

Considerable cloudiness with showers about 60 per cent of mountain area, partly cloudy elsewhere and warmer over state this afternoon and tonight.

MORE AMERICANS KILLED, WOUNDED

Russell Says U.S. Has No Business In Congo Mess

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., said today it would be "nothing less than a tragedy" and "a monument to poor statesmanship" if the United States gets involved in the Congo as it has in Viet Nam.

The chairman of the powerful Senate Armed Services Committee told newsmen: "If there is any place in the world we haven't any business it is the Congo."

Russell said there were "a half-dozen countries in Europe that have a greater stake in the Congo and a greater historical association there than we do."

"If we let them dump this on us, we have lost all pretense of statesmanship," he added.

Russell said he had hopes that President Johnson would not make such a mistake. However, he said, "there are some people" in the government "who apparently are anxious to get us involved everywhere."

The veteran lawmaker, who toured U. S. military installations in Europe this fall, said he always had felt the United States made a mistake by becoming involved in Viet Nam, but he conceded that getting out now would be difficult.

"The time is about at hand when we are going to have to reevaluate our position to Viet Nam and decide whether there is any possibility of saving those who are a little bit indifferent to their own salvation," he said.



WILL IT START? — An auto lies buried in mud left behind by the Klamath River when it came out of its banks at Klamath, Calif. (NEA Telephoto)

Old Age Pensioner Wins Football Pool Jackpot

\$2.80 Bet Wins \$620,525

LONDON (UPI) — An old age pensioner of 77 today won a football pool jackpot of \$620,525.

The lucky man was Joseph Almond, a retired insurance agent in Hove, Sussex. His win was one of the highest — but not the highest — ever paid in the pool. And all of it is tax free.

Almond's win came in the weekly "treble chance" pool operated by Littlewoods, Ltd., of Liverpool, one of the country's major betting firms.

The ultimate success to pick eight ties which, credited at three points each, give the better 24 points.

On last Saturday's treble chance coupon only seven games ended in draws — and Almond accomplished the almost impossible by having them. His eighth pick added two points, giving him in all 22 — and the jackpot because that was better than any other of the millions of Britons who play this pool each week was able to do.

The smallest total money that can be bet on "treble chance" is two shillings, six pence (35 U. S. cents) due to a series of combinations covered at one penny each, Almond said he actually bet one pound \$2.80 for his strike.

U. S. Casualties In Viet Nam Now Total 167

SAIGON (UPI) — Six more Americans have been killed, wounded or captured in separate clashes with Communist guerrillas, it was revealed today.

The U. S. military headquarters here reported that two enlisted advisers to the Vietnamese army's 33rd Banger Battalion are "missing." But eyewitnesses to the clash between the rangers and an estimated two battalions of Communist troops said the two men were captured.

A spokesman for the U. S. military said two other enlisted members of the U. S. Army Special Forces were killed this morning when Communists overran an American camp near Lai Khe, some 35 miles north of Saigon.

Meanwhile, American military sources at the site of a three day battle for control of the town of Binh Gia, 40 miles southeast of here, said another two American helicoptermen were wounded today by Communist groundfire.

The reports increased the number of American combat casualties thus far in December to 167. It was the bloodiest month for Americans since the United States decided to build up its forces in South Viet Nam in 1961.

With one day left of December, American combat casualties thus far numbered 16 killed, 149 wounded and two known missing and reported captured by Communist guerrillas.

The highest number of American casualties previously recorded in a single month was 155, of which 11 were killed and 144 wounded, in November of this year.

At Wayne Ave Shopping Center In Dunn

Tax Listing To Begin Monday

Tax listing will begin in each of Harnett's 13 townships Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Listing will be done from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily and until noon on Saturdays.

Local listers for the county will be Mrs. James Yates and Mrs. George (Jo Jo) Williams. Mrs. Frances Stewart will be present to list for the Town of Dunn.

Allen said all tangible personal property and all real estate must be listed. (He described tangible property as "touchable" property, such as machinery, furnishings or automobiles. "Intangible" property, such as stocks and bonds, are not taxed.)

