

Weather

Partly cloudy afternoons, otherwise generally fair and warmer throughout Friday.

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HEAVY LOSSES HANDED TO REDS

100 Viet Cong Killed, 116 Buildings Hit

SAIGON (UPI) — U. S. Air Force jets filled the skies over five Communist North Vietnamese cities today with an estimated 2.7 million leaflets accusing the Hanh of regime of bartering rice for Chinese Communist guns.

In the south, American B27 jet bombers hit a Viet Cong staging area 210 miles southeast of Saigon and killed an estimated 100 Viet Cong. The attack with 500-pound and 750-pound bombs destroyed 116 buildings, pilots reported.

Despite the air attacks the Communists broadened their monsoon offensive, attacking the Nha Trang naval training station 200 miles northeast of Saigon with mortar fire and bombarding the district capital of Nghia Hanh near Da Nang.

Three Americans Wounded In the attack on the naval training station the Viet Cong fired 20 rounds of 81 millimeter mortars fire killing one Vietnamese sailor and wounding 18 others. In an attack on an air station two miles to the south, the Viet Cong wounded three Americans and six Vietnamese.

U. S. planes struck back at Nghia Khans with bombs, machinegun fire and cannon, inflicting what a spokesman called "heavy losses" on the Reds. Two American military advisers were wounded. During the action the Viet Cong wounded four Vietnamese in an attack six miles to the west.

Mystery Plane Crashes U. S. casualties in the war continued to mount. A spokesman reported two Americans dead in the mystery crash of a transport plane Sunday night near Saigon. Two enlisted men of the 173rd Airborne Brigade were killed at the Bien Hoa Air Base 15 miles northeast of Saigon by the accidental discharge of a shotgun by another American.

The transport plane crashed into a Roman Catholic village killing at least three villagers. The plane - not even identified as an Air Force plane - appeared to be carrying long range fuel tanks. Sixteen other U. S. casualties in the war continued to mount.



MISS HARNETT CONTESTANTS — These 10 pretty Harnett ladies are working hard for the coveted title of Miss Harnett County. The title will be awarded late Saturday night, July 3, as the highlight of the annual street dance and pageant in Lillington. The event is sponsored by the Lillington Junior Chamber of Commerce. Contestants are: (seated) June Wainick, Lillington School; Beverly Langston, Coats; LaVerne Johnson, Bules Creek; Judy Hardee, Lafayette; and Marie Darroch, Anderson Creek. Standing are Donnie Coleman, Lillington; Agnes Patterson, Boone Trail; Dean Wicker, Benhaven; De Kay Hall, Erwin, and Jackie Pleasant, Angier. (Harnett County News Photo)

Adopt Merit System; Cut Raises, Abolish Positions

County Board Saving Over \$40,000 Taxes



STUNNING SUNNER — The summer is barely underway, but Katie Simone, 19, already has done the season up brown. Proving that Florida has no monopoly in the deep-tan department, Katie acquired her seasonal coloring on home grounds at Grinnell, Iowa. (NEA Telephoto)

Chairman Jack Brock and members of the Harnett County Board of Commissioners, working hard to keep the new county tax rate as low as possible, has made cuts in the proposed departmental budgets which will save the taxpayers between \$45,000 and \$50,000.

It was also disclosed today that the county board has adopted a merit system pay schedule for all county employees, which will provide standard pay for the same type work performed in each of the county departments.

"We're determined to keep the tax rate just as low as possible and we also intend to see that citizens of the county get full value for every tax dollar spent. That's how every member of the board feels about it," said Chairman Brock.

MRS. WEST NAMED Chairman Gattie Thomas of the Harnett County Welfare Board announced this afternoon that Mrs. Emma Lee West of Erwin has been named Acting Supervisor of the Harnett Welfare Department until a replacement is secured to succeed Robert Stewart of Coats, who has resigned to take a promotion with the State Department.

Mrs. West, wife of Tom West, is a veteran case worker with the Harnett department, with about 15 years of outstanding service. She is president of Erwin FTA and prominent in other affairs. Complete details of Mrs. West's appointment will be published in tomorrow's edition of The Daily Record.

The \$45,000 to \$50,000 savings will result from the board's action in abolishing five vacancies and in cutting back the amount in the county welfare department of pay raises required under the joint Federal-State system for the welfare, health, and civil defense departments.

No employee will receive a reduction in pay in these departments. Each employee will receive a small increase, but the total will be less than the amount of the cuts.

