

NORTH CAROLINA - Fair in West and clearing in East portions and continued cold today. Fair and cold tonight with low temperatures 30 to 34 degrees on the coast tonight. Thursday fair and warmer.

11 More Arrested On Klan Charges

Group Accused Of Kidnapping Negro Woman

WHITEVILLE, N. C. (P)— State and county officers arrested 11 former Ku Klux Klansmen today on kidnapping and assault charges in Klan-ridden Columbus County.

Those arrested included six of the 10 men arrested recently by the FBI on kidnapping and violation of civil rights charges.

Sheriff Hugh Nance and SPT Director James W. Powell led the officers in the roundup and more arrests were promised.

WHIPPED HER IN WOODS

The men were brought here and placed under \$5,000 bond each for the March 31 grand jury. All were charged with seizing Esther Lee Floyd, a 23-year-old Negro, taking her into a woods, whipping her and cutting a cross in her hair.

Nance said the woman was "slapped a few times with a belt" and not whipped severely after she told the hooded and robed men that she was pregnant.

Nance said the klansmen cut a cross in her hair and told her to go to Whiteville and "tell all the niggers that the Ku Kluckers got you."

THOSE ARRESTED

Nance listed those arrested as Early Brooks, 44, former leader of the Fair Bluff, N. C. klavern dissolved by Imperial Wizard Thomas Hamilton, in January, his son, Bobby Brooks, 18, who was picked up by police in Raleigh; Steve Ed-

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NEW SHOE STORE TO OPEN - Pictured here is the interior of the new Jackson's Shoe Store which will hold its formal opening here Thursday morning. Almon D. Jackson, owner of the store, and Mrs. J. T. Pope, are shown here today as they completed last-minute arrangements for the opening. The store carries a complete line of well-known shoes in every price range for men, women and children. On the opening day, there'll be gifts for all the family. Story on page two. (Daily Record photo by J. W. Temple, Jr.)

Ike Reported Gaining Fast In Midwest

WASHINGTON (P)— The Eisenhower for President organization claimed an "upsurge of strength" today in Sen. Robert A. Taft's Midwest bailiwick.

The claim was made in a special statement by Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. R-Mass., manager of the campaign to win the Republican presidential nomination for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

It came as the Taft camp was issuing increasingly optimistic forecasts that the Ohio senator may win the nomination on the first ballot at the GOP convention in July.

"An upsurge of Eisenhower delegate strength has occurred in recent weeks in the Midwest, heretofore claimed by the opposition camp as solidly for their candidate," Lodge said.

"Eisenhower popular demand has been coming irresistibly to the top and making itself felt in the Midwest just as it has in other sections."

Lodge referred to "rapidly growing strength" for his group in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri and South Dakota.

Taft supporters have not made any major claims to Eisenhower's home state of Kansas. But they have claimed Illinois and Indiana as Taft strongholds.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Elsewhere in the political arena: 1. In a speech at Manchester, N. H., Robert A. Taft Jr. said his father can win support of independent voters "because every American admires a fighter, a man who fights for what he knows is right."

2. In Augusta, Me., GOP Gov. Frederick C. Payne, an Eisenhower supporter, announced that he will oppose Sen. Owen Brewster R-Me., a Taft man, for re-election. Former Atomic Energy Commissioner Sumner T. Pike, announced that he will stay out of the race and support Payne.

TOBACCO FOR KEFAUVER

3. Sen. Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., only declared candidate for the Democratic nomination, won qualified support of President Daniel J. Tobin of the big AFL teamsters union. Tobin praised Kefauver as "a clean, courageous man and a"

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Maj. William T. Whisner

AMERICA'S newest jet ace is Maj. William T. Whisner, 28, of Shreveport, La. He accounted for his fifth Communist MIG-15 to save the life of a fellow pilot during a sky battle over the Yalu River in northwestern Korea. The endangered pilot was Maj. Don Adams, of Mt. Clemens, Mich., whose plane had been hit and he was unable to evade enemy fire.

