediately following the conference, he issued a five-point restatement of U. S. policy toward Cuba which was critical of Castro for promoting the "unfounded" illusion of aggressive acts and conspiratorial activities aimed at the Castro government by the United States.

Hits at Insults

While professing close friendship for the Cuban people, Eisenhower said recent statements of Castro and members of his gov-

(Continued On Page Six)

Coats' Lawmaker Won't Announce Until February

Hodges 'Running Hard' For Vice-President Says Carson

By TED CRAIL, Managing Editor

State Representative Carson Gregory, the Coats lawmaker who is a ten-year veteran of the state's political wars, said today he has no doubt that Governor Luther B. Hodges has his eye cocked on the Democratic vice-presidential nomination.

"In my opinion," said Gregory, "he's trying to be vice-president just as hard as he can. I think he's had his mind on it for the past 18 months."

The governor, Gregory said, is "too old" to run for the Senate because he doesn't have enough years ahead of him in which to build up an imposing seniority status.

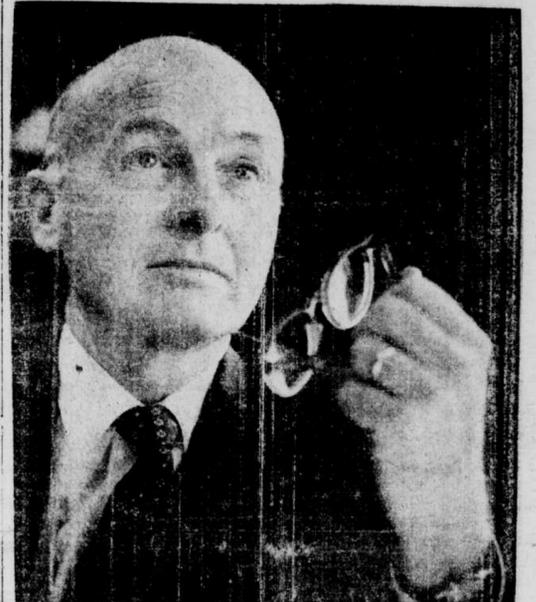
Usually an early declarer, Coats' ebullient farmer-politician said that he will make no formal declaration about the House of Representatives race until February.

"I thought I'd let the governor's get their announcing out of the way first," he suggested.

"But I'll let everybody know in plenty of time what my plans are."

A supporter of Addison Newtett when he ran for speaker of the house, the Harnett representative said he was sorry when his friend bowed out of the governor's

(Continued On Page Three)



NEW SYSTEM — Tommy Harrell (above) will become city hall office manager in time to study new bookkeeping system which council has ordered implemented. He will be first occupant of newly-created post. (Record Photo by Ted Crail.)

Trial Faces Delay from Flu

Prosecutor Believed Carole — 'At First'

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The state was almost set to rest its case against Dr. R. Bernard Finch and Carole Tregoff today but it appeared the murder trial might be delayed a week by the illness of a minor witness.

Judge Albert H. Miller, who presided at the preliminary hearing for Finch, had the influenza that has stricken Southern California. He was not expected to be able to testify until next Monday and a postponement until then was likely.

The dramatic trial took a bizarre twist Monday with the chief prosecutor himself on the stand and an attorney for Miss Tregoff, 23, coming close to accusing him of tricking Carole into a murder charge.

The red-haired mistress flashed angry looks as Dep. Atty. Fred N. Whichello testified that he at first believed her story that she went to the Finch home July 18 but had no direct connection with the shooting of Mrs. Barbara Jean Finch, 33.

Miss Tregoff had testified at

the preliminary hearing July 27. Whichello called himself as a state witness and underwent examination by colleague Clifford Crail in an effort to get into the record the story Carole told at the July 27 hearing.

Whichello said when Carole first began to testify he did not consider her a suspect. But as she went on he gradually changed his mind and began definitely to suspect her when she broke into tears on the stand and was led into the judge's chambers.

She resumed the stand and, as

(Continued On Page Three)

Third Arrest For Campy's Stepson, 16

NEW YORK (UPI) — Former Dodger catcher Roy Campanella's 16-year-old stepson had another strike called against him today. He was charged with petty larceny, his third arrest within a year.

