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## 9 Arrested In Plot

ISTANBUL, Turkey (P)—Turkey's Defense Ministry has announced the arrest of nine Army officers on charges of trying to involve the armed forces in a plot.

## Service Restored

JAKARTA, Indonesia (P)—Government shipping officials said today that three foreign lines operating on temporary licenses have restored 20 per cent of Indonesia's disrupted inter-island transport.

## Four Die Of Burns

MONTCEAU LES MINES, France (P)—Four miners died today from burns suffered in a coal mine explosion here yesterday. Thirty-four other miners also were injured.

## Graham In Pakistan

KARACHI, Pakistan (P)—Dr. Frank Graham, U. N. mediator for Kashmir, arrived today for talks with Pakistani leaders in his search for a settlement of the India-Pakistan dispute over Kashmir.

## Satan Tricks Vicar With Winning Ticket

NETTLEHAM, England (P)—The netted vicar of Nettleham reported today he has been duped by the devil.

The vicar, the Rev. George Herrington, is strongly opposed to gambling. He protested recently when a parishioner donated one pound—\$2.00—to the church restoration fund, specifying that it must be used to buy a chance in a government bond lottery.

The vicar finally relented, feeling sure the number wouldn't come up anyway. But it did, and the church restoration fund is 50 pounds—\$140—richer.

"I think the devil must have been at work and confounded me," complained the vicar. "But naturally I'll take the money—we need it for repairs to our 13th century church."

Today's Weather

SUNNY

Sunny and cool today, fair and cool tonight. Saturday continued fair and cool.

Low this morning...29  
Low tomorrow morning...28  
High today...50  
High yesterday...51  
High tomorrow...50  
Sunrise today 7:30 a.m.; sunset today 5:36 p.m.

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## GOP FARM PLAN BACKED BY BENSON

Says New Markets Will Be Opened If Idea Approved

WASHINGTON (P)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson today urged Congress to ease crop production controls and to authorize lower price supports as a means of opening new farm markets.

In a statement prepared for a Senate Agriculture Committee hearing, the secretary asked specifically for quick action on a broad program outlined by President Eisenhower in a special message on agriculture yesterday.

The program immediately drew heavy fire from many farm state congressmen.

As Eisenhower had done, Benson characterized major features of current farm programs as failures.

## SHORTCOMINGS CLEAR

"The shortcomings of our past programs are quite clear," he said. "We have tried to legislate prices artificially, without full consideration for the inevitable forces of supply and demand."

We have tried to control production artificially, without full consideration for the efficiency and ingenuity of farmers. In other words, we have lacked realism.

Our farm programs—no matter how desirable in objective—have failed to get the job done.

Many farm state members of Congress predicted that a key provision of the program—the proposal to lower minimum price supports to 60 per cent of parity on basic commodities—stood no chance of adoption.

Present limits range from 75 to 90 per cent on basic crops. Parity is a price level determined under farm law to be fair to farmers in relation to their costs.

There was some evidence that Congress members from consuming states would support the President's entire package plan in the hope it would cut both food costs and government spending for farm supports.

Much of the comment was along party lines, with Democrats leading in the criticism. But some Republicans joined in the opposition to various phases of the 14-point program.

The opposition centered on the move to drop minimum price supports to 60 per cent of parity on wheat, corn, cotton, rice, peanuts and tobacco—the six basic crops—and on dairy products. But a significant minority was only a scattering of Democratic cries to try to go back to the rigid 90 per cent support for basic crops and thus revive a battle the President won two years ago.

These other points also drew heavy criticism.

Legislation to give the secretary of agriculture discretion to in-

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## Cotton Growing Signing Halted

WASHINGTON (P)—The Agriculture Department today halted for the time being the signing of agreements with farmers to retire land from cotton growing this year under the acreage reserve part of the soil bank program.

While instructing its state and local field offices to accept no more such agreements now, the department asked these offices to keep a record of farmers still wishing to participate, in the order in which they apply. It may be possible, officials said, to allow some of them to take part, if enough money is available.



BENSON TESTIFIES

## Sen. Bell Raps Jaypee System, Vote On Judges

RALEIGH (P)—The head of a State Bar Assn. committee studying North Carolina courts today praised the quality of the state's judiciary and at the same time criticized the political system under which judges are selected.

