

Lows tonight mostly 22 to 32. Saturday partly cloudy continued cold with chance of snow flurries in mountains.

U. S. PLANES IN NEW BOMB RAIDS

Major Battle Is Reported Raging Today

SAIGON (UPI) — U. S. and South Vietnamese fighter-bombers today bombed and strafed Communist Viet Cong positions about 25 miles south of Da Nang where a major battle was reported raging.

Da Nang is the site of a major U. S. air base from which B57 jet bombers have carried out raids on Communist North Viet Nam.

Eight U. S. Air Force F100 jet fighter-bombers took off from Da Nang to hit at the Communists in a followup to an earlier strike by Vietnamese propeller-driven Sky-raid.

Elements of two government battalions and a ranger battalion were airlifted to the site of the battle in Quang Nam Province, about 325 miles north of Saigon. One U. S. Army officer was wounded slightly Thursday.

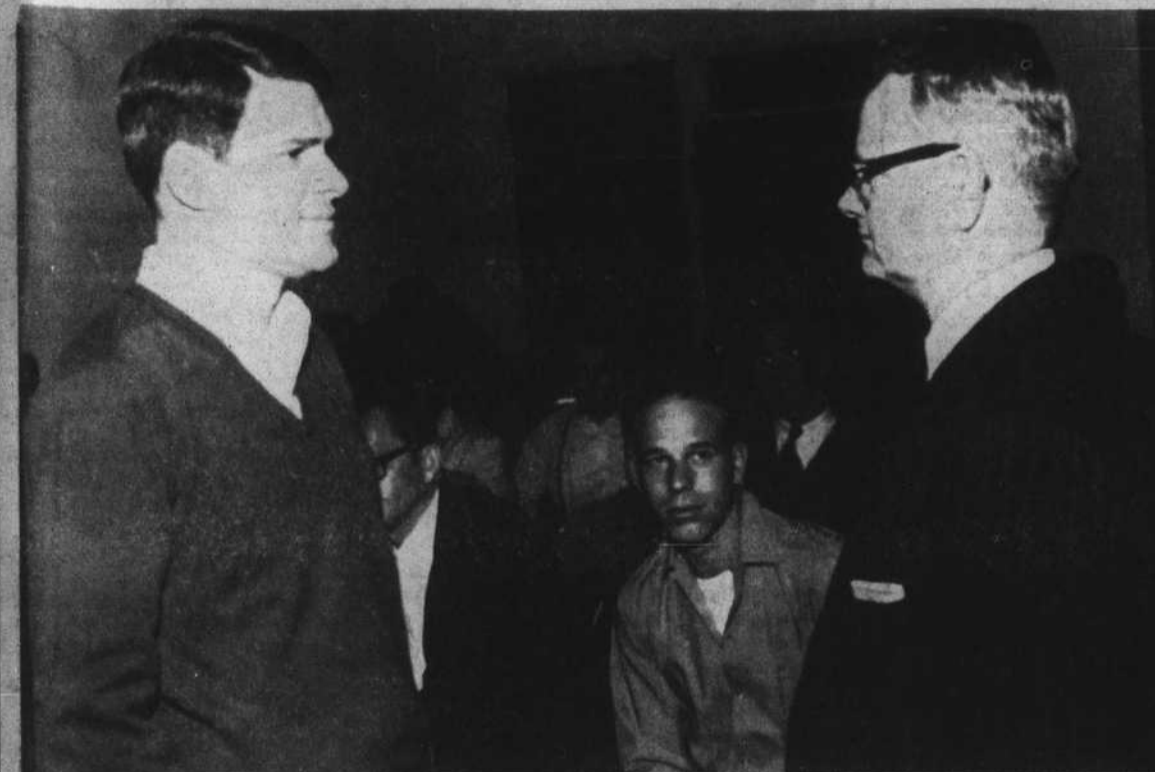
In other actions, a U. S. Army soldier was killed and four other Americans wounded in a clash Thursday near the Laotian border, about 50 miles southeast of Da Nang.

U. S. military headquarters in Saigon reported the end of the biggest helicopter operation of the war with government forces claiming only one suspected Communist guerrilla killed.

The massive, six-day clearing operations in Phuoc Tuy Province was launched last Saturday with more than 1,000 government troops flown into a small jungle clearing, 45 miles southeast of Saigon, by 137 U. S. helicopters.

Merchant Enters Council Race; Dale West Expected To Run

Pope Announces Today



GINNERS HOLD SCHOOL IN DUNN — A special school for cotton ginner was held today by the State Extension Service in the conference room of Home Savings & Loan Association in Dunn, Granville Tilghman, left, of General Utility Co. is shown here chatting with Wallace Johnson of the State Extension Service.

W. O. "Billy" Pope, of the Village Shop announced today that he would be a candidate for Commissioner at large in the upcoming town election.