Fire, Water Units Lauded

Dunn was complimented on the excellence of its fire department and its water plant by W. G. Allen, District Engineer of the Southern Fire Underwriters Association of (Continued on Page Two)

Angier Kiwanis Club Will Stage Minstrel

The Angier Kiwanis Club will present its Thirteenth Annual Minstrel Show, "Tobacco Barn Jubilee," Friday, Feb. 29, at 8:00 p.m. in the Angier School auditorium.

Those six popular Endmen, Joe Curran, Carl Young, Ellis Parker, Grady Barr, Graham Talley and Clyde Adams, are again featured in the program of songs, dances, blackface comedy, and specialty numbers. Kiwanian D. W. Denning, Jr., stars again as the Interlocutor, heading a cast of approximately 50 persons.

Specialty numbers include such talent as Cecelia Young and Mabel Hunt in a comedy routine of song; Graham Byrd, local radio artist, with his rendition of hillbilly songs; David Smith, head of the Campbell College Music Department, and a quartet of songsters from the

College, in a series of vocal numbers; and students of the Beddingfield School of Dance, Raleigh, Tommy and "Chee" Davis, also Sonny O'Neal and J. S. Moore, in tap dance routines, and acrobatic dancing by Johanna Johnson and Susanna Coley.

UNC Fans To Hear Barclay

The meeting of the Harnett County Chapter of the Educational Foundation at Johnson's Restaurant tonight at 7:45 will be open to the public, it was announced by A. B. Smith, Jr., secretary-treasurer giving other than members an opportunity to hear George Barclay, new assistant coach at U. N. C.

Barclay will be the principal speaker at the meeting. He will be accompanied by two other assistant coaches, Jim Gill and Jim Camp. Also in the party will be Jake Wade, a Dunn native, publicity director at the University.

MARKETS

EGGS AND POULTRY RALEIGH (P)— Today's egg and live poultry markets: Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers and broilers steady, supplies plentiful, demand fair. Heavy hens steady, supplies generally adequate, demand fair. Flocks paid production: FCB term; Fryers and broilers 28, heavy hens 28, mostly 28.

DETROIT (P)— A missing public school teacher branded a Communist by a former-FBI undercover agent unexpectedly appeared at the House Un-American Activities Committee hearing today. Mrs. Eleanor Cook Maki, 34, was called by the agent who spied on the party for four years, walked into the packed room with her attorney.

RICHMOND, Va. (P)— A three-judge federal court

Cancer Drive Heads Renamed

Mrs. J. Grady Johnson and Mrs. Meredith S. Genter of Lillington will again serve as county co-commanders of the American Cancer Society, it was learned today.

A county fund chairman will be announced at a later date. Mrs. W. A. Johnson will act as treasurer for a second year and Dr. Charles Byrd of Dunn and Dr. A. W. Poede of Lillington have agreed to serve on the advisory board.

The annual fund drive, which will be held in the county later in the spring simultaneously with other communities across the nation, is designed to aid cancer research, treatment, and educational activities.

These Little Things

NOAH WILLIAMS ON BIG TELEVISION SHOW Citizens of this section saw a familiar figure on a big nation-wide television show a couple Sunday nights ago. It was the imposing figure of J. Noah Williams, owner and operator of hog markets in Dunn, Smithfield and other towns throughout Eastern Carolina.

The television show is called, "What's My Line" and is a Sunday night feature of CBS, brought to local television audiences by WFLA-TV in Greensboro.

On this program celebrities of stage and screen are invited to guess the business or profession of

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POLITICAL SIGNS OF THE TIMES - "I Like Ike" neckties boosting General Dwight Eisenhower for the presidency went on sale here this morning at The Men's Store and were creating considerable interest. First customer to buy one of the Ike ties was Jim McMillan, who's organizing a "Democrats for Eisenhower Club" here. Manager Frank Belote, left is shown here as he showed one of the ties to Assistant City Clerk Clayton Black. Mr. Belote, who didn't express his own preference, said he would probably stock other novelties boosting various other candidates as the campaign progresses. (Daily Record photo by J. W. Temple, Jr.)



