

WEATHER

NORTH CAROLINA — Fair and not much temperature change today and tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy and warmer. Low temperatures tonight 23 to 24 degrees.

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Schnozzola

THE STORY OF JIMMY DURANTE BY GENE FOWLER

Half Hooligan and Half Saint, the Son of an Immigrant Barber Razmatazzed His Way From the Honky-tonks to a Half Million Dollar Annual Income—How He Turned An Oversized Nose Into An Asset

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the saga of the Schnozz, the penetrating story of one of America's top entertainers, Gene Fowler, the author, is the biographer of John Barrymore, Jimmy Walker and others. These installments are from the best seller book, SCHNOZZOLA, recently published by The Viking Press.

"I don't want nobody to put me on a pedasill." — From the Sayings of Mr. James Durante.

CHAPTER ONE PREVIEW OF A NOSE

In the days of the Great Sleigh Ride, the hurly-burly 1920s, a little man with a big nose became the clown laureate of Broadway. His name was Jimmy Durante.

Half hooligan and half saint, his knockabout ways and razzmatazz songs exactly suited the age that gave him his early fame. There was a peculiar shine to this man, a grotesque tenderness that reached into the hearts of everyone, and the love of him has lasted through the years.



The world of the theatre is a fickle one; our stage favorites fall almost as regularly as do the premiers of France. But minstrels of the first rank seem comparatively immune to age and circumstance. When a clown excels in his profession, and his private life stays beyond blame, he engages public affection that outlasts applause.

Such a man is James Francis Durante, the Schnozzola, son of smiling old Bartolomeo Durante, the barber of Salerno.

At fifty-eight Durante has entered upon his most promising role, that of a television star. No entertainer of our time has surpassed his record in so many branches of showmanship. During the past thirty-eight years Durante successively has been a nightclub entertainer, vaudeville headliner, musical-stage principal, motion-picture actor, and radio comedian.

EXPLOSION TO TV He now has come explosively to the television screens.

During these years Jimmy Durante has thrived, without seeming to know how or what she is or is not. So naive is he, so lacking in self-esteem, that were he a failure, the curators of the Interloper Complex might display the Schnozzola as their classic specimen.

"Sometimes," says this word-mangler, "I rake my brains to find out why people pay me all that money."

An essential goodness underlies both the weakness and the strength of the Durante character. When victimized by plain-as-day parasites of Broadway and Hollywood—and this happens with amazing frequency—the Schnozzola not only fails to confess his errors of judgment but becomes angry if someone puts in a word against the offenders.

"There are more good people than bad ones in the world," the Schnozzola says. "I don't mind if a gentleman scratches a match on the furniture, so long as he is careful to go with the grain."

Lately the Schnozzola has been wearing horn-rimmed spectacles, but he says, "I think I'll quit putting on my glasses, because everybody looks so beautiful the other way."

His generosity, together with his huge income tax, means that Durante is a very rich man.

Pretty Model, Call Girl In Dope Roundup

NEW YORK — Detectives smashed today a ring that sold up to \$2,000 worth of narcotics daily to beautiful models and costly call girls in the heart of Times Square.

The narcotics squad said the ring was broken up with the arrest in a 42nd Street subway station of Barbara Lane, 22, a blonde dancer-model, and Edward Schonbaum, 46, a former counterfeiter.

Detective Jerry Valente said Schonbaum attempted to push him into the path of an oncoming subway train.

Enormous Profits In Surplus Revealed

Senate Probing War Surplus Contract Deals

WASHINGTON — A group headed by former Rep. Joseph E. Casey (D-Mass.) made a \$3,250,000 profit on a cash investment of only \$101,000 in surplus tankers, Senate investigators disclosed today.

Chairman Clyde R. Hoey of the Senate's permanent investigating committee made the statement as the committee began digging publicly into the complex case involving big names, big deals and big profits in surplus ships. The North Carolina Democrat said the deal involved eight surplus tankers.

Vice Adm. E. L. Cochrane, federal maritime administrator, testified that the ships were sold to the Casey group, American Overseas Tanker Corp., at prices ranging from \$1,430,000 to \$1,592,606. They had an average construction cost of about \$3,018,703, Cochrane said.

