

Lawyer Says Board Action To Be Costly

Attorney Everette L. Doffenmyer charged today that the city board's "stubborn refusal" to compromise a \$25,000 lawsuit against the town for \$1,250 will cost the taxpayers of the town at least \$8,000 and possibly "a whole lot more."

Doffenmyer represents two defendants in claims against the town. In one case, Mrs. Alva Moore has filed suit for \$25,000 for injuries received when she fell on the sidewalk here.

In another case, Herbert Smith, a Negro employee, was killed when he stuck his head out of a manhole and was killed by an automobile driven by Mrs. Billy Sorrell.

In the latter case, Smith's family has two alternatives. One is to request State Employment Security Commission to order the town to pay \$8,000, the amount of compensation due in the case.

The other alternative was to bring suit against the town who was driving the car. Mr. Doffenmyer had decided to follow this course of action.

WAS MAYOR'S IDEA

Mayor Ralph Hanna announced Doffenmyer recently and urged that he allow the town to compromise the Moore woman's suit. The lawyer agreed to do so for \$1,500. The mayor went back to the city board and returned with an offer to pay \$1250.

Doffenmyer said he and Chief Counsel Rocco Barefoot agreed to do so reluctantly.

At a special meeting of the council Wednesday night, the board "by voice vote" decided against paying anything in the case. Mayor Hanna advised Doffenmyer of the decision this morning.

"In that case," Doffenmyer advised the Mayor, "I'm going to let the town pay the \$8,000 in Smith's case and also go ahead with the Moore lawsuit."

Mayor Hanna, like Doffenmyer, was critical of the town board for failing to accept the compromise he and the lawyer had worked out.

The mayor had recommended, however, that the town compromise the Moore woman's suit, but that they refused to do so.

"I was merely, as a citizen, trying to look out after the interest of my town as well as the interest of my client," declared Doffenmyer today. "But I can see the commissioners do not want to compromise and prefer a couple of lawsuits. I'm going to let them have 'em. We're going to court."

Credit Bureau To Open Soon

The Dunn Retail Credit Bureau will be officially opened for business on Tuesday April 1, and Chamber of Commerce Manager Norman Suttles urges the merchants to take the fullest advantage of this new service.

The new service will be opened in the offices of Mrs. Mable Jackson on the second floor of the First-Citizens Bank Building. Mrs. Jackson will supply those interested with details regarding membership.

PUBLICITY MANAGER
RALEIGH — William B. Whitley, former state editor of the Durham Morning Herald, was named publicity manager for the gubernatorial campaign of former U. S. Sen. William B. Umstead today.

Russell Plans Full-Fledged Campaign

Criminal Term Of Court Will Convene Monday

Judge William T. Hatch of Raleigh will preside over the March criminal term of Harnett Superior Court scheduled to begin on Monday morning. The one week of criminal term will be followed by one week of civil matters with the same judge on the bench.

Trial of Charles H. Haire, elderly Olivia farmer for murder of his son-in-law Clyde Powell has been booked for Monday. Haire has been at liberty on a \$10,000 bond since a short time after he came into the sheriff's office and calmly announced he had "shot a man."

Haire's daughter who was separated from Powell, was living with her father at the time the fatal shooting took place.

Defendants in an action charging conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws are Clarence "Shug" Avery and Herbert Dorman of Erwin. Their trial is also set for Monday.

VARIETY OF OFFENSES

Other cases set for the first day include those of Richard Jones, charged with murder; Walter Beasley, careless and reckless driving; Sam Hallman, careless and reckless driving; Charles E. Pope, embezzlement; J. E. West, worthless check; Hardy Ray Draughan, larceny and receiving; Talmadge Jeramigan, forgery; Hubert L. Conner and Edwin Lee Wade, abandonment; James Talmadge Byrd, operating an automobile while intoxicated; Lindberg Ryals, violating the prohibition law; and Eugene Barefoot, public drunkenness.

Three men will be cited to court for non-compliance with previous court orders. They include George Griffin, J. C. Reardon and Allie B. Wilkins.

The driver of a heavy trailer truck which killed one Negro and injured three others at Erwin was cited to court.

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Large Whiskey Outfit Taken

Federal ATF agents and Cumberland County ABC officers "hit the jackpot" in a raid conducted in Harnett County yesterday afternoon.

In one of the largest raids in recent months, the officers swooped down on a 300-gallon still in the woods in Anderson Creek Township and destroyed large quantities of mash and illicit whiskey.

Operators of the big distillery were not in sight when the officers arrived, but the officials said today they expect to make several arrests shortly.