Variety of Cases In County Court

Gardner Is Held On Forgery Count

Bobby Gardner, a Rt. 2, Angier ex-convict, charged with giving worthless checks and forging, pleaded guilty in Harnett Recorder's Court to worthless checks.

The court found probable cause and the defendant was bound over to Superior Court under a bond of \$750. Next term of Superior will begin the week of August 3. Gardner has served time for breaking and entering twice. Judge Morgan gave Gardner 30 days on the roads in each case. He suspended the sentence on the condition he pay the amount of the checks to Curtis Adams and Ashworth, Inc., and pay court costs.

Gardner gave notice of appeal and all three cases will be tried in Superior Court. James Monroe, Angier Negro, charged with trespass, use of profane language in the presence of two or more people, and assault on Eddie Scott, pleaded not guilty, but the court found him guilty.

Represented Children, Grandchildren

Plenty of Candles On Enoch Godwin's Cake

Mr. Enoch E. Godwin, Sr., of Benson, Route 2, celebrated his 66th birthday Sunday, with his 13 children, their husbands or wives, and his 38 grandchildren, all present. Mr. Godwin is a prominent farmer and business man and owns Godwin Produce Company in Dunn. The family gathered at the Catholic Church at Newton Grove at 9:30 for mass especially prepared for the occasion. At 10:30 the family assembled in the dining room of the Henry Brock Restaurant at Newton Grove for a breakfast-dinner. They were served barbecued pork and chicken, with all accessories. On the table was a large three-tiered birthday cake. The bottom tier held 38 candles, representing the number of Mr. Godwin's children and grandchildren. (Continued on Page Six)

Mrs. Godwin Wins Three Trophies

Throngs Attend Benson Sing

The Gospel Melody Quartet of Raleigh led by J. R. Blackwood won the Grand Champion Award at the 45th annual State Singing Convention in Benson. The consolation prize, in one of the most competitive conventions ever held in Benson, was won by the Twin State Trio of Tabor City, led by Ken Lovell. The nation's oldest and best known Singing Convention drew a record number of 108 singing groups, with a record 97 groups registering in competition for the sixteen loving cups. On this year's agenda were several non-competitive groups who sang for the crowd. They included: The Hopper Brothers and Connie of Madison, who are the national amateur champions of gospel singing; The Master's Quartet of Burlington; and The Swordsmen Quartet of Winston-Salem. Thousands gathered in the Singing Grove on Saturday in spite of the cloudy skies. Sunday the crowds increased and from 2 pm to 6 pm the singing grove overflowed with a capacity crowd of approximately 15,000. The Sing officials stated that not only did a record number enter the sing in competition but the quality of contestants was the best in years. Winners in Saturday's competition were: Junior choir - Pleasant Hill Junior Choir, Mrs. Sallye Wood, leader, Rt. 1, Benson; Senior Choir - Lee's Chapel Choir, Johnny Woodall, Rt. 2, Benson; Junior Duet - West Sisters Duet, Brenda West, Rt. 2, Cameron; Senior Duet - (Continued on Page 6)

Davis Receives Prison Term

James Arthur Davis, 46, of Dunn was given a sentence of two years today when he appeared before Judge Woodrow Hill on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Davis also received a sentence of 90 days for disorderly conduct and 30 days for public drunkenness. Other cases heard were William Henry Parker, 45, Linden, improper brakes, cost; Charlie Sullivan, Dunn, assault, case dismissed because it was out of the jurisdiction of Dunn Court; Charles Wesley Maloy, 41, Dunn, D. C., cost; Lowell Fox, 21, Dunn, GS1410, cost and \$79.91 to proprietor of Ma's Kitchen; and Raymond Holt, Wendertown, assault not prosed.

Mrs. Mixon In Hospital; Other Injuries Minor

Mixons Are Injured Enroute To Beach

Harnett County Commissioner Willard Mixon of Dunn escaped with minor injuries, his wife was hospitalized with a concussion of the head and their three children received painful bruises and lacerations in a head-on automobile collision that killed the driver of the other car Saturday afternoon. Killed in the crash was Frank Bass, 37, a merchant who lived between Clinton and Wilmington. The accident occurred about 4:30 west of Clinton as Mr. Mixon and his family were traveling in their 1963 Mercury station wagon to their beach cottage for the weekend. The popular Harnett official said Bass apparently lost control of his 1958 Chevrolet, which left the highway on the right side of the road then careened back to the left in front of the Mixon vehicle which was in the right lane. Mixon said Bass, who was traveling alone, apparently lost his grip on the steering wheel and was thrown over into the passenger's seat when his car got out of control because he was on the right side at the time of impact. "At first I thought there were two people in the car," he said. The vehicle traveled for about 30 yards after hitting the Mixon station wagon before it stopped. Mr. Mixon expressed belief that sick tires and high speed of the Bass car caused him to lose control of it. Mrs. Mixon was treated at (Continued on Page 6)