Meanwhile, Dale West, well-known Dunn business man, indicated today that he will announce for a seat on the council next week.

Mr. West, one of the owners of West Radio & TV, said many citizens have urged him to make the race and that he is giving it serious consideration.

Mayor George F. Blalock is opposed by Bill Marshburn and candidates who have announced for the council are: Sigmund Butler and Marvin Johnson. Commissioners Bill Godwin and Bill Cameron are expected to seek re-election.

Mr. Pope, in announcing his candidacy, stated that his past and present business experience would be very helpful to him if elected to serve on the board of commissioners.

He has been in the retail clothing business in Dunn for eleven years. Through his planning, and knowledge of keeping up-to-date, he remodeled his store using a



DUNN ARTIST COMPLETES MURAL — Mrs. Joan Jernigan Voss is taking sort of a "busman's holiday" while home visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jernigan of Dunn, Route 4. She is shown here with a mural she has just completed in the Magnolia room of the new Robble Ann Restaurant which Bob Bass and Hugh Willie Tart will open soon on I-85.

Dunn Murder Trials Set

More than 60 cases, including seven involving murder, and assault offenses ranging from trespass to rape and felonious assault, are scheduled to trial at a one-week criminal term of Harnett Superior Court which will begin at Lillington, Monday, March 15.

Judge Henry A. McKinnon of Lumberton will preside and District Solicitor Archie Taylor and his assistant, Jake Lamm, will prosecute the docket.

Two murder cases that originated in Dunn highlight the session. Mrs. Denna Enis Byrd, 27, Dunn woman who shot her husband to death here on January 13, faces grand jury action on the first day of court.

Richard Smith, Dunn Negro, freed in November in two other killings, has already been indicted by the grand jury for a third murder that occurred two weeks after his last trial. His case is set near the top of the calendar, released today by Clerk Elizabeth Matthews.

Formal Opening Of Outlet Store

The formal opening of The Outlet Store on the Rayford Road in Highland Village, Fayetteville, will be held Saturday. The announcement was made today by the owner, Mrs. Dick (Elizabeth) Ross of Washington, N. C., daughter of Mrs. Charles Lee Guy of Dunn, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charles Lee (Mildred) Guy, Jr. of Fayetteville, the manager.

The store has a complete line of spring attire for youngsters sizes 3 to 14.

Dunn Scouts Plan Week's Activities

Marking the 53rd anniversary of Girl Scouts of America, members of the Dunn Girl Scouts will have a schedule of events beginning with attendance at church services Sunday and highlighted with a program on Friday evening at the Wayne Avenue School.

As Exchange Student

Harnett Farm Youth Going To Venezuela

Vernon Ballard of Kipling has been accepted as an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate to Venezuela, South America.

Vernon is a former member of the LaFayette School 4-H Club. He has been enrolled in Campbell College but has dropped out to prepare himself for this trip. He plans to resume his studies at Campbell on his return to America. The trip will begin April 1 and continue until approximately Nov. 15.

International understanding is an increasingly important need in our complex and divided world. One of the most effective means for building better understanding and lasting friendship between nations is through personal contact of people.

The International Farm Youth Exchange Program has been doing this. More than just a tourist visit, the program places rural young people in farm homes in other lands. Living the actual life of the foreign farm family, sharing their food, recreation and religious activities, North Carolina youngsters return home with a wider appreciation of other cultures and a broad-

er understanding of our responsibilities to the world community. Since the beginning of this program, North Carolina has sent delegates to 27 foreign countries, and in return has entertained 42 exchange delegates from 27 countries. These people-to-people exchanges may not seem important as they are relatively few in number. But the better understanding which they provide can enrich the lives of the boys and girls who participate and all other young people with whom they come in contact.

During six-month exchange visits, these young people have lived with farm families and, in a way, they have been adopted as members of the host families. All these exchanges, both North Carolina and foreign, have said that only in this way can one have a true understanding of a foreign people. With more of such understanding, better relationships can be, and will be, developed between countries.

Building international understanding is a task which we all too frequently leave to others. There are few activities we can undertake which can have so great an effect on our future peace and security.

Vernon will take slide pictures and learn as much as possible about his host country's cultures, and be

Estes Hustled Off To Prison

DALLAS (UPI) — Federal marshals secretly whisked bankrupt farm tycoon Billie Sol Estes from his Dallas County jail cell today and took him to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., to begin a 15-year sentence for fraud.

Estes was acquitted Wednesday of charges he lied to the Department of Agriculture about his financial worth. But, Estes, 40, must serve a 15-year term for mail fraud and conspiracy. He was convicted at El Paso in March of 1963. The U. S. Supreme Court Monday refused to review the case.

Estes is under sentences totaling 23 years. His eight-year sentence on a state conviction of swindling is on appeal and the Supreme Court said it would review the case.