Cochrane produced figures to show that the average sale price of such tankers to American citizens was \$1,604,971 and to foreign citizens \$1,706,898.

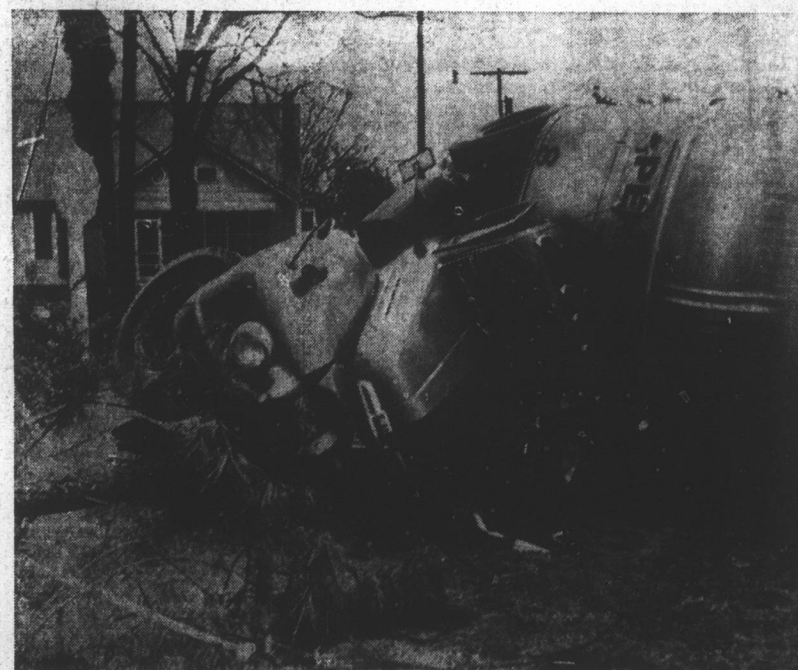
Hoey said five of the Casey ships were transferred to Panamanian registry and operated under charter to a subsidiary of Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

The other three were chartered to United Tanker Corp., a Chinese-financed organization whose attorney was Houston Wasson, New York law partner of Newbold Morris, President Truman's corruption cleanup chief.

WASSON TO BE CALLED Hoey said Wasson will be called to testify. He said no final decision has been reached about Morris.

American Overseas Tanker Corp., Casey's outfit, later sold its stock to United Tanker Corp., and to Delaware Tanker Corp., which Hoey said was "financed by a Greek national." On the sale the Casey stockholders realized \$3,250,000, Hoey said.

Hoey said the committee was determined to find out whether the ship sales were in line with the (Continued on page two)



ONE KILLED, FIVE HURT IN THIS ACCIDENT — Pictured here is the truck involved in the accident which occurred Sunday morning at 3:15 at the intersection of Broad and Ellis Avenue, in which Howard Becker of New York was killed and five others were injured. This big truck was loaded with canned tomatoes. It collided with the automobile in which Becker was riding. (Daily Record photo by J. W. Temple, Jr.)

Mrs. McLamb Still Spry At Age Of 87

Mrs. Florence Howard McLamb, one of the grand "young" ladies of this section, pulled another leaf off her calendar today and observed that, "Birthdays seem to roll around mighty fast."

She's 87 years old today, one of the oldest residents in the city, but doesn't look to be anywhere near her age.

Many people 15 or 20 years younger look older than she does, and she still enjoys a keen mind, a good memory, is a delightful conversationalist and enjoys fairly good health for one of her years.

McLamb is the mother of Dunn's most successful business men—all prominent business, civic, and religious leaders—and she also has a daughter who lives with her and another son who lives in Fayetteville.

The sons living here are: Bill, Clarence and Mince, who operate the largest Farmall tractor company in the city; M. O. and F. N. McCown and operate McCown and Company and McMill.

Her daughter, Miss Lena McLamb, lives with her and her husband, D. Martin McLamb of Fayetteville, prominent Cumberland County business man and civic leader.