Negro Leader Blasts Moore

DURHAM (UPI) — Negro civil rights leader and Durham attorney Floyd McKissick Saturday charged Gov. Dan K. Moore used a "policy of exclusion by and because of race" in not naming a Negro to the Speaker Ban Study Commission. McKissick said the omission had "knowingly, unknowingly or through oversight, affirmatively upheld the principles of the Ku Klux Klan." "Your act of omission," McKissick said, "clearly implies that Negroes are unimportant and should not participate in deliberation of state affairs."

Rev. Chas. Taylor Was State Overseer

Retired Minister Passes At Erwin

Rev. Charles L. Taylor, 84, of Erwin died Saturday morning. Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 p. m. at the Church of God of Prophecy by the Rev. Rufus Nunery, the Rev. Earle West and the Rev. M. S. Curry. A second funeral and the burial will be in Cleveland, Tenn. on Tuesday. He was a retired minister and served as State overseer for twenty years. He helped organize several churches and Taylor's Chapel near Dunn was named in his honor. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillian Taylor, and three children. (Continued on Page Six)

3 Cars Pile Up Near Village Open Air

Six Hurt In Crash

Lawrence Harry White, a colored soldier from Fort Bragg, has been charged with reckless driving after an accident on 421 near Erwin Saturday night about 10:25. Trooper John Gwaltney said White driving a 1958 Ford was traveling west on N. C. 55. He failed to stop at the stop sign on 421 and crossed into the path of a 1963 Ford operated by Nell Edward Parker of Rt. 4, Dunn, which was traveling east on 421. The 1963 Ford struck the right side of the 1958 Ford. The Ford driven by White continued and hit head on with a 1962 Chevrolet which was sitting at a stop sign south of 421. It was operated by Ray Oliver Chatham of Hampton, Va. Mrs. Mary Williams Chatham and son, Ray Oliver, of Hampton, Va.; Miss Linda Moore of Rt. 3, Dunn; Odis Giles and Lillie Mae Giles of Rt. 3, Dunn; and Mary White of Ft. Bragg were all hospitalized. Investigating officer John Gwaltney said in reporting the accident that he would personally take this opportunity to express appreciation to the Erwin Rescue Department and Harnett County Sheriff's office for the assistance given him during investigation.

In Double Harnett Fatality

Inquest Is Slated

Harnett Coroner Paul Drew announced today that he will hold an inquest Wednesday night at 7:30 at the county courthouse into the fatal injury of two people in a head-on collision that occurred May 8 on Highway 87, two miles east of Olivia. Wilbur Q. Seawell, Sr., 45, of Olivia, died in Duke Hospital at Durham Saturday morning at 10:45 o'clock. He had been unconscious ever since the crash. Killed instantly in the accident was Ray Severance, 21, a (Continued on Page 6)

Farmer Wants To Sue For Tractor Not Delivered

Questions of Fraud, Forgery Raised Against Tractor Firm

A Johnston County attorney told Judge Ed Clark in Cumberland Superior Court Friday that he was concerned about the manner in which he said his client had been treated by Four Motors Tractors of Dunn in the sale of a tractor. He said the tractor was never delivered to his client. Albert Corbett, Smithfield lawyer, was appearing for James Hugh Lee, Smithfield, Rt. 3, who is listed as a creditor in the Fayetteville Tractor and Equipment Co. and the Dunn concern, both now in receivership and both operated un-

der the same general ownership. "We're concerned about whether there was fraud in securing this contract," Corbett told Judge Clark in Cumberland Superior Court. "And there's a question of forgery, also," he added. Corbett said that Lee had approached the Dunn firm about buying a tractor. He said that later officials of Four County Tractors asked him to sign papers "to establish his credit." Corbett said Lee thought he was establishing his credit, but received

word later that a note had been sold and discounted to a lending agency. He never received the tractor, Corbett said. He said he understood the tractor was at Fayetteville Tractor and Equipment Co., but with both firms now in receivership, he was unable to get possession of the tractor. Corbett asked Judge Ed Clark for and received permission to sue Fayetteville Tractor. Judge Clark, however, denied his request to file the suit in Johnston County. (Continued on Page 6)