

BETTY HUTTON IN SURPRISE WEDDING



VIVACIOUS FILM STAR Betty Hutton, 31, is shown with her husband, Charles O'Curran, 37, movie dance director, shortly after their surprise marriage at Las Vegas, Nev. The actress obtained a final decree of divorce in Los Angeles on Jan. 24 from Ted Brinkin. They had two children, Lindsay, 5, and Candice, 3. (International Soundphoto)

Actors Help Cheer Young Wreck Victim

Famous stars of stage, screen and radio are taking up where Dunn citizens left off in trying to bring a little sunshine and happiness into the life of 12-year-old Merle Silbert, who was seriously injured and orphaned in a wreck that killed both her parents last month near Benson.

Fund Chairman Discusses Lag

Dunn Fund Chairman O. W. (Bill) Godwin, Jr., held his meetings yesterday with captains and group leaders in the fund drive in Dunn for the Dunn-Edwin Chapter of the American Red Cross to try and determine the cause for the lag in the campaign. "Most of the teams have done a whole lot of a job," Godwin said today, but their efforts have been cancelled out by other groups who have fallen far short of their goals. The business district he said is about \$1,500 short of its goal. Godwin said that an intensive effort will be made next week to wind up the drive successfully. He stated that, if possible, it was planned to conclude the drive in the Dunn area Friday March 28. He reported that the trucks had a moderately successful day on Route 1 on Tuesday. Today the trucks are working on Route 3 and they will work on Route 2 tomorrow. Routes 4 and 5 will be covered early next week.

FOR CHILDREN ONLY FORT WORTH, Tex. — It may have been fun for the children but not for the school bus driver, J. W. Pierce. Three times in one day his bus stuck in the mud.

BY THE WAY... Mrs. Gladys Kalonky, wife of the late Peter Joseph Thomas and Tobey Thomas, because of Turkish rule and a desire to rear his family in a free country, Mr. Thomas came to America in 1894.

Truman Says Ike Can Return Any Time

Russell Given Big Boost By Senator Hoey

RALEIGH (AP) — Sen. Clyde R. Hoey said last night the nation would be fortunate to have Sen. Richard Russell (D-Ga.) as president. The senator spoke to the North Carolina Citizens Association. He praised Russell as the "equal in ability, experience, courage, patriotism and devoted public service" of any man mentioned by either party. Hoey said the South has contributed its share to the nation and asked, "why should a Southern man be excluded from the presidency?" He praised Southern Democrats for their work to "kill dangerous and radical measures" in Congress.

Club To Hear E. N. Gardner

The Rev. E. Norfleet Gardner, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Henderson and former pastor of the Dunn Baptist Church, will address the Dunn Rotary Club Friday night at 8:30 o'clock at Johnson's Restaurant. Plans for the appearance of Mr. Gardner, one of the State's best-known Baptist ministers, were announced today by President A. B. Johnson.

Dunn Students Attend Court

Pointing out that they were future citizens and leaders, Judge H. Paul Strickland told a group of Dunn High School students, "I hope you will do a better job than we of this generation have done. We have succeeded in messing things up pretty badly," he admitted. The group, composed of Juniors and Seniors in Coach Paul Waggoner's economics class, were visiting the courtroom with their teacher during a court session as part of their studies. Crime and delinquency are among the studies being undertaken in the class.

"Uncle Joe" Thomas Dies At Age Of 93

Joseph J. (Uncle Joe) Thomas, 93, retired Dunn merchant and one of the town's oldest and most colorful figures, died this morning at 12:45 at his home on East Broad Street. Mr. Thomas had been in failing health for several years and his condition became worse a few weeks ago. He was not confined to his bed.

BULLETINS

FANNINGJOM, Korea (AP) — The United Nations welcomed today a possible Communist hint to impose a news blackout on at least one phase of the Korean truce talks in the hope of breaking a deadlock and reaching an armistice. WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman today summoned Defense Mobilization Charles E. Wilson in Key West for a "hurry-up" conference on the critical steel-wage-price dispute. BERLIN (AP) — Soviet Russia promises to raise a 250,000-man army in Eastern Germany if the plan to "unify" this country fails, well informed sources said today. It would call for conscription East German men from 18 years up for two years' service. NEW YORK (AP) — The merchant who has turned state's witness against partner in the Seafair and Thomas (Mildred) Killard with the state in the case of the Queen County Judge, has been sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Says War Has No Bearing On His Own Plans

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — President Truman said today that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is at liberty to return from Europe at a any time he deems it safe and proper. "Thus the President left squarely up to the general when he leaves his post as European defense commander to enter Republican politics actively. Mr. Truman at his first meeting with reporters in three weeks bluntly corrected the impression left by Democratic Chairman F. E. McKinney that the President would not seek re-election if there is peace in Korea.