DIDN'T WANT CELEBRATION There wasn't any big birthday celebration today, because Mrs. McLamb insists she doesn't like a birthday and fuss over her, but her birthday is always a big event for children and grandchildren.

of them were on hand to her a happy birthday and more of them and there were plenty of gifts for her. Her children are very devoted always bringing her a gift of attention to her whether (Continued On Page Two)

MARKETS

EGGS AND POULTRY RALEIGH — Today's egg and live poultry markets:

Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers and broilers about steady. Supplies adequate to plentiful. Heavy hens about steady. Supplies fully adequate. Prices paid producers FOB farm: Fryers and broilers 29-30 mostly 30, heavy hens 25-28, mostly 28-29.

Eggs: One to two cents lower on graded stock. Steady on current collections. Supplies fully ample. Demand fair. Prices paid producers and handlers FOB local grading stations: A large 40, A medium 37, B large 35, current collections 35.

HOGS RALEIGH — Hog markets: Kingston, Rocky Mount: Steady on good and choice 180-240 lb. barrows and gilts at 17.75.

Mt. Olive, Dunn, Benson, Tarboro, Hamilton, Clinton: Slightly weaker at 17.50. Lumberton, Marion, Fayetteville, Florence: Steady at 17.50. Wilmington, Washington, Goldsboro, Wilson, Smithfield: Slightly weaker at 17.25.

WESTMINSTER CHORUS SINGS TONIGHT — Pictured here is the famous Westminster Chorus, which will present an outstanding concert tonight at 8 o'clock at Campbell College. This is one of the finest musical groups in the nation and tonight's program will be one of the highlights of the concert season. A capacity crowd is expected, although seats will be available at the door tonight. Dr. John Stanley Williamson is director of the noted musical group.

Not Larceny To Pick Up Wallet Judge Declares

Judge H. Paul Strickland upheld the contention of defense attorney D. C. Wilson that picking up a pocketbook that an absent-minded customer leaves on a counter does not constitute larceny, in Dunn City Court this morning.

Viola McKoy, colored, charged with larceny and receiving for taking the wallet of Mrs. Claude Cheek from a counter in Belks, pleaded guilty to trespass.

Mrs. Cheek told the court that she missed the wallet when she went from Belks to the Colonial Store. She returned to Belks, she stated, and then reported her loss to the police. The officers recovered the wallet and part of the contents from the defendant.

Judge Strickland sentenced the Negro girl to 30 days, suspended 12 months on payment of \$10 and costs, on condition she replace the sum of \$3.50 which she had spent from the wallet.

CEASED HIM OUT According to Carson Lee, his roommate, Willie Hall came into his room, told him to get up and get out, and usurped his bed. The case was non-suited and charges of drunkenness and trespass dropped. (Continued on Page Two)

BULLETINS

CHICAGO — Authorities announced today they had "smashed" a small-fry extortion racket in which three over-sized high school freshmen provided "protection" for their smaller classmates at a nickel a week.

WASHINGTON — Billy Graham said today that "God answered our prayers" for a spiritual revival in Washington. The youthful preacher has just completed five weeks here during which he spoke before audiences totalling 307,500 persons.

EL PASO, Tex. — A young society bride shot and killed her Army lieutenant husband because he told her to "go to hell" then stood vigil over his body for 10 hours, police said today. Mrs. Mary Jean Parson, a 21-year-old bride of two months, admitted to police that she fired two bullets into the head of Lt. Richard O. Parsons as he slept in their honeymoon home.

LONDON — By direction of Queen Elizabeth II, public mourning for her father, King George VI, need last only another one or two weeks at most—and there are exceptions even to that.

LONDON — Two British warships are preparing to sail for Australia with equipment needed to last (Continued on Page Two)

THE ROLE OF THE CHAMBER

The Daily Record today is publishing the first in a series of guest editorials on the role which the Chamber of Commerce plays in the Town of Dunn.

Today's editorial is by Clarence E. McLamb, president of the chamber. Other editorials will appear later in the week by various other leaders of the city.

Home Destroyed By Blaze Here

A home owned and occupied by T. W. Wilson at 802 E. Harnett Street was completely destroyed by fire last night.

