

Maneuvers, Strike Top Stories Of '51 In Harnett Area

The editors of The Daily Record today announced selection of the 10 top news stories which occurred in this section during 1951.

There were no real, history-making events during the year, although there was significant news in a number of areas and progress was noted in both agriculture and business.

In that vast territory served by The Daily Record, known as Recordland, gains were noted in the field of religion and civic life, but no industrial gains of note took place.

BASED ON IMPACT

The selection of the 10 most momentous stories was made on the basis of their impact—those which affected the most people for the longest period of time, those which were paramount in the public interest, and those having an important bearing on life in the area.

The stories, in order, were:

- 1. Army maneuvers held in this area.
2. The six-weeks strike of Erwin Mills employees.
3. Hiring, firing, rehiring and stripping of authority of City Manager Tommy Hobbs, his departure to the Navy, vote of Dunn citizens to retain the city manager system, and appointment of Oliver Manning as Hobbs' successor.
4. Sale of Erwin Mills homes to company employees.
5. A bumper cotton crop, marking return of Old King Cotton to Reign on the throne of economy in this section.
6. Municipal elections in various towns in the area, notable among them the election of new slates at Coats and Benson.
7. Rise of The Daily Record to its dominant position as the No. 1 newspaper in this area, with its guaranteed paid circulation more than 37 per cent greater than that of any other newspaper in the territory.
8. Continuation and progress of Campbell College's expansion program.
9. Resignation of C. Reid Boss as superintendent of Harnett's schools and appointment of Glenn T. Proffit as his successor.
10. Inauguration of City Manager Oliver Manning's community leadership movement.

OTHER BIG STORIES

Selection of the top 10 stories was difficult, and there were other stories of almost equal momentum, some possibly of greater interest—but less important—to the public.

Other notable events included:

- Approval of a new Health Center for the Town of Dunn, launching of the Dunn Woman's Club campaign for a community building; Herbert Taylor's offer to donate the Kneepants League to the Town of Dunn.
Opening and enlargement of the new Johnson's Restaurant, which provides civic and social groups with adequate facilities for the first time; opening of the Colonial Store, the town's first super market opening of the town's first exclusive shoe store by Belk's; other progress in the business field.
Increase in highway fatalities from 12 in 1950 to 17, as of noon today; the normal number of murders and other violent deaths in the county.
The huge Family Night party staged by McLamb Machinery Co., one of the largest and most unique events of the year. (Continued on Page Two)

Former Dunn Police Chief Found Murdered In Bladen



RIGHT BULLETS ENDED HIS YEAR — Sheriff John E. Allen of Bladen County is shown here examining the bullet-riddled body of Ulysses S. Page, who was found shot to death in his country store at Page's Lake Sunday morning. Smeared blood can be seen on the freezer locker. Page served for two years as Dunn's Chief of Police. (Daily Record photo by Jay Williams.)

ELIZABETHTOWN — Sheriff John E. Allen of Bladen County officers hunted for clues today to identify the slayer of Ulysses S. Page, 54, former state legislator and former Dunn Police Chief whose bullet-riddled body was found in the store he owned in the Page's Lake resort section. Page was shot eight times with a .23 caliber weapon at about 10 o'clock Saturday night, officers said, but his body was not discovered until Sunday morning when his daughter, Mrs. Ottalene Page Roberts, went to look for him. Sheriff John E. Allen said a strongbox containing an unknown amount of money was found in the store Sunday morning. (Continued on Page Two)

REDS TO FREE CIVILIANS AFTER TRUCE



NEW COMMISSIONER — Herman S. Holloway of Harnett County, shown here today, began his new duties as a member of the Harnett County Board of Commissioners. He was administered the oath of office Friday afternoon by Clerk Robert Morgan to succeed C. G. Fields of Aspin, who recently resigned. The board met this afternoon to receive a final report from Mr. Morgan, who is leaving for the Navy, and to turn the office over to Mr. Holloway, who has been named acting clerk. Mrs. Elizabeth Matthews, who has been named acting clerk, has been a prominent political business and civic leader of the county for more than a quarter of a century. (Daily Record photo by T. M. Stewart.)

Two Dunn Men Held In Theft Of Money

Police Chief George Armstrong today announced that two Dunn youths have confessed the theft of \$200 in cash from a local minister and are free under bond awaiting a preliminary hearing to be held on Thursday.