All such property owned on Jan. 1 must be listed by the person who owned it at that time, he said. Only under certain unusual circumstances can a person have someone else act as his agent to list for taxes.

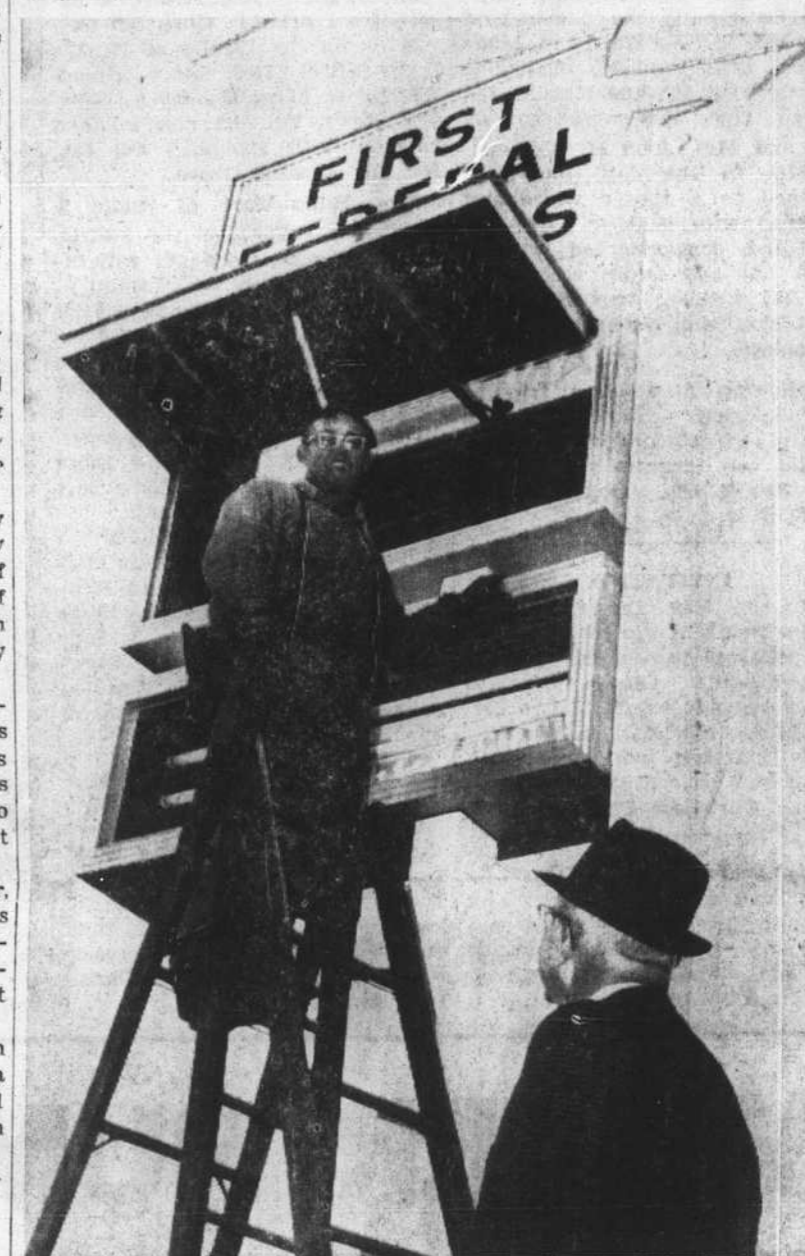
Real Estate

He reminded property owners too that real estate is not automatically listed, and must be listed by its owner. There is a widespread belief that real estate is listed automatically, he said. But, he said, no county has ever devised an automatic listing service that has been accepted by the State Board of Assessment.

Mr. Allen warned that as a penalty for late listing his office may add 10 per cent to the tax bill, and must add not less than \$1.

Any person who willfully fails or refuses to list, or conceals property, commits a misdemeanor punishable by a fine, imprisonment or both, he warned.

Listing will be carried on during the entire month of January, and if the Board of County Commissioners acts, it will be extended until Feb. 15. This has been done in years past. It cannot be extended beyond that date.



