

NORTH CAROLINA—Fair and warmer today and tonight. Tomorrow increasing cloudiness and warm with showers beginning in the mountain section in afternoon or night.



BENSON ENTRIES WIN — Mr. and Mrs. Wade Norris' three children of Benson are proud owners of a nine-year-old Western horse and a pretty brown and white pony. They have entered them in a number of horse shows and have won at each. The horse, left, ridden by Glenda Norris, 14, has won prizes in Benson's Mule Day parade, at LaGrange, Mt. Olive, and in other shows. The pony, right, ridden by Phil Norris, age 12, has won numerous ribbons. He won at LaGrange Sunday. Standing at the right is the father, Wade Norris. All are enthusiastic horse lovers. (Daily Record photo by T. M. Stewart).

Final Effort Made to Avoid Strike

Taft's Backers Scoff At Ike's Delegate Claim

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taft supporters scoffed today at a claim that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will take "more than 500" pledged delegates to the Republican presidential nominating convention.

The claim was made by Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. (R-Mass.) Eisenhower campaign manager. Sen. John W. Bricker, Ohio colleague and a backer of Sen. Robert A. Taft, told reporters that Lodge's statement was "a rather violent presumption when we have not chosen that many delegates yet."

Observers recalled that Lodge similarly derided recent Taft claims that he will enter the convention in July with more than 600 delegates. It takes 603 to nominate.

RUSSELL'S CLAIM

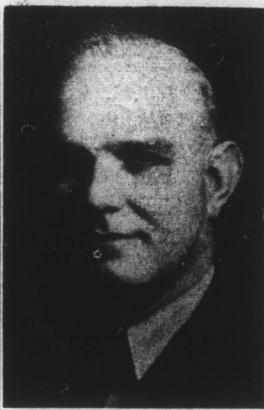
Meanwhile, Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) told newsmen he expects to enter the Democratic nominating convention with one-fourth to one-third of the "firm" delegates. Russell said "it won't be less than 300 and I hope to get as many as 400" before the convention begins. The Democratic total of voting delegates is 1,230 — meaning it takes 616 to nominate someone.

ILLINOIS VOTES TODAY The claiming derby set the background for the latest test at the polls—in Illinois where prognosticators forecast a possible turnout of 800,000 voters in today's preferential balloting.

Taft and Harold E. Stassen were squared off in the Republican balloting. Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) had almost a clear field in the Democratic primary, both being defeated by a third party candidate.

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Broughton And Jernigan To Introduce Candidates



MACK M. JERNIGAN

A prominent young State political leader and a prominent Harnett Democrat and former legislator, will handle the introductions when gubernatorial candidates Hubert Olive and William B. Umstead come to Dunn on Thursday night, April 17th to debate before the Dunn Information Clinic.

J. Melville Broughton, Jr., city solicitor in Raleigh and son of former Governor and U. S. Senator J. M. Broughton, has been selected by State headquarters to introduce Mr. Umstead.

Mr. Broughton is Assistant State Campaign Manager for Umstead, who opposed Broughton's father in 1948. Young Broughton has been prominent in Young Democratic circles.

Olive's State headquarters informed Clinic Moderator Jim McMillen yesterday that Mack M. Jernigan, prominent Dunn attorney former legislator, former city judge and a past district governor of Lions International, will present Mr. Olive at the debate. Mr. Jernigan is handling Judge Olive's campaign here.

SELECTION BY STATE HQ. McMillen pointed out that each State headquarters was given the opportunity to designate any person the candidates desired to do the introducing. Each introduction will be limited to three minutes.

Since the debate will be carried over WPTF, McMillen said, clinic officials had expressed a desire to have persons of State-wide prominence to introduce the two candidates.

He said he was delighted that Mr. Broughton and Mr. Jernigan had been selected. McMillen will give the welcome at the banquet meeting, which will be held at 7:15 o'clock in the high school cafeteria. J. Shepard Bryan will serve as moderator during the debate.

A limited number of tickets are still available for the debate. They can be obtained from Mr. Bryan, at the office of Mayor Ralph E. Hanna and at The Commercial Bank. Mrs. David Clifford is in charge of ticket sales.

Much interest is being shown in the debate.



J. M. BROUGHTON, JR.

Truman Ready To Take Over Steel Mills

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal wage chief Nathan P. Feinsinger said today he had "some confidence" that union and industry representatives may be receptive to suggestions he is making in a last-minute attempt to avert a nationwide steel strike at midnight.

Feinsinger's announcement came as President Truman summoned Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer back to Washington from a nationwide tour, apparently to prepare for government seizure of the industry. White House sources said seizure does not appear likely today.

SOME JUMPING DEADLINE

Already thousands of workers were jumping the midnight strike deadline, and 100,000 other steelworkers already were idled as companies closed down steelmaking facilities.