In an address prepared for delivery before the Raleigh Kiwanis Club, J. Spencer Bell of Charlotte said that political election of judges tends to lower the quality of the judiciary and makes its members subject to unnecessary pressures.

"A noble and high-minded judge," he said, "will reach a just decision no matter what risk to himself may be involved. But it is grossly unfair to force him to unnecessary risks or expose him to unnecessary pressure, and besides, it is unwise to leave him open to the charge of acting from political or improper motives, no matter how untrue the charge may be in individual cases."

The North Carolina Bar Assn.'s Committee on Improving and Expediting the Administration of Justice is interested in judicial selection and tenure, Bell said, "because no matter how efficient a judicial system we may establish in North Carolina, the end product will be no better than the quality of the judges who operate it and the degree of independence and security under which these judges operate."

## CRITICS TALK

However, he said, it is no wonder that critics of the justice of the peace system in America refer to it as the "bargain basement of the law, where the goods are always shoddy but seldom cheap."

Like the Recorder Court judges, North Carolina's justices of the peace are chosen in several different ways. Some are elected by the people, some are appointed by Superior Court judges, and in every Legislature there is presented an omnibus bill by which the Legislature appoints 500 or 600 justices of the peace throughout the state.

# Klan To Carry Out Maxton Rally Plans

## Indians Upset At Burnings

(Special To The News)

MAXTON (P)—"The Klan never calls off a meeting, and the Klan never backs down."

This warning came last night from a Ku Klux Klan leader about a possible clash tomorrow night between Indians and Klansmen during a scheduled rally.

Bruce Roberts, new owner of the weekly newspaper, The Scottish Chief and Post, was on the receiving end of last night's call from the Rev. James Cole of Marion, S. C., who plans to lead the KKK meeting.

Klan officials say the rally and cross burning is set as a "warning" to Indians against race mixing.

The South Carolina minister told Roberts the Klan is holding "The Scottish Chief" responsible for "making the Indians mad at the Klan."

## RESOLUTION PASSED

Anti-Klan feeling among the Indian population here is running high, and Wednesday night the Maxton Town Board passed a resolution condemning the Klan and opposing the meeting tomorrow.

A group of ministers endorsed this stand yesterday.

The trouble began Monday night when hooded men, led by Cole, burned two crosses—one in the driveway of a home in near-by St. Pauls reportedly as a warning to an Indian woman "having an affair" with a white man, and the other at East Lumberton where an Indian family had moved into a white neighborhood.

Editor Roberts, in a front page editorial in The Scottish Chief and Post today, said this is so:

"Monday night's burning of crosses in front of Indian homes has angered decent and law-abiding citizens throughout all of Robeson County."

"Robeson, with its three races, has been fortunate in having not only good will between the races, but an unusually cooperative and friendly attitude. It is an insult to the people of our county when outsiders come in and attempt to frighten our citizens and stir up hatred between the races."

"The Klan preaches hatred of Jews, Catholics, and Negroes, and now our Indians. It amuses them to frighten people with burning crosses in front of their homes and threats to take care of them if they aren't living in a manner which meets with the Klan's approval."

He closed his editorial by saying "The regrettable cross burning of last Monday night and the Klan activities this week should serve to draw all of us closer together in understanding, in unity against an outside group which would like nothing better than to disunite us."

A Klan poster advertises a rally between Presbyterian, Junior College and Jaypee Pond for Saturday. The flyer is signed by the KKK with a Charlotte post office box as its address.



(AP Photo)

## Award For Annie

Actress-Singer Mary Martin cuddles the statuette given her last night at an awards dinner for her performance in the TV version of "Annie Get Your Gun."

## Troops Find Nothing Little Rock School Has Bomb Scare

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (P)—A bomb scare touched off a search of Central High School by a platoon of Arkansas National Guardsmen last night, but no explosive was found and the soldiers were withdrawn.

Classes are not scheduled at the court-integrated school today. Teachers are grading mid-term examinations.

An Arkansas Military District spokesman said the normal complement of federalized guardsmen—about 25 men—was on duty last night. The shift was changed recently to weekdays from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Formerly the guardsmen were on duty at all times.