DANCING CANDIDATE - Tennessee's Sen. Estes Kefauver goes through the paces of a square dance with the pupils at Clay Elementary School in St. Louis. The senator, who is also an aspirant for the Democratic Presidential nomination, joined the children as they demonstrated the dance for the American Association of School Administrators. Kefauver had spoken to the group earlier. Harnett Superintendent Glenn Proffitt is attending this meeting. (United Press Telephoto).

Schnozzola THE STORY OF JIMMY DURANTE BY GENE FOWLER

EDITOR'S NOTE: The eighth installment from the book, SCHNOZZOLA, recently published by The Viking Press.

A Woman Casually Kissed by Durante Sued Jimmy for \$5,000 and an Actor Impersonating a Priest Caused his 'Arrest' for Assault and Battery - "As innocent as a Little Boy"

"When I sing a song I croon it for anybody else. It's like the kiss of debt." - From the Sayings of Mr. James Durante.

CHAPTER EIGHT WATERLOO IN PITTSBURGH

Jimmy Durante went on a personal appearance tour in the latter part of 1934 and early 1935. Packed Theatres greeted him everywhere. But in Pittsburgh two experiences caused him great distress.

One afternoon Jimmy went galloping among members of the audience. He paused to kiss the head of a woman sitting in the fourth row, then returned to the stage, shouting, "Boy! I can't forget that gal!" The audience laughed and applauded.

The next day the kissed woman and her husband sued Durante for five thousand dollars. She said, among other things, that the comedian had "overcome all my resistance." Her husband also felt humiliated.

Loti Clayton, Durante's partner and manager, squared the beef with the lawyer's office. Durante sat for a discomfited audience in his suite high up in the William Penn

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Sen. Smith Stands Firm Against Negro Protests

WASHINGTON, Feb. — Senator Willis Smith, to the surprise of no one, did not yield an inch of ground to a delegation of North Carolina Negroes visiting him this week to talk about civil rights legislation — but he did win recognition from them as a "brave man."

The delegation, headed by Kelly Alexander, of Charlotte, state head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, called on Smith to demand that he modify his opposition to anti-poll tax, anti-lynching and fair employment practices legislation, and to a change in Senate rules to facilitate shutting off debate.

Smith met the delegation face to face, and subjected himself to a lengthy period of discussion, questioning and cross-questioning from Alexander and his associates, who knew in advance, of course, that the Senator did not agree with their views.

Nothing the delegation said, none of the gesticulating and finger-pointing and none of the implied threats of reprisals at the polls, shook the junior senator. But when the delegation left, one of the members said in good-humored and open admiration:

"Well, he sure is a brave man; you've got to hand him that."

Fowler Plans Big Opening On Friday

The beautiful new and enlarged Fowler Radio Company at Lillington will hold its grand opening Friday, it was announced today by Malcolm Fowler, president and owner of the store.

Since Mr. Fowler opened the original store at Lillington 16 years ago, two new stores have been added in Dunn-Erwin.

The Lillington store, erected about a year ago, has been enlarged and completely remodeled to provide the finest facilities for displaying the company's many lines of electrical appliances and for servicing the appliances.

DEMONSTRATIONS SET In connection with the grand opening, Miss Doyle, noted home economist for General Electric, will be at the new store Thursday and Friday from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. to demonstrate the complete General Electric Kitchen which is on display.

A representative of the Necchi Sewing Machine Company will also be on hand to demonstrate that nationally-advertised sewing machine.

There will be free refreshments and door prizes for those who attend these two days.

MANY FINE LINES The public will also have an opportunity to see and inspect the many lines of nationally-advertised appliances carried by Fowler Radio Company.

Among these lines are: General Electric, Sylvania, Stromberg-Carlson, Emerson, Motorola, Norge, International Harvester refrigerators, Beach Sewing Machines and others.

Fowler Radio Company also has

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