

Weather

Highest temperature yesterday was the same as the noon reading today, 46 degrees. Lowest point this morning was 30.

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Forecast

Temperatures several degrees below normal Saturday through Wednesday. Little or no precipitation indicated.

THE ROBESONIAN



LUMBERTON CIVITANS last night named Betsy Crawford, a Lumberton high school sophomore, as queen of the local club for 1958. The petite blue-eyed blonde is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Crawford, and she will represent the Civitans in all club social functions this year. Runners-up to Betsy for the title were Lynn Parnell and Joyce Mincey. The crowning of the queen will take place at the March of Dimes dance, which will be sponsored by the Civitans January 25. (Staff Photo by Norment.)

Little Rock School Bomb Scare A Dud

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High School by platoon of Arkansas National Guardsmen last night, but no explosive was found and the soldiers were withdrawn.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

An Arkansas Military District spokesman said the normal completion of federalized guardsmen — about 25 men — was on duty today as usual. The shift was changed recently to weekdays only 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 Dist. said. Other Army officers insisted that the surprise maneuver was merely a "practice alert."

About an hour before the soldiers arrived at the four-square-block campus, military authorities, Little Rock police headquarters and a newspaper had re-

ceived anonymous telephone calls that "something was going to happen to Central High School."

Hysterical

"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.

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

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New Reserve Unit Activated; Colonel Jack Lee To Command

Activation of a new training unit for Army Reservists in the Lumberton area was announced today. The announcement came from Headquarters, Third United States Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia, to Major William G. Henderson, reserve advisor for this area. Effective date for the activation was January 1, 1958.

The unit will be known as the 3646th United States Army Reserve Station Complement (Reinforcement Training), and will bring the total number of reserve organizations here to seven. Lt. Colonel L. C. (Jack) Lee has been designated as the commanding officer of the new unit.

The 3646th USAAR Station Complement will be composed of commissioned and enlisted Reservists living in Lumberton and vicinity. Its objective will be to train personnel to perform the administrative, maintenance, and support activities necessary to operate and

train the unit has begun to function with an initial staff of eleven officers. Training periods will be held on Monday evenings, from 7:30 to 9:40, in the USAAR Training Center, 508 Cedar Street, Lumberton.

In addition to Colonel Lee, assignment of officers to the new unit include: Lt. Col. Graddy H. Floyd, Fairmont; Lt. Col. Monroe C. Gibson, Lumberton; Lt. Col. Robert H. Poole, St. Pauls; Lt. Col. John S. R. Popham, Laurburg; Major Jack W. Coffey, Lumberton; Major William E. Stone, Jr., Lumberton; Major William L. Lennon, Lumberton; and 1st Lt. Fletcher S. Dean, Lumberton. Pending assignment of Lt. Col. Herma H. Vestal, and A. T. McLean, Jr., Route 3, Box 471, Lumberton. Assignment of these officers will necessitate a transfer for Colonel Vestal, and re-appointment as Major of Mr. McLean in the Reserve Complement of the Army to fill a position.

Li. Gov. Carroll Garin refused to grant clemency. Later, Justice Lee Hall of the State Supreme Court denied a petition for a writ of habeas corpus and a stay of execution.

Wetzel's brother Frank was convicted last week of first-degree murder in the death of a North Carolina state patrolman shot while he was at large after escaping from a mental institution at Willard, N.Y.

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Klan Condemned

Lumberton's Mayor and its merchant groups added their voices to the protest against activity here. Maxton town board has already passed a resolution of protest.

"We abhor, condemn, and reject the so-called Robeson County Ku Klux Klan and its program of spreading racial hatred among the good citizens of Lumberton and Robeson county, and particularly their recent campaign to disrupt the relations with members of the Indian race."

"We will not tolerate such activities and call on all good citizens of our county and city to lend their support in maintaining the excellent relations we have among our citizens."

The resolution was passed at a meeting this morning attended by representatives of the Lumberton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, The Lumberton Merchants Association and Mayor R. A. Hedgepeth.

Question Is Whether Klan Will Meet

MAXTON, N.C. (AP) — The Lumbe Indians of Robeson County are stirred up over Ku Klux Klan warnings against race mixing.

Today they awaited the next move by Klan leaders, who have announced a big rally for Saturday night.

The Indians, reportedly targets of two cross burnings earlier this

There is considerable speculation as to whether the Klan will hold its meeting in the face of such widespread opposition and resentment.

One thing is certain, there will be a crowd waiting around. Last meeting in Robeson county attracted not more than 50 observers.

week, were said to be planning to attend the rally near Pembroke in large numbers — possibly to break it up by force.

Pembroke Mayor J. C. Oxendine said his people are "stirred up as bad as we have been" in

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'Normal' Police Duties Planned

No additional deputies have been sworn in to police a scheduled Ku Klux Klan gathering at Maxton Saturday night, Sheriff Malcolm G. McLeod said today.

The sheriff said he had heard rumors of possible trouble, and of resentment among some Robeson County citizens against alleged "warnings" from the Klan, but that he had had no request from the Klan for special police protection at the rally.

"Press reports indicate that the Klan leader already has heard about the situation in the Maxton and Pembroke area," Sheriff McLeod said. "I have not been advised of any change in plans to hold the rally."

Several members of the sheriff's department and of the state highway patrol have attended other Klan meetings in Robeson County. Asked whether he expected to assign any deputies to police the scheduled Saturday meeting, Sheriff McLeod said:

"Rural policemen normally are on active duty throughout the county on Saturday night. I have had no request for special protection of any gathering this week."