MORAL SUPPORT — Executive Vice President John Simpson of First Federal Savings and Loan looks on as a watchman puts finishing touches to a fancy new electronic sign that gives both time and temperature in a flash. Operated by 262 40-watt lamps, the electronic brain flashes time and temperature 17,280 times every 24 hours. "Just another community service by First Federal," smiled Mr. Simpson.

Prexy Addresses Rotary Club

Rotary Club president Pete Skinner spoke on what the club has achieved during his first six months in office at the meeting Tuesday night.

After the address, said Howard M. Lee, publicity director of the club, the men gave Skinner a rising vote of appreciation.

The club also planned means of raising money for the Boys Home at Lake Waccamaw.

John Watts, a freshman at UNC at Chapel Hill, was a guest and Rev. Carlton Best gave the invocation.

Herman Green was in charge of the program.

Delayed By ABC Election

Benson Beer Vote Slated For Jan 30

A referendum to decide "Shall beer be legally sold and licensed within the corporate limits of the Town of Benson by 'on-premises' and 'off-premises' sales will be held there Saturday, Jan. 30.

The election to decide the question of beer sales was scheduled to come up earlier this year, but was postponed because of the county-wide election on state liquor stores this fall.

Following the receipt of a petition signed by 348 local citizens, the board was required by state law to set the date for a referendum.

The vote January 30 would legalize the sale of beer only, if passed. Since Benson voted dry in the liquor election (by 15 votes), the town is not eligible as a site for a liquor store at the present time.

Liquor stores have already been approved in the McGee's Crossroads and Meadow areas in southern Johnston County, since these

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Until Other Shortage Ends

No More Cartwheels

WASHINGTON (UPI)—It will be a while yet before Americans who like to spend silver dollars have more of the cartwheels to jingle in the pockets of their jeans.

Treasury Department officials said they have no more plans to mint more of the coins, which are still in demand as currency

in Western states, until the current coin shortage is over.

After requests by Western members, Congress gave the U. S. Mint permission last summer to make 45 million more of the cartwheels, the first authorized since 1935. But officials said the mint is too busy producing other coins (Continued on Page Six)

Federal Charge Is Facing Man

Ralph Ed Smith, 21, of Peoria, Illinois was ordered held for trial in U. S. District Court at a preliminary hearing held here today for taking a stolen automobile across State lines.

U. S. Commissioner Abe Esmore found probable cause against Smith and ordered him held under \$1,500 bond for trial at the next term of U. S. District Court in Raleigh.

FBI agents who arraigned Smith said he had admitted stealing a 1962 Thunderbird in Peoria. He was arrested near Clinton.

Wrench Services Friday At 2:00

Raymond Wrench, 53, of Route 1, Godwin, died suddenly at his home Wednesday morning.

He was a native of Sampson County, son of the late G. L. and Lessie Carroll Wrench. He was a farmer and a member of the Minto Camp No. 1034 Woodmen of the World.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. David Hensley, pastor, and Rev. Lonnie Caton, pastor of Corinth FWB Church, will

Two Inaugural Balls Set

Everybody Welcome

RALEIGH (UPI) — Disappointed seekers of tickets to the governor's inaugural ball won't have to miss the affair after all.

In an unprecedented move, Governor Dan K. Moore announced Tuesday he has asked sponsors to hold a simultaneous affair to accommodate all North Carolinians who want to attend.

The Raleigh Junior League and American Legion Post No. 1, co-sponsors of the event, said the

inaugural affair was sold out for the first time in history with 2,000 tickets sold. Requests continue to pour in for the ball to be held at Memorial Auditorium.

"So that these people will not be disappointed, Mrs. Moore and I have requested the committee sponsor a second dance to be held at the same time," Moore said. The official party will attend both affairs, he added.

Will Direct Sheltered Workshop

Bass Is Named To Fayetteville Post

J. Milton Bass of Dunn today was named director of the Cumberland Sheltered Workshop.

Bass, 30, is a graduate of North Carolina State College, with a major in industrial arts. From 1959 until 1962 he taught industrial arts in Fayetteville City Schools. Since 1962 he has operated a crafts and novelty store in Dunn, and has served as a manufacturer's representative for sporting and recreational goods in Southeastern North Carolina. He is also chairman of the Dunn Recreation Commission.