The defendants were listed as Oscar C. Williams, 20, and Tommy B. Williams, 18, brothers. Chief Jackson said they had admitted stealing a pocketbook containing \$200 from the Rev. Wilson Lucas at the minister's store on East Broad Street Saturday. Lucas told the officers he stepped outside a minute and left his wallet. When he returned, it was gone. The police chief said \$175 of the money had been recovered. Both defendants were freed under \$300 bond each.

McLamb, Tyler Head Banquet

Clarence McLamb and Henry Tyler were named to plan for the annual banquet of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting held Friday by the Board of Directors. Date for the banquet has been set for January 18th, with William Ruffin, former President of the National Association of Manufacturers as the principal speaker. The board of directors also went on record as in favor of the re-organization of a Junior Chamber of Commerce, and instructed President Eugene Smith to write a letter to the interested parties endorsing the project.

Nude Couple Die In Fire During Drinking Party

TAMPA, Fla. — A food broker and a young secretary, whose nude bodies were found in his fire-gutted efficiency apartment, burned to death during a drinking party, police said today. The Hillsborough County sheriff's office identified the pair as (Continued on Page 3)

WASH. — Total national production this year reached a record \$327,000,000,000, higher by 15 per cent than 1950; Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer reported today.

LONG BEACH, Calif. — A 16-year-old baby sitter was held today on a charge of murdering a six year old girl saying what she confessed was a "vision or nightmare." Bobby-soxer Delora Mae Campbell admitted to police she killed Donna Joyce Isbell by strangling her with her father's neck.

LONDON — The worst four-day Atlantic storm to strike the British Isles and the Continent in a quarter of a century started today. From Spain to Norway and Britain, more than a dozen ships, including the American freighter Flying Enterprise, were lost. (Continued on page two)

Won't Admit Holding 55 As Prisoners

PANMUNJOM, Korea — (AP) — The Communists promised today to free captured Allied civilians after the Korean armistice is signed, but they would not admit a United Nations charge they are holding 55 of them, including 18 Americans. North Korean Gen. Lee Sang Cho said a list of 55 names submitted by the United Nations did not come under the prisoner of war discussions here, but promised to give the names to the "proper organization" for investigation.

INCLUDES DIPLOMATS

The 55 included British and French diplomats who remained at their posts when Seoul fell, missionaries and educators. They have been held for 18 months or more, presumably interned in North Korea.

Lee said he was sure that if any civilians were held captive they were being treated well. "It is possible that during hostilities foreign civilians could have been taken into custody," Lee admitted, "because in war the antipathy of our people to foreigners is very strong. After the armistice we (Continued on Page 3)

Dunn AA Unit Hears Guests

Three out-of-town members of Alcoholics Anonymous appeared at the Ladies Night meeting of the Dunn group held in Johnson's Restaurant last night and detailed some of their experiences before and after joining the AA. Pointing out that there was really nothing new in AA, one speaker, David C. said that these talks, where people hear of others' experiences are often extremely helpful.

"I guess I made as many slips as any member of AA before I found out that I couldn't take that first drink," David said. "With me there was no borderline. I passed the borderline with the first drink." David related that while in college, he found it necessary to work in order to drink. When he found that school interfered with his drinking, he gave up school.

"I lost my wife getting sober," he related. He said the separation papers were served on him while he was in an institution sobering up. He learned about AA at Westbrook in Richmond.

"An alcoholic must work," he said, "because a confirmed alcoholic needs a lot of money for drinking, more than he could get without working." He told of finding a job in auto sales with a manager who also indulged which worked well for both.

"I certainly owe everything to AA," he concluded, "and if my experiences will help another I am glad to pass them on." The two most important of the 12 steps, he said, were acknowledging the need for help from a higher power, and a daily self-inventory.

Mickey R., a nurse, told of how she had plumbed the depths before she found help through AA. The hardest step to take, she asserted, was to admit being an alcoholic. Hospitals and medicines will help, but the aid of a higher power is essential. (Continued on Page 3)



DEATH SEPARATES GIRL, 5, AND HER BABY DOLL — Pretty five-year-old Sue Ellen McCullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. McCullen of Dunn, Route 5, was killed Sunday morning when thrown from this automobile as it went out of control. The child's body went one way and her baby doll was found in another direction. Funeral services for the child were held this afternoon at the Mt. Carmel, Free Will Baptist Church. At the left is shown the position of the car and arrow points to baby doll. (Daily Record photo by J. W. Temple, Jr.)