AFL-CIO Told To Practice Preachments

Fired Union Organizers Blasts Union

CHARLOTTE (AP) — The AFL-CIO, charged with failing to practice its preachings on labor organizing and job terminations, has been asked to consider staff salary cuts of 5 to 10 per cent so it can rehire 100 organizers who lost their jobs this week.

Leaders of the Field Representatives Federation, a group set up within the AFL-CIO to establish bargaining rights, made the salary cuts proposal in a telegram of protest yesterday to AFL-CIO President George Meany.

Robert W. Christofferson of Charlotte, FRF secretary who was one of 56 field organizers discharged, has said he was ousted because he helped form the bargaining unit.

The telegram, signed by Christofferson and FRF temporary chairman A. W. Bradt, asserted that organizers with "upwards of 30 and 35 years service have been handed notices of forced retirement."

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Benson Defends New Farm Plan; NC Farm Leaders Call It Ruinous

NEWEST US NAVY TORPEDO IS ALREADY OBSOLESCENT

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy disclosed today it is working on a deadlier replacement for one of two torpedoes described only this week as the "new and latest"

In his message to Congress, the President called for, among other things, lower price supports and relaxed production controls on major crops, including tobacco.

Confronted by reports of growing Russian undersea might, the Navy has been pushing development of a new family of antisub devices featuring better guidance, speed and range.

The naval ordnance plant at Forest Park, Ill., is taking the lead in this work, particularly in developing a replacement for the Mark 32 acoustichoming torpedo which has the capability of being released from a surface vessel without complex and bulky launching gear.

The Navy said a sufficient number of Mark 32s have been produced for training and combat use and it is no longer in production.

Details of the Mark 32 were reported Wednesday in the same Navy release that described another weapon, the Mark 43 torpedo, as "a submersible guided missile," capable of searching to great depths for enemy targets.

The Mark 43 torpedo, which can be launched from aircraft as well as surface vessels, is still in production. Both the Mark 32 and Mark 43 are already included in fleet armaments.

WASHINGTON (AP) — 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, he asked specifically for quick action on a broad program outlined by President Eisenhower in a special message on agriculture yesterday.

The program drew heavy fire from many farm state congressmen.

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

PRICES ARTIFICIAL

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."

The result, he said, has been lost markets, accumulation of costly surpluses, ever tighter restrictions on production and an adverse effect on farm income.

SUPPORT AUTHORITY

Benson put great stress on administration proposals to give his department authority to set price supports for such basic crops as wheat, corn, cotton, rice, tobacco, peanuts and dairy products as low as 60 per cent parity. The present minimum is 75 per cent of parity.

Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices declared by law to be fair to farmers in relation to their costs.

A number of key legislators have said that major proposal by the administration stands no chance of adoption.

ATOMIC LOAD

The operational Polaris proba-

bility will be about 50 feet tall —

10 feet shorter than the Air Force

and Army IRBMs — and 100

inches in diameter, and may be

capable of carrying an atomic

warhead of up to 1,000 pounds.

There was no indication of the

size or weight of the test vehicle

it's fantastic speed.

The Polaris, named after the North Star, is the Navy's 1,500-mile

intermediate-range ballistic mis-

sile. It was designed for launching

from atomic powered subma-

rines above or below water, and

from aboard ships.

Polaris reportedly will be the

biggest and most complex mis-

sile the Navy ever has attempted

to build. It will be smaller and

lighter than the other IRBMs —

the Air Force Thor and the Army

Jupiter — in the nation's arsenal.

SOME APPROVAL

Little controversy developed over some other proposals in the farm message. President Eisenhower sent to Congress, and there appeared likely to win approval.

There was some evidence that Congress members from consumer-minded states would support the President's entire package.

Aerojet General Corp., Sacramento, Calif., is developing the Jupiter IRBM. Like the Air Force Thor, it uses a liquid propellant.

The Navy turned to solid propellant rocket power, as more practical for use aboard ship, after that type of fuel and oxidizer combination became available in efficient and usable form.

The Defense Department announced plans for Polaris only a year ago. Now, it says the missile is well along in development.

The program is high on the Navy's weapon priority list.

SUB PLATFORMS

Secretary of Defense McElroy told the House Armed Services Committee this week that the single biggest 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.

MORE CRITICISM

These other points also drew heavy criticism:

Legislation to give the secretary of agriculture discretion to increase acreage planting allocations for wheat, cotton, rice, peanuts and tobacco — the six basic crops — and on dairy products. But significantly there 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.

McElroy indicated that by early 1960 the Navy may have a fully developed Polaris, capable of being fired above or under water and of going the full 1,500-mile range. It would be ready for full-scale testing and for quantity production by Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Burbank, Calif., if the missile met requirements.

McElroy and other Defense Department spokesmen said the combination of the Polaris and of the atom-powered submarine, capable of cruising under water at high speeds almost indefinitely, would give the Navy the power of inflicting atomic retaliation upon almost any potential enemy target — and with perhaps greater accuracy than could be achieved by a missile of greater range.

The Navy said the Polaris-armed submarines will use an advanced type of reactor, such as that which is being put in the new submarine Skipjack, scheduled for launching this spring.

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Reported missing were \$5 from

the school store, \$2.47 from the March of Dimes box, and two class rings valued at \$64.76.

FATHER DIES

Frank Chicelli, about 80, father of Anthony Chicelli, Robesonian production superintendent, died yesterday in Plattsburgh, N.Y. His son arrived in Plattsburgh yesterday.