They expressed belief that the still operators had been tipped off about the raid and had escaped before their arrival.

STILL IN OPERATION

The 300-gallon still was in operation when the law enforcement officers made the raid.

The still, along with seven 350-gallon fermenting boxes, 1,800 gallons of mash and 40 gallons of whiskey, was destroyed.

Several raids have been made by this group of officers in Harnett recently.



IN RECITAL AT ERWIN — Shown are the principals in the recital given last night at the Erwin Teachers' under the direction of Joseph Boucard. Pictured are, left to right: Mrs. Donald Moore, soprano; Mrs. Joseph Boucard, accompanist; and Ms. J. K. Bruton, pianist. The recital concluded with a reception at the teachers' house. (Daily Record photo by Bill Biggs)

Tally Hits Federal Spending and Waste

Mayor Joe Tally of Fayetteville, candidate for Congress in the Seventh District, last night told Dunn Lions that the economic collapse of America could bring on Communism quicker and surer than outside aggression.

"America," he said, "can be just as fatally stricken by economic collapse as to be struck by the enemy in physical combat."

The young Fayetteville chief executive delivered a blistering indictment against Federal spending and waste and inefficiency in government.

He called for adequate defense against Communism, maintenance of our economic structure and the promotion of wise and moral leadership in government.

Mayor Tally, who is opposing Congressman F. Eitel Carlyle, was presented to the club by a past district Lions governor, Dewey W. Edwards of Fayetteville.

LOCKE MUSE IN CHARGE
Lion Locke Muse had charge of the program and presented Mr. Edwards to the club. President Walter Howard presided.

Mayor Tally referred to President Truman's request for a budget of \$8 billion dollars as "a staggering sum of money" and said he frankly did not know whether or not the taxpayers' dollar is being spent wisely and with integrity by the Federal government.

He pointed out that 55 of the 85 billion dollars is requested for military and defense purposes, but expressed fear and belief that there

is too much waste of money and manpower in the military program. He cited the bitter rivalry between the Army, Navy and Air Force and pointed to recent testimony in Congress that an important military issue had been decided "by the flip of a coin."

The speaker asserted that the American taxpayers could not help being resentful of having hard-earned dollars paid out in taxes spent on a decision reached by a mere flip of a piece of money.

"That just illustrates the bitter and unnecessary rivalry between the branches of the armed forces," declared the speaker.

CITES DUPLICATION

Mayor Tally also cited the fact (Continued On Page Two)

Seeking Support In Every Section Of The Nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Richard B. Russell, outstanding Southern candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination is preparing to set up a full fledged campaign organization to seek support outside of Dixie, it was disclosed today.

The Georgia senator hopes to pick up some convention delegates in the Prairie and Western states. He can already count on most of the Southern delegates, according to most surveys.

STRONG IN WEST

Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev.), who informally endorsed Russell last weekend, told a reporter today that he expects Russell to win the support of delegates from Nevada and several other Western States.

Russell believes he has his best chance to muster non-Southern support in the Midwestern and Western farm states because of his record on farm legislation.

Russell said last night he is convinced Mr. Truman will not run again. It would be "inconceivable," he said, "that the President would let the Democratic party become as 'confused' as it is if he planned to seek another term."

NO PLANS FOR REVOLT

Russell said he had "no plans" to lead a party revolt in the South but could not promise to support the Democratic candidate or the party platform without knowing who and what they will be.

Russell expects to set up his campaign organization within a few days.

Gov. Herman Talmadge of Georgia said yesterday he had told Russell he will do anything he can to help him, "but I'm not going to try to lead his campaign."

UNABLE TO CAMPAIGN

Russell, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the agriculture appropriations subcommittee, has notified Florida supporters that he cannot escape from Senate duties to campaign in that state until about May 1.

Florida Democrats hold their presidential preference primary May 3 and elect convention delegates May 26.

Russell will face Tennessee Sen. Estes Kefauver in the Florida primary.

MARKETS

RALEIGH — (AP) — Today's egg and live poultry markets:

Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers and broilers steady; supplies adequate demand fair. (Continued On Page Two)



NCEA OFFICERS INSTALLER — New officers of the Harnett County Chapter of the North Carolina Education Association were installed last night at the annual banquet last night by Mable Stephens, Field Secretary. Shown are, left for right, standing: J. F. Denny, new president; Torrey Johnson, new vice-president; Miss Cornelia McLaughlin, retiring president and the installing officer. Seated left to right, Mrs. A. B. Gibson; A. B. Gibson, NCEA president; Dr. Amos Abrams, guest speaker; and Mrs. Abrams. (Daily Record photo by Louis Dearborn)

Teachers Hear Dr. Abrams Harnett Could Cut Taxes Or Build New Courthouse

Harnett County Auditor Herbert D. Carson said today that at the rate in which Harnett is adding new property on its tax books and at the rate its indebtedness is being paid off a new courthouse can be built at Lillington without increasing the tax rate.

