

# WEATHER

Fair, windy and warmer today. Partly cloudy and turning cold to night and Wednesday with a chance for a few snow flurries across the state tonight.

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# CONGRESS GETS URBAN AFFAIRS PLAN

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## How ABC Works

This newspaper, as a public service, today begins publication of a series of articles presenting documented facts and opinions of some of the State's leading citizens who have been in position to watch the ABC system at work. We are doing so because we feel the people have a right to know the accomplishments and problems.

Only 36 counties and towns had ABC stores when this information was published in booklet form as an official publication of the N. C. Association of ABC Boards, made up of their officials in 1953. Today, over 77 per cent of North Carolina's entire population lives in Legal Control areas. Spreading popularity of ABC is further proof that it is the best solution to a difficult problem.

### ORDER OUT OF CHAOS

The first ABC stores opened in North Carolina in the Summer of 1935. Always a conservative state, North Carolina did not amend its own prohibition laws, insofar as "hard liquor" was concerned, immediately after the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

Like the other 47 members of the Union, our State had suffered from the chaos which grew out of national prohibition. But our people, and their Legislators, adopted a wait-and-see attitude. They waited; and what they saw disturbed them. They saw law and order returning to some other states, while in North Carolina the chaos of crime remained—if, indeed, it did not grow worse.

In the Spring of 1935 a few courageous lawmakers, disgusted by a situation in which liquor flowed freely and without regulations, introduced bills to allow the citizens of some 17 counties to vote on the proposition of establishing ABC stores. The newspaper reporters covering the Legislature were almost unanimous in their belief the bills would not pass. But they were wrong.

### GIVE IT A TRIAL

"Let's give it a trial; let's see how it works," was the attitude of the majority of Legislators, though most of them did not include their counties in the provisions of those first ABC bills.

And so the bills passed and the people in the majority of the counties concerned voted for the system. The State's first local government control stores were put in operation.

There was a lot lacking in the system during those first two years. There was no experience to guide either the Legislators who drew the bills or the officials who had charge of those first local systems and stores. But despite that, the infant ABC system was highly successful when compared to the bootlegging system which prevailed elsewhere. So the next Legislature, in 1937, strengthened the system by the creation of the State Board of Alcoholic Control with supervision over the local ABC boards. That Legislature also opened the door for other localities to operate stores, if the people concerned so desired.

### THE SYSTEM SPREADS

Since then the North Carolina ABC system—a system of local government stores regulated by the State—has grown and spread. There have been minor setbacks and some mistakes. But the successes have so surpassed the failures that many North Carolinians living in so-called dry territory—where there was just as much liquor but a great many more bootleggers—became convinced. And slowly but steadily the system spread. It proved itself sound and effective.

A group of Eastern North Carolina counties, the majority of them small, pioneered the ABC system. For a time Wilmington was the largest city with an ABC store. Then slowly the system spread westward, largely as a result of the votes of urban citizens who had become convinced. Today the system is in operation from the ocean to the mountains and there is not a city with a 1950 Census population as large as 40,000 in which the sale of whiskey is uncontrolled. But the smaller counties also are observant of results in control territory. On October 3, 1953, Caswell voted for control, though the operation of the system had not begun when this county-to-county survey was made. Whether the system will be adopted in other North Carolina localities only time, and the voters, can tell. But there is no doubt one fact. Where it has been adopted, the ABC system has brought order out of chaos.

### A NEW ERA IS BORN

ABC officials in the control areas of North Carolina do not promote the spread of the system into "dry" territory but they do, through their association, make available the facts and results to any who are interested. That in itself is evidence that profit is not the primary concern of the local ABC organizations. It should be remembered that when Wake County opened stores, Nash and Wilson lost business; and when Durham voted for control Wake, in turn, lost revenue. But despite such loss the ABC officials of almost every control unit are glad to see a neighboring locality adopt the system because they know that drives another nail into the coffin of the bootleg business, and provides better law enforcement in the general vicinity.

Read what Victor S. Bryant of Durham, leading citizen and outstanding Legislator, has to say on the subject: "In my judgment the ABC system in Durham has largely destroyed the illicit distillery and, by taking the business out of the hands of bootleggers, has prevented the formation of well financed and organized criminal rings operating in defiance of law. After a trial of more than 15 years, I believe the system is favored by the large majority of the citizens of Durham County."

"I have talked with the Sheriff, the chief and lots of business men, preachers and doctors," wrote W. C. Stoyons of Plymouth. "With very few exceptions they tell me this is the best way."

In Bertie County 26 prominent citizens, representing various walks of life, signed a statement to the effect that Bertie's experience has shown "the ABC system is the best way."