Secretary-Treasurer Howard M. Lee reported that Dunn firemen answered the call at 7:45, but the house was completely enveloped by flames when the firemen arrived and there was no possible chance of saving the structure. The loss was considerable.

Tourist Killed, Three Others Are Badly Injured In Dunn

One person was killed, three others were seriously injured and two others received minor injuries early Sunday morning in the city's worst traffic accident in five years.

The town went four years without a single highway or street fatality but last week a city employee died as the result of injuries received when he stuck his head out of a manhole a week earlier.

Sunday's accident marked the second fatality in less than a week. Killed in the accident Sunday morning was Howard Becker of 2170 Preston Avenue, New York 53; New York, 26-year-old mechanical engineer who was returning to his home after a vacation in Florida. He died instantly when his body was thrown out of the vehicle.

THOSE INJURED Injured in the accident were: Jonas Grannick, 31, of 2320 Hillside Avenue, Queens, New York, driver of the 1951 Dodge in which they were riding.

Morton Vogelson, 24, of 578 Pennsylvania Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and Bernard Saks, 28, of 2718 Morris Avenue, Brooklyn, 55, New York, passengers in the same car.

All three are in the Dunn Hospital badly injured and unable to (Continued On Page Six)

Ives Says Ike Can Win While At Post

WASHINGTON — Sen. Irving M. Ives R-NY said today that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower can win the Republican presidential nomination without coming home to campaign. But other Eisenhower boosters were not so sure.

Some frankly admitted they are worried about the recent indications that the general means to remain at his Paris military headquarters until after the GOP nominating convention in July.

One top leader of the Eisenhower organization said that the general's adamant refusal to return to this country for "non-political" campaigning has been "damaging" to the campaign.

This Republican, who asked not to be named, told a reporter that all of the pro-Eisenhower leaders "hope" for the general's return before the convention. (Continued on Page Seven)

Dunn Jaycees Ready For Charter Night

Harry Stewart of Raleigh, State President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, will address Dunn Jaycees and their ladies at a "Charter Night" banquet to be held Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at Johnson's Restaurant.

Program Chairman Bob Leak said this morning that all arrangements have been completed for the meeting, which will draw many visiting Jaycees from various sections of the State.

BIGGS TO PRESIDE President Bill Biggs will preside over the meeting. Vice President C. D. Hutaff will welcome the ladies, and Mayor Ralph E. Hanna will extend a welcome to the out-of-town guests.

City Manager Oliver O. Manning will also speak briefly. The State Jaycees president will deliver a short address on activities and accomplishments of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. (Continued On Page Six)

If Truman Runs, He Will Run On Record

Editor's note: This is the first of four dispatches on the likeliest candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination. Others will deal with Sen. Estes Kefauver, Sen. Robert S. Kerr and Gov. Adlai Stevenson.

By LYLE WILSON United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON — The Democratic nominee for President this year will stand on Harry S. Truman's platform and run on his record.

That will be the Democratic candidate's posture whether he be President Truman or some other. The voters already know Mr. Truman's position on public questions more completely than that of any other Democrat. The President's primary foreign contribution is that the Democratic nomination is that the Democratic candidate (Continued on Page Seven)

Negro Masons Plan Building

Dunn's Negro Masons are making plans for the erection of a two-story lodge hall on North Washington Avenue.

City Manager Oliver O. Manning announced this morning that a delegation of the lodge members will appear tonight before the city council and request that the location and building be declared commercial.

The lodge wants to erect a 60-60 foot building on a 50-foot lot. Such a building could be erected for commercial purposes, but not in a residential area.

Mr. Manning said the proposed building is in a Negro business district and expressed belief that it would meet requirements. Nevertheless, he will ask the board to rule on the matter.

Scheduled to appear before the board on the matter are: O. E. Payton, Harry Satterwhite, John Culbreth and Stacy Cousar.

OTHER MATTERS Several other matters will come before the council tonight. City Manager Manning will ask the board if it wishes to pass a city ordinance banning the use of air rifles inside the Town of Dunn.

The League of Municipalities is making a survey to determine how (Continued on Page Seven)