"I don't want to talk about it," Campanella, who is paralyzed from a broken neck he received in an auto accident two years ago said. "I don't know any details yet."

David, the son of Campanella's wife Ruthie by a previous marriage, was arrested Monday night with three other teen-agers. They had a carton of candy, cigarettes and groceries from a grocery in Queens.

The youths claimed Morris H. Kessman, the owner of the store, gave them the groceries, but he denied it, police said.

Lennon Won't Run For Senate

Congressman Alton A. Lennon won't oppose U. S. Senator B. Everett Jordan, but is a candidate for re-election to a third term in the House.

He will announce his official decision at noon tomorrow, The Daily Record learned this afternoon.

Works Directly Under Storey

Tommy Harrell Fills Key Post

Come February 1 Tommy Harrell will be taking on new duties at city hall, stepping into the newly created post of office manager and assistant city clerk.

His appointment is probably the most important of a number of projected changes. Setting up the new position on a trial basis, the city council spelled out that there would be "no usurping of city

clerk authority." However, Charles Storey, long in failing health, will be working on a half-day schedule, at a slight drop in salary (\$5200 annually to \$4800 annually.)

One of Harrell's chief functions will be in connection with a new bookkeeping system which certified public accountant Thurman

(Continued On Page Six)

Charlotte Morticians Take Action

Funeral Homes Drop Ambulance Service

CHARLOTTE (UPI) — Unless local morticians change their minds by March 1, the Charlotte City Council will have to come up with a plan to provide emergency ambulance service here.

Complaining about recent criticism of the ambulance service they provide, the funeral direct-

ors notified the council Monday they are going out of the ambulance business March 1.

They also complained they were losing money by providing a service which they feel is the responsibility of the city.

Mayor James Smith and some

(Continued On Page Six)

By Tape Recorded Sermon

Sweet Daddy Will Preach Own Funeral

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (UPI) — A three-hour funeral service was scheduled today for Bishop Charles M. (Sweet Daddy) Grace, the leader of a three million member religious sect.

The service at the House of Prayer for All People, a small, red, white and blue church he founded 39 years ago, will feature a tape recording of one of Sweet Daddy's sermons. He died in Los Angeles Jan. 11.

Following the ceremony, the religious leader who was said to be 75 to 80 years old, will be borne

to a tomb in Oak Grove Cemetery with the mourners, expected to number more than 6,000, walking behind he \$19,000 hearse.

A huge picture of Sweet Daddy, a native of the Cape Verde Islands, was on the altar behind the \$20,000 casket. Signs on the pews inside the flower-filled church read, "Welcome Home Daddy."

Hundreds of mourners from practically every state in the union, wept as they passed the hermetically sealed, glass-covered

(Continued On Page Three)

Tucker Begins Duties Today

Barbecue Presbyterian church is playing host to the 331st, stated meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery today. Around 160 ministers and ruling elders were expected to attend.

The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. with the Rev. W. O. Nelson, of Robbins, moderator, presiding. The Rev. C. W. Wallace, missionary to the Belgium Congo, was the principal speaker at 11 a.m.

The communion service was conducted by the Rev. Owen Norman, pastor of Cameron Hill and Cypress churches, and the Rev. Bill Howell, pastor of Olivia and Barbecue churches.

Lunch was served at 12:30 o'clock. In the afternoon session to be

(Continued On Page Six)

Henkel Enters Race For Lt. Governor

Veteran Democratic Senator C. V. Henkel, merchant, farmer and former manufacturer, today formally announced his candidacy for Lieutenant Governor. For four consecutive terms he has represented the 25th senatorial district, composed of Iredell, Catawba and Lincoln counties.

Senator Henkel long has been prominent in Democratic affairs at all levels, serving from precinct chairman to finance director of the statewide party.

In a statement to his candidacy, Senator Henkel said:

"The years that lie immediately ahead will be critical ones for North Carolina. On the basis of my experience within State Government as a member of the General Assembly and in my own private endeavors I believe that I

(Continued On Page Six)



C. V. HENKEL