Feinsinger reported his "confidence" after meeting for an hour and a half with representatives of the six major steel companies.

SUGGESTIONS MADE "I am making certain suggestions to the parties as a basis for possible settlement," he said.

"I wouldn't have embarked on that course had I not felt some confidence that the parties would be receptive."

Feinsinger said he planned next to confer with CIO steelworkers' representatives and this afternoon with industry leaders.

DUNCAN RAY NAMED

Duncan Ray, a Lenoir County, popular Harnett official, will manage gubernatorial Candidate Bill Umstead's campaign in Harnett County. It was announced this afternoon by State headquarters. Mr. Ray, veteran Democratic leader, is one of Harnett's most popular officials.

Dofferymyre Not In Aikens Case

Attorney Everette L. Dofferymyre of Dunn said this morning that he has declined employment in the case of Dunn Policeman Tom Aikens, who has been charged with assaulting Berry Allen, local tam driver.

Attorney Duncan C. Wilson has been employed by Allen to prosecute Aikens and said yesterday that he expected Mr. Dofferymyre to assist with the prosecution.

Attorney Dofferymyre said today that he would not appear on either side in this case. The trial has been set for Thursday.

Nelson Smith Pleads Guilty

Nelson Smith, a Dunn Negro charged with possession of bootleg whiskey for the purpose of sale, pleaded guilty yesterday afternoon in Federal court at Raleigh. Judge Don Gilliam deferred passing of sentence until Thursday. Smith is defended by Attorney Everette L. Dofferymyre of Dunn. Dunn Policeman Tom Aikens, now under suspension for an alleged assault, swore that he purchased whiskey from Smith as an undercover agent for the Dunn police department.

Smith's case, along with others, were transferred by City Solicitor J. Shepard Bryan to Federal Court after a jury acquitted one defendant indicted in the roundup by Aikens. The Federal government adopted the Dunn cases.

IMPLICATES PARKER Smith took the stand and swore that he purchased the whiskey wholesale from Dallas Parker, who later was arrested in another case with 90 gallons of whiskey.

He said Parker went with Aikens to his house and told him that "He's a good fellow; let him have."

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Three Candidates For Constable

Three candidates have filed for constable subject to the Democratic primary, Douglas McRae, a member of the election board said today.

C. E. Moore and D. J. Darroch are seeking to be constables in Grove Township. W. B. Castleberry has filed in Barbecue Township.

Benson Farmer Ends His Life

Johnston County officials ruled today that the death of J. Luther Jones, 62, of Benson, Route 1, well-known farmer, was a clear case of suicide and ruled that an inquest was not necessary.

Mr. Jones late Monday afternoon committed suicide at his home because he was to appear in court the following morning on a drunken driving charge.

He put a .22 rifle bullet through his head at 5:45 o'clock while his wife sat in an adjoining room. She reported after the tragedy that her husband had told her he was going "to end it all" earlier in the day but that she didn't believe him because he had been drinking.

It was learned from Deputy Sheriff Woodrow Massengill, who investigated with Assistant Coroner V. J. Underwood, that Jones, a farmer of Elevation Township, was arrested Saturday night for driving drunk.

His wife said he told her that he was "not going to face it," that he preferred death.

MARKETS

EGGS AND POULTRY RALEIGH (AP) — Today's egg and live poultry markets: Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers and broilers steady, supplies plentiful, demand good. Heavy hens steady, supplies plentiful. Demand fair. Prices paid producers FOB farm: Fryers and broilers 26, heavy hens 23-24, mostly 24.

Eggs: Supplies plentiful, demand fair. A large 38, A medium 35, B large 34, current collections 32.

HOGS RALEIGH (AP) — Hog markets: Tarboro, Hamilton, Whiteville, Pembroke, Kinston, Rocky Mount, Lumberton, Marion, Fayetteville, Florence: Steady on good and choice 180-240 lb. barrows and gilts at 16.00.

Rich Square, Woodland: Steady at 15.75. Mount Olive, Dunn, Wilmington, Jacksonville, Washington, Warsaw, Wilson, Goldsboro, Smithfield: Slightly weaker at 15.75.

Linda Sue Brown Is Buried Today

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church for Linda Sue Brown, six-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brown of Dunn, Route 3. The child died in the Dunn Hospital Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Officiating at the service was the Rev. Wilson Parker. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brown, one brother, Melvin, Jr.; two sisters, Trissie and Betty Elizabeth; her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ginny Elizabeth West of Erwin, and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lath Brown of Blue Creek, Ohio.

BULLETINS

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Sen. Kar E. Mundt R-SD said today Richard B. Russell is the South's "last great chance to place a Southern statesman in the White House." Mundt, who has not declared his choice for the Republican presidential nomination, gave the Georgia Democrat a big boost in a speech before the Mississippi Economic Council.