"Increased sales in North Carolina (ABC stores) are due not to the idea that more people are drinking but to the established fact that more people are buying through control stores," declared former State ABC Chairman Robert W. Winston of Raleigh. "They are choking bootleggers to death."

"Conditions have improved in our community since the local ABC store has been in operation," wrote Judge Edwin H. Mahone of (Continued on Page Two)



BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD HEARS KINCAID —Larry Kincaid, assistant director of the Umstead Youth Center at Butler said Friday night, that many juvenile delinquency problems could be avoided by stricter discipline in the homes and in the schools. He brought with him three boys serving time there who told of their downfall and

what the Youth Center is doing to rehabilitate them. Left to right are: Bill Lawrence, C. T. McGugan, Sr., Mr. Kincaid, George W. Williams, who presided as president of the Brotherhood, and Dr. E. Norfleet Gardner of Henderson, interim pastor of the church. (Daily Record Photo.)

By High Court Tribunal

## Mercy Killer Is Freed

"Be Nice And Ask For Your Name"

## Pastor Would Oust Store Supporters

Dunn's fight over ABC stores seems to grow warmer by the hour as Tuesday's referendum draws near.

So much so that one out-of-town minister apparently doesn't want on the rolls of his church any member who would vote for the ABC store.

Members of the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, located a few miles from Dunn, report that the Rev. Conday Ellis, pastor, Sunday morning invited any who might favor Legal Control to get out of the church.

During a brief discussion on Dunn's pending referendum, the Rev. Mr. Ellis was quoted as telling all members of the church who live in Dunn and plan to vote for Legal Control:

"Be nice about it and come up here and ask for your name.... Some of you may not like me saying that.... It so, you can see me."

### Meddling Claimed

The Rev. Mr. Ellis could not be reached today for comment. He lives in the Coats community,

## House Burns While Woman At Grocery Store

When Mary Watkins returned from the grocery store this morning she found her home in flames.

The fire department was alerted this morning at 9:38 by a neighbor. The Watkins home, owned by Mrs. R. A. Duncan, Sr., is located at 811 South Fayetteville Avenue.

Howard M. Lee, secretary-treasurer of the department, said it is believed that the origin of the blaze was an over heated coal laundry heater.

The house and furnishings were extensively damaged between \$2000 and \$3000. Both losses were covered by insurance.

Four trucks and 22 men answered the call and were back at the fire station at 10:20.

and, of course, is not eligible to vote in the Dunn election.

Some members of his church were reported as being in a furor over the statement.

Outside intervention in the Dunn voting has also raised the ire of some of those campaigning for the stores. However, Chairman Emmett Aldredge's "Christian Action League" has welcomed them into the fight.

Among those appearing on paid radio broadcasts against the stores are three leaders who live outside the town and cannot vote, Joe Leslie, Rev. Herbert Carter (Continued on Page Six)

## The Battleground

TO THE EDITOR:

A thing that is morally wrong can never be economically or socially right. If one knows the scriptures, he surely knows that the use of alcohol as a beverage is morally wrong. I entreat you to read Proverbs 20:1 and Proverbs 23:29-32 for a true picture of the results of using alcohol as a beverage.

To those who would side step the moral issue by saying we already have liquor, and the ABC store will get rid of bootleggers, let me say to you, that even though Wilson County was the first County in N. C. to have ABC stor-

es, Wilson County still has bootleggers. There is also much talk about economic benefits to be derived from ABC stores. Before you vote please get the statistics and look at both sides. Be sure to count the cost. From my observation, Wilson County has failed to reap many of the benefits that voters were told they would reap, but have reaped many random harvests.

Let's really pray about this matter. "Ye Cannot serve God and mammon." Matthew 6:24b. Elizabeth E. Burns (Continued on Page Five)

## Kennedy Picks Negro To Head Cabinet Post

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy today sent Congress his plan for a new department of urban affairs to be headed by Robert C. Weaver, a Negro. He said "the times we live in urgently call for this action."

The President accompanied his reorganization plan with a message pressing for congressional support of the proposed new department.

"The challenge is great, and the time is short," Kennedy told the dubious Congress. "We will neglect our cities at our peril, for in neglecting them we neglect the nation."

"Our cities and the people who live in and near them need and deserve an adequate voice in the highest councils of government."

### Side Door Method

The President decided to submit the reorganization plan, which becomes effective within 60 days unless vetoed by either the House or Senate, after the House Rules Committee pigeon-holed a bill to create the agency by legislation.