News Roundups

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UPI) — Two or three shots were fired at the desert residence of Black Muslim leader Elijah Muhammad today from a car which sped by the house during pre-dawn hours.

CAMDEN, Ala. — Helmeted officers rushed to the town limits today and turned back about 200 Negroes attempting to march on the Wilcox County courthouse to protest alleged discrimination against Negro voters.

WASHINGTON — The perennially embattled foreign aid bill was in its usual hot water today. But this time the trouble may not be as serious as it seems. (Continued on Page Eight)



ERWIN HI PLAY TONIGHT — Jack Byrd, Bonnie Bennett and Harriet Norris are pictured here in a scene from "Pick A Dally," to be presented tonight in the Erwin High School auditorium. The plot involves comedy in a haunted house. Directing the play is Miss Judy Jackson, business teacher at Erwin High. (Daily Record by Russell Bassford.)

Eight Gunmen Seized Before Holdups

Robbery Plot Is Smashed

NEW YORK (UPI) — A trigger-happy Texan and a gang of seven gunmen he recruited in Times Square were seized today by detectives in time to prevent a possible weekend of hold-

ups. Police said the gang, headed by Eddie Neal, 23, of Amarillo, Tex., had plotted to "take over New York" this weekend by carrying out at least a dozen stickups. An arsenal of weapons and more than 100 rounds of ammunition were seized in Neal's room at a West Side hotel where the gang had taken two suites.

A telephone call from a restaurant near Grand Central Terminal led to the roundup of the gang. The caller said there was an armed man in the restaurant and detectives Ames King, James McDonnell and Earl Martin were sent to investigate.

When they entered the restaurant a youth leaped up from a table and yanked a .32-caliber automatic from a shoulder holster. The detectives hurled a table at him, knocked him down

and grabbed the weapon. Under questioning, the youth identified himself as Richard Rockliffe, 19, of Springfield, Mass., and said he was a member of a gang recruited by Neal. He said Neal made his followers swear to "shoot to kill" if they were threatened with arrest.

Rockliffe disclosed that Neal and other members of the gang were staying at the Hotel Woodrow. Six detectives were dispatched to the hotel where they broke down the door to Neal's suite and found the Texan in bed.

Neal pulled a sawed off automatic carbine from under the pillow, but the detectives seized him before he could pull the trigger. They subdued three youths sleeping in the living room of the suite and three more in another suite.



BILLY POPE

"Rustic" theme in 1963, clearly demonstrating his ability that you must think and plan ahead to keep up with the modern time.

Community Leader Billy, as he is known by the community is the President of the Retail Merchants Association, President of Dunn Investment Club, a Director on the Board of (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)

Two Born To Death

Rescue Try Fails

TOBACCOVILLE (UPI) — A woman and her 36-year-old son burned to death in their frame home here early this morning despite the efforts of a paralyzed man to crawl to a neighbor's house for help.

A spokesman for the Forsyth County Fire Department said Eliza Chapman and her son Roy were apparently overcome by smoke as they battled a blaze in

the kitchen of their four-room frame house.

Firemen found a bucket of water in Mrs. Cameron's hand and the water running from a faucet.

The alarm was sounded when Mrs. Chapman's paralyzed husband Silas dragged himself from the house and shouted to neighbors for help. He was unable to rouse anyone in time to save his wife and son.

Churchill Rites Cost \$134,000

LONDON (UPI) — Sir Winston Churchill's state funeral cost \$134,000, the government estimated Friday.

The largest sum — \$53,200 — was for the traveling costs and expenses of the military personnel who took part in the services Jan. 30.

Second highest item was \$42,000 for the funeral arrangements made by the office of the earl marshal, the Duke of Norfolk, which included the services at St. Paul's Cathedral.

New Industry Available If Workers Can Be Found

Labor Survey Is Launched

Plans for a massive labor survey to determine how many persons would be available to take jobs in a new industry were launched today at a luncheon meeting held at Barefoot's Grill in Coats.

County leaders were told that a very good nationally known firm will locate in the Dunn-Lillington area provided there are enough men and women who are interested in work.

This survey is being conducted by the Dunn Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Harnett Agri-Business Development

Commission and the Fayetteville Employment Security Commission and other chambers of commerce in the county.

Dunn Chamber Manager Charles McCullers, who presided, said the area lost an attractive new industry no later than two weeks ago because the manufacturing concern could not be assured that a specific number of machinists and other specialists were available.

Among those at the meeting today were R. M. Turlington of Lillington, president of the Harnett Agri-Business Development

Committee, Harnett School Superintendent Glenn Proffitt, and leaders from various other sections.

S. T. Cherry, head of the Fayetteville ESC office, stressed to the group the importance of finding out how many workers are available and that information on the survey forms be absolutely accurate.

A total of 23,000 forms will be distributed through the schools and otherwise. Those now holding jobs outside their chosen field and those willing to change to better jobs are asked to fill out the (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)