It would mean, however, that citizens likewise would get no tax reduction when the county's present indebtedness is paid.

He estimates that a new courthouse to replace the county's ancient and dilapidated courthouse would cost in the vicinity of \$350,000. Others, however, believe that an adequate building would cost at least a million dollars.

Mr. Carson points out that the county bonds will be retired in 1958, road bonds will be retired in 1964 and school bonds will be retired in 1971. In 1971, unless new debts are added, the county would be out of debt. A new bond issue would be needed for a new courthouse.

Harnett is now one of the State's 37 counties which has a bonded indebtedness of over a million dollars. Harnett's total bonded indebtedness as of February 29 was \$1,125,000. Only 28 counties in the State have a population greater than that of Harnett, which is showing much growth.

Tax valuations in Harnett are expected to reach 47 million dollars. All citizens of the county agree on the need for a courthouse to replace the present inadequate structure. However, there are two groups in the county—one favoring a big, handsome new structure at the present time and the other group desiring to wait for cheaper prices.

THE CANDIDATES

The Daily Record today is publishing the first in a series of full-page features on North Carolina's candidates for governor.

Today's feature is on William B. (Bill) Umstead of Durham and was written by one of Umstead's hometown newspapermen, Ray Brantley of the Durham Herald-Sun.

The next feature, on Judge Herbert E. Olive, is being written for The Record by Able Fincham, the candidate's press agent.

Similar features will be carried on Ernest Gardner of Shelby and Manley Duraway of Charlotte, the other two announced candidates.

Red Cross Canvass To Roll Throughout Rural Sections

For the first time the rural routes surrounding Dunn will be thoroughly covered in the fund canvass by the Dunn-Erwin Chapter of the American Red Cross. It was announced today by Fund Chairman Billy Gowan.

The new departure in canvassing under the direction of the Chairman for the rural areas, E. W. Gowan, will be undertaken by a group of trucks which will cover all routes, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Realizing that "hard money" is scarce among the rural population at this time of year, the trucks will collect farm produce which are readily obtainable, such as, beans, corn, wheat, corn, barley, potatoes, soy beans and the like. Cured meats such as hams and shoulders will also be acceptable.

Coverage of all the routes with the trucks are being scheduled and the schedule for each day will be announced in this paper as soon as it is possible.

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Lee Motors Named GMC Truck Dealer

Lee Motors of Dunn, Inc., local Oldsmobile dealer, has also been appointed as dealer for GMC trucks. It was announced here today.

Lee Motors is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Lee and their son, George Lee.

Appointments of the firm as the local franchise dealer for this nationally-popular line of trucks was announced by T. A. Nisbet, Jr., of the Charlotte division.

Lee Motors will handle the big, complete line of GMC trucks—from the small-size pickup to the huge highway diesels.

NOW ON DISPLAY

One of the new models is now on display in the showrooms on North Wise Avenue.

Like in April, Lee Motors will move into its beautiful new home, now being constructed on the Fayetteville Highway on the site with Lee's Truck Terminal. The two business firms are being consolidated into one big, modernistic building which will be one of the finest automobile showplaces in Eastern Carolina.

The Lees today extended to the public a cordial invitation to visit their firm and see and inspect the 1952 GMC truck.

This firm also has the franchise for U. S. Tires.

BULLETINS

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — Armistice talks between United Nations and Communist negotiators hit a "dismal new low" today. "We touched I think, a dizzy new height in Communist intransigence and ill-logic and dismal new low in progress" U. N. Col. Andrew J. Kinney reported after a fruitless meeting.

CHICAGO (AP) — The only man ever to escape from death row at the Cook County jail was electrocuted today only a short distance from where he clubbed a guard to death.

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Postmaster General James A. Farley said yesterday that there is no imminent danger of war with Russia.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — The new United Nations Disarmament Commission got down to business today in its effort to find a formula for halting the world arms race.

TALKING POLITICS, NO DOUBT — Mayor Joe Tally, candidate for Congress, was seen last night at a group of local citizens last night at the meeting held yesterday. Left to right are: Jack Harnett, Mayor Tally, and others. Mayor Tally told the group that he was well pleased with the progress of his campaign. (Daily Record photo by J. W. Tappan, Jr.)