Republicans greeted the reorganization plan with charges of "fraud" and vowed to try to defeat it. Southern Democrats also opposed the proposal and the best guess was that it would be defeated.

But Kennedy argued strongly for the idea.

"It should not be assumed that these are matters of concern only to our larger cities," he said. "Hundreds of smaller cities and towns are located on or near the (Continued on Page Two)

## Wrecks Occur Block Apart

Two accidents occurred only a block from each other during the weekend at Erwin.

A 1955 Ford operated by Edward Junior Royal, 31, of Dunn, Route 3, attempted to turn across the Durham and Southern Railway tracks on Highway 217. State Trooper George Spain said Royal told him he didn't see the train or hear its bell and his car stalled on the track as Engineer Eugene Branson Brewer, 36, of N. Ellis Ave., Dunn, was backing the freight westward.

Damage to the car was about \$290.

Three hours later and just one block away, Henry James Smith, 46, of Erwin, driving a 1956 Ford stopped for a traffic light 42 feet east of 217 on G Street.

Trooper Spain said James Leon and Odum 52 of 307 East G Street, Erwin, driving a 1960 Chevrolet, was making a right turn from N. C. 217 into G street and struck Smith's car. Damage to the Smith car was \$150; his car's damage was \$50. Mrs. Effie L. Smith, 46, his wife, was riding in the front seat of the car. Nobody was injured.

Smith was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road.

Says They Have Offered No Alternate To ABC Funds

## Dr. Corbett Raps ABC Foes For Not Backing Recreation

Dr. Clarence L. Corbett, Sr. today took to task Chairman Emmett Aldredge's "Christian Action League" for opposing the Legal Control system of ABC stores which would provide finances for city recreation but at the same time have failed to offer any proposal of their own for supporting the program.

A leading physician here for



JUST A DREAM AWAY—Therese Kametz, 20, gazes through window which separates her from her wedding gown in a padlocked Cleveland, Ohio, bridal shop. A court headed tearful pleas of several brides separated from their gowns because of a legal action, and permitted release of gowns for the overjoyed brides in time for the weddings.

For Allowing Tobacco Imports

## Henderson Praises Philippine Action

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. David Henderson, D-N. C., says the Philippine government has taken "a step in the right direction" in agreeing to limited U. S. tobacco imports and reshipment of 7,000 hogheads seized recently.

"Our strong protest was to the confiscation and possible burning" of the seized tobacco, Henderson said yesterday.

Earlier Monday, president Diosdado Macapagal reached an agreement to permit importation of some Virginia leaf and reshipment of the hogheads.

The Philippines Embassy in Washington said a 7,000 hogheads would be shipped back to the United States.

Henderson said the plan sounded "like it is a reasonable compromise," but added that he would like to study it in more detail.

United States legislators led by Rep. Harold Cooley, D-N.C., threatened to suggest a ban on sugar imports from the island republic unless the tobacco shipment was released.

The shipment, valued at \$7 million, has been held in Manila since the government cancelled the import firm's license on the grounds of violating Philippine tobacco laws.

Washington sources hinted that the island republic agreed to the compromise in order to avert a (Continued on Page Two)

## County Gets Fat Check From CT&T

H. C. Bridgers, local manager for Carolina Telephone, one of the county's larger taxpayers, this week presented a check for \$17,578.57 to Harnett County's tax collectors.

The check was in payment of 1961 ad valorem taxes on the company's properties within the county. Also, a check for \$5,739.68 for municipal ad valorem taxes in Dunn was handed to the city tax collector. In addition, checks covering municipal ad valorem taxes in other towns will be delivered this week.

The company's total county and municipal tax bill throughout eastern North Carolina amounted to \$924,000. In addition, state and federal taxes came to \$6,500,000.

This does not include the 10% federal excise tax on telephone service which the company collects from its subscribers and remits to the federal government (Continued on Page Six)

## BULLETINS

AMMAN, Jordan (UPI) — The British-born wife of King Hussein today gave birth to a son and heir to the throne of the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan.

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Actor Van Johnson will be sued for separate maintenance by his wife, Eve, some time this week, according to an announcement Monday by a Los Angeles attorney.

DAYTONA BEACH (UPI) — Fireball Roberts, who has never won the "500" race here has filed his entry, hoping the law of averages will make him a winner this year. The Daytona 500 is scheduled for Feb. 18 and has drawn a field of 35 drivers from throughout the NASCAR circuit.

PARIS (UPI) — Madame Eugenie Petain, widow of Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, former chief of state of Vichy, France in World War II, died today in her Paris apartment. She had lived in retirement since the death of her husband 11 years ago. (Continued on Page Two)