NOT IN PICTURE

Korea does not enter into the politics of this country at all, the President said when asked about McKinney's statement yesterday. Mr. Truman also said Korea has no bearing whatever on what he, himself, may decide to do. Mr. Truman said he had told Eisenhower personally that he could use his own judgment about returning to this country; that the general could come back whenever it was proper and safe in his own judgment.

PRaises IKE'S WORK

Mr. Truman praised the job Eisenhower is doing in Europe, but said he was not interested in the political fortunes of Eisenhower, who showed imposing strength in New Hampshire and Minnesota preference primaries. The President's apparent complete rejection of McKinney's thesis that peace in Korea and Mr. Truman's plans are hooked together came as a surprise to newsmen. Yesterday, as he wound up three days of talks with the President, Mr. Truman said he had the impression from the President that he would not run again if a peace settlement is achieved fairly soon.

Stiff Fight Over Bench Seen

Chairman Leffon A. Tart of the Harrison County Board of Commissioners said this morning that Recorder M. O. Lee of Lillington will preside over the county recorder's court until the board has an opportunity to appoint a successor to Judge Floyd Taylor. Judge Taylor died Monday night after holding the office for the past 22 years. Meanwhile, political observers were predicting a "knock-down-drag-out" fight for the office when the Democratic Primary rolls around. It will be the first time in many years that the choice legal post has been available. During Judge Taylor's long term, most lawyers regarded it as futile to attempt to oppose him.

Olive, Umstead Glad Gardner Out Of Race

RALEIGH (AP) — Umstead and Olive, who expressed relief today that Ernest A. Gardner of Shelby had withdrawn from the governor's race, and estimated they had saved about \$250,000. Gardner, who said "it just breaks my heart," said he just didn't have the money to run. Those backing William B. Umstead and Hubert E. Olive for the Democratic nomination were glad of it. Umstead and Olive figured the "Gardner from Shelby" name was good enough to draw at least 25,000 votes. Coupled with his captivating, folksy manner he could easily have pulled enough votes out of the first primary to cause a runoff, costing the two leading candidates the price of a whole new campaign. DUNNWAY UNIMPORTANT — They do not expect the other candidate, Manley B. Dunaway, of Charlotte, to poll enough votes to make a difference in the outcome. "If I'd had \$50,000," the 213-pound Gardner drawled, "I could have run against Mr. Umstead's billion bucks and Mr. Olive's million bucks." (Continued on Page Sixteen)

National Secretary Will Address WOW

Woodmen in the nine counties comprising the Clinton District will have an opportunity to hear one of the nation's outstanding fraternal leaders when National Secretary William Collins Braden speaks at the annual meeting on Thursday, March 27th at Clinton. District Manager Eugene Hood, in announcing the program today, pointed out that Braden, who will be the principal speaker at the annual log rolling, "is a speaker any group would be proud to hear." "We feel unusually fortunate in securing him for this year's convention and his address is one that no member will want to miss," declared Mr. Hood.



PLAN RECRUITING AT BENSON — Recruiting will begin Monday morning at Benson for a new National Guard Anti-Aircraft Battery, Major H. V. Reid, administrative officer of the 252nd AA Group at Wilmington, and his assistant, Warrant Officer A. L. King, Jr. were in Benson yesterday afternoon conferring with Lt. D. H. Parker, who will command Benson's unit, and President C. M. Blackman of the Benson Chamber of Commerce. Major Reid pointed out that Benson stands a good chance of securing a Federal Army after the unit is activated. Left to right are, sitting, Lt. Parker and President Blackman; standing, WO King and Major Reid. (Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart)

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

LEKINGTON (AP) — Sim DeLapp, leader of the Eisenhower-for-President movement in North Carolina, said today that the Minnesota primary served as an "excellent means for measuring the public pulse." RALEIGH (AP) — Richard G. Stockton of Winston-Salem, chairman of the board of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., was re-elected president of the North Carolina Citizens Association here yesterday. LITTLE SWITZERLAND, N. C. — Craggy Gardens with its famous crimson rhododendron and crabtree meadows with sparkling crabtree falls has been transferred to the National Park Service by the U. S. Forest Service. Both areas adjoin Blue Ridge Parkway.

MARKETS

EGGS AND POULTRY RALEIGH (AP) — Today's live poultry and egg markets: Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers and broilers steady, supplies adequate to plentiful demand fair to good. Heavy hens steady, supplies adequate to plentiful demand fair. Prices paid processors: FDB farm: Fryers and broilers 28 heavy hens 25-26. Heavy steady to plentiful. (Continued on Page Two)