Announcing the appointment, chairman Russell Crowell said the board of directors had investigated a number of prospects, and concluded that with his training and experience Bass was ideally suited for the position.

Bass will begin his new duties Jan. 1. By starting then, Crowell said, Bass will be able to assist in the selection and purchase of equipment, visit centers in other states, solicit contracts and, in cooperation with the Vocational Rehabilitation Office, refer (Continued on Page Six)

NEWS ROUNDUP

LEOPOLDVILLE (UPI) — Fear was expressed today for the lives of 87 white hostages dragged off by Congolese rebels from the town of Wamba before Congolese and mercenary rescuers reached it.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, who often attacked Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara during the presidential campaign, has endorsed McNamara's plan to merge Army Reserve units with the National Guard.

ASPEN, Colo. (UPI) — The Kennedy clan continued its romp in Colorado's exclusive Aspen ski area today at the midway mark of the family's eight-day holiday. The number of Kennedys on the rugged snow-covered slopes of western Colorado increased to 13 late Tuesday with the arrival of Mrs. Stephen Smith and Mrs. Peter Lawford, both sisters of the late President, and their children.

Some Like 'Em, Some Don't; 42c Pack

Lettuce Cigarettes Get Varied Reaction

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The world's first lettuce cigarettes went through a small-scale market test Tuesday and won limited endorsement.

"It tastes like barley" . . . "it's aromatic . . . 'acid' . . . 'sharp' . . . 'cool' . . . and 'tastes like burning leaves smell" were among comments from a selected group of office workers. Some were regular chain smokers, others non-smokers.

The lettuce cigarettes' manufacturer, Perry Resnick, was here to talk to prospective distributors and meet with lettuce growers from the nearby Salinas Valley. "There's no tobacco, thus no

nicotine, so they're safer," said Resnick, president of Guardian Smoking Products Inc., an Oklahoma firm.

Although he admitted the lettuce cigarettes don't taste like tobacco, Resnick said "curiosity" is on his side.

The cigarettes, complete with filter and looking almost exactly like their tobacco cousins, will sell for 42 cents per pack initially.

Cars Collide Near Hodges Crossroads

A 1955 Thunderbird driven by Larry Ennis of Route 3, Dunn, was damaged about \$550 when it collided with a 1961 Plymouth driven by L. P. McIntyre of Erwin, Route 1, Monday morning about two miles west of Dunn on the Red Hill Church Road near Hodges Crossroads.

Ennis was making a left turn at the crossroads at the same time that McIntyre was attempting to pass.

No charges were preferred.

Survey Shows Harnett Homes Have:

More TVs Than Tubs Or Showers

More Harnett County homes have television sets than bathtubs, showers or sanitary toilets.

And more homes own TV sets than radios, washing machines, home freezers or automobiles.

These interesting figures are included in a survey on conditions in the county made by Harnett's Anti-Poverty Committee and submitted to the county board of commissioners.

The survey embraced all of the county's 48,236 citizens, of whom 24,525 are white and 13,440 are Negro. There are 11,361 white families and 2,519 Negro families.

Harnett's farm population totals 15,241, of whom 11,311 are white and 3,930 are Negro.

TVs Lead Everything

Television sets lead the field among luxury and convenience items as well as what most citizens regard as absolute necessities.

A total of 7747 homes have both hot and cold piped water while 3530 have no piped water. Homes having water-connected toilet facilities total 8,106 while 5,356 have other type toilet facilities or none at all.

A total of 8951 homes have TV sets, 7153 have automobiles, 8394 have radios, 8705 have washing machines, 2790 have no washing machine; 4688 have one or more home freezers, 7676 have no home freezer.

The average income for Harnett citizens is \$2972 annually or \$1860 for males and \$780 for females in cases where both the husband and wife work, their total income averages \$3847.

The average income of Negro citizens is \$1,468, \$846 for Negro males and \$359 for Negro females.