The federalized troops found "no indication of any evidence" of a bombing, a spokesman for the Arkansas Military District said. Other Army officers insisted that the surprise maneuver was merely "a practice drill."

About an hour before the soldiers arrived at the four-square block campus, military authorities, Little Rock police headquarters and a newspaper had received anonymous telephone calls that "something was going to happen to Central High School."

"They're from out of town; they're going to blow up the school," a woman caller shouted almost hysterically into a newsman's ear.

At 9 p. m. two jeeps and a bus carrying an estimated 36 guardsmen reached the campus. The rumors that "something was going on" brought hundreds of onlookers to the school in automobiles.

The troops, under the command of an unidentified colonel, dashed into the dark building and flashlights were seen moving from room to room.

## NO PICTURES

The colonel was asked about the presence of the troops. He replied sharply, "No statement," and ordered news photographers to take no pictures.

City police patrolling the area stopped Ed Martin of The Associated Press and Ken Johnson of the Memphis Commercial Appeal and warned: "You'd better stay out of here the rest of the night."

## New Program Urged Rocket Experiments By Kids Causing Official Concern

By FRANCES LEWINE

WASHINGTON (P)—Some of the youngsters now experimenting with rockets may one day pioneer major scientific achievements. But their activities now are worrying some safety-minded people.

The National Fire Protection Assn. and the American Rocket Society, for example, are calling for a national program of proper supervision and safe launching in what they call an "extremely dangerous" field.

Nobody denies the kids are getting valuable science know-how out of building rockets. But amateur launching efforts have been responsible for numerous accidents and even some deaths in recent months.

## BOY KILLED

Just yesterday an 11-year-old boy was killed in Samsen, Ala., in the explosion of a home-made rocket he and his brother were trying to launch. The brother was hurt.

Who's to do the safety policing job in the question.

Neither the American Red Cross nor the National Safety Council has any program yet.

The military services have been making available their firing ranges and even some expert help. In fact, the facilities of the army's Redstone Arsenal at Huntsville, Ala., one of the nation's major missile test centers, have been offered.

One of the best friends the young rocketeers have is Lt. Col. Charles M. Parkin, Army guided missiles coordinator for the corps of engineers research and development laboratory at Ft. Belvoir, Va. He also is vice president of the Washington section of the American Rocket Society, a professional organization.

## FIRING RANGES

Parkin has been taking youngsters to Army firing ranges to help them test rockets with proper guidance and equipment.

And through the Rocket Society, he has made a plea to the Secretary of Defense for a nationwide program to direct the activities of amateur rocket enthusiasts with proper supervision and a set of safety rules.

In the beginning, Parkin said, he could just pick up a phone and arrange for a test firing for a group of young rocket-makers. But now he said military officials insist that they have in writing how far the rockets may travel, their propellants and other data.

He said he thinks high schools across the country should get on the space age beam and recognize science and rocket clubs as they do minor and major sports. He suggested awarding letters, numerals or special symbols for science achievement as is done for football or track.

## Adlai Takes Post

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Adlai Stevenson has accepted appointment on the national council of the Atlantic Union Committee. He joins many state and national leaders on the committee actively supporting a greater unity among the people of the Western Hemisphere.

## PARSON TURNS ANGEL FOR PUB GOERS

FLAX BURTON, England (P)—The Rev. Percival Demuth, himself a teetotaler, was revealed today as the angel who saved the local saloon, called the Angel.

The village has only 300 residents and the pub, which is right across the street from the Rev. Mr. Demuth's church, hasn't been making much money. The brewers who own the Angel were about to give up when the 70-year-old Anglican rector intervened.

The inn is our social center," he told the brewing company. "We all meet there so please keep it open."

A spokesman for the brewing firm said the plea will be granted.

## EARN'S REST

LONDON (P)—The seal of London, in use since 1219, has been replaced by a new one.



Thor, a boxer belonging to Sidney Stamp of Hartford, Conn., is as well-shod as his master as the two take a stroll in cold winter weather.

## Evening Prayer

O Thou who kindly dost provide for every creature's want, we bless Thee, God of Nature and of all Thy goodness lent. And if it please Thee, Heavenly Father, may never worse be sent. But, whether granted or denied, Lord, bless us with content. Amen.

## Wetzel's Brother Executed

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