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation-wide strike of nearly 68,000 telephone workers went into its second day today with little prospect of an early settlement.

NEW YORK (AP) — Attempts to bring an early end to the six-day old strike of 30,000 Western Union telegraphers appeared today to be headed for failure.

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — United Nations truce negotiations continued today.

"Claudia" To Begin Fund For Building

Proceeds from the Dunn Little Theatre's next production, "Claudia," will be used to establish a fund for the erection of a Little Theatre building here, it was disclosed today by Jim McMillen, founder of the organization.



EDNA ALDREDGE

"Claudia," famous hit of stage and screen, will be presented by the Little Theatre on Friday and Saturday, April 18th and 19th in the Dunn Grammar School auditorium. Mr. McMillen, in disclosing his plans today, said it has long been the dream of the Little Theatre group to have its own building and that directors have decided to at least get up the fund.

EDWIN STEWART

"It is in our long-range program and it may be a year or so, or possibly several years, but the building is our goal," said McMillen. REHEARSALS UNDERWAY Under the direction of Earl Umstead of Campbell College, the group has decided to at least get up the fund.

Road Petitions Are Approved

Buie's Creek Club Launches Project

Representatives of more than 50 families turned out last night at a mass meeting in Buie's Creek High School to hear reports on plans for a better and more progressive community and for participation in the contest sponsored by Carolina Experiment Station, led by Dr. H. Campbell, president of Campbell College.

street improvements, a laundry and dry cleaning establishment, Friday movies.

MARSHBANKS SPEAKS B. P. Marshbanks, Sr., spoke briefly about the early days of Buie's Creek when the college was first established. "Other folks have believed in us," he said, "and we can live up to their confidence in us."

Following his father, Dr. B. P. Marshbanks, Jr., president of the Buie's Creek Civic Club, told of some of the things that the village hopes to accomplish during the current drive: beautification of homes and streets, a fire department, a tourist court, a bank depository.

Miss Huntley Named County Home Agent

First Monday in April found the Harnett County commissioners faced with an array of business as varied as any in months.

Commissioners named a new county home demonstration agent, discussed the budget for the blind of the county, stood firm on a policy of dismissing persons able to work from the county home, approved eight road petitions and heard accounts of an artificial breeding program and a vacancy on the county welfare board.

Meantime, the county fathers voted to give all county employees a holiday Easter Monday. The board will sit also for the final time as a board of equalization and review on Tuesday, April 15 at 10 a.m. in the courthouse to hear complaints from taxpayers dissatisfied with their tax valuations.

Miss Lella Huntley was named home demonstration agent succeeding Mrs. Earl G. Butler, the former Miss Loraine Vail. Mrs. Butler, married on March 28, had planned to remain in the agent's post. However, she notified the board yesterday she had been offered an immediate position with the Farmers Home Administration in Clinton, home of her husband, and had accepted. Her resignation was presented by Mrs. May McAllister, district home agent.

Mrs. Ike Misses Her Grandchildren Most

Editor's note: This is the second of a series of stories about wives of Republican presidential candidates.

PARIS (AP) — Mamie Doud Eisenhower is shopping for a new Easter bonnet and spring outfit while her husband decides when to return home and get in the thick of the contest for the Republican nomination for president.

No one would guess that she might hope to be wearing the Paris clothes next spring in Washington as the first lady.

Wear them she certainly will for Mrs. Eisenhower shops carefully, with an eye for the price tag, and makes her wardrobe do for a long time.

Blue-eyed and fair-complexioned "Mrs. Ike looks better in person than in photographs. She defends her controversial bangs which friends advise her to get rid of on the ground that they are her trademark. And the general once remarked: "Well, Mamie likes them, so there's all right with me." LIVE IN VILLA

The Eisenhowers now live in a two-story, 14-room villa furnished by the French government in place of the White House.



MRS. EISENHOWER

Joan Crawford Voted Year's Most Glamorous

NEW YORK (AP) — Joan Crawford is about to receive a "Helen" to put in her trophy case beside her Oscar.

Unlike the Oscar, the "Helen," modeled after Helen of Troy, is given for physical charms alone. It was mailed to the 42-year-old Hollywood actress by Bernard Baruch, president of the American Beauticians' Congress, after the congress picked her as the most glamorous woman of the year.

Negro Held For Shooting Brother

Joe Ray, 28-year-old Wade Negro, charged with blasting his brother with a .12 gauge shotgun with intent to kill, is being held in the Cumberland County jail without privilege of bond.

He was arrested yesterday in connection with the shooting, which followed a family argument, officers said.

Clarence Ray was admitted to Highsmith Hospital in Fayetteville for treatment of gunshot wounds in the stomach and left arm. His condition today was reported as "fair."

Cumberland officers quoted the defendant as stating that his brother, Clarence, went to his house acting in a disorderly manner. Joe said he asked Clarence to leave and when the