Churches Plan New Year's Rites

For those inclined to usher in the New Year with reverence rather than with revelry, churches in Dunn will offer Watch Night Services for New Year's Eve tonight. At Glad Tidings Church the Rev. R. W. Rainbow of Raleigh will be the guest pastor in services starting at 9:00 p.m. The services will last until midnight. The Rev. A. A. America, pastor, states that special music will combine with the address to make the service a memorable one. Holy Communion will be offered as part of the service. Starting at 11:00 p.m. a special service will be held at the Divine Street Methodist Church tonight, as was announced by the Rev. J. V. Early, pastor. The service, which will include prayer, special music and meditation, will conclude at midnight. (Continued on Page 3)

Five-Year-Old Girl Killed In Accident

Sue Ellen McCullen, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. McCullen of Dunn, Route 5, was killed almost instantly Sunday morning about 11 o'clock when the automobile in which she was riding with her mother and brother and sister went out of control. The accident took place eight miles from Dunn in Sampson County. The child was thrown out of the automobile and was pronounced dead upon arrival at the Dunn Hospital. A beautiful baby doll she was holding also went out the window and was found a short distance from the wreckage. State Highway Patrolman J. A. McColeman said the accident took place on Highway 242, 200 yards from the intersection of N. C. Highway No. 55, just off the Dunn-Newton Grove highway. TIRE BLEW OUT The mother said the 1950 two-door Dodge started pulling to the right, out of control, ran ten feet off the highway and turned on its side into a canal. The vehicle did not completely turn over, however. A tire was found blown out and belief was expressed that the accident was caused by the blow-out. Patrolman McColeman said the death would be investigated by Dr. J. S. Ayres, Sampson County coroner. Mrs. McColeman and the other two daughters, Diane and Frankie, (Continued On Page Two)

Stassen's Platform Getting Kind Words

WASHINGTON — Harold E. Stassen's presidential campaign platform is getting some kind words around town. Whatever happens to his role-in-one effort to become President, his platform is likely to make some political medicine within the Republican Party. The young man tossed the hard money issue into the campaign and it is likely to stay there. Hard money is the kind which is backed by gold and resists inflationary pressures. Hard money is just as good tomorrow as it was last month—which is more than can be said for the dollar in your pocket. Stassen is for what he calls a "modern gold standard," and unless he uses "modern" as a weasel word, he also is for hard money. HE'S CHANGED That is a conservative position. It does not quite match up with Stassen's overall political background. He has changed a bit. Stassen also is for a limit on income taxation—another conservative position. Reading between the lines of his campaign proposals, Stassen might be suspected of leaning toward a federal sales tax. Very conservative, that would be. All of this adds up to a Stassen break-away from the left wing of the Republican Party, the group (Continued on Page 3)

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Democratic National Chairman Frank E. McKittrick will make his first Southern appearance here Feb. 9 as the principal speaker for the North Carolina Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner. WINSTON-SALEM — (AP) — Local police and A B C enforcement agents rounded up about 35 persons here yesterday on charges of selling whisky illegally. Officers said the arrests followed extensive undercover work by A B C agents. RALEIGH — (AP) — Funeral services were scheduled here today for J. Milton Mangum, Wake County treasurer who died unexpectedly. (Continued on Page 3)

MARKETS

COTTON RALEIGH — Opening cotton quotations middling and strict low middling based on 1 and 1-32 inch staple length: Dunn: 43; 25; 40; 25 Monroe: 42.00; 41.00. Lumberton: 43.00; 41.00. RALEIGH — Hog markets: Hillsboro: 23 cents higher on good and choice 180-240 lb. barrows and gilts at 18.75. Washington, Wilmington, Jacksonville, Weldon, Fayetteville, Florence: Steady at 12.25. Benson, Pembroke, Hamilton. (Continued on Page Two)

HEAD HOSPITAL STAFF — Dr. Randolph Deffenbacher, 101, was elected Chief of Staff of the Dunn Hospital Medical Staff and Dr. Marvin S. Paule, 52, was elected president of the staff. The annual organization of the hospital staff held Friday night. Dr. Glenn L. Hooper was named secretary-treasurer. As a staff member, Dr. Deffenbacher will represent doctors at the hospital's board of directors, and Dr. Paule, as president, will preside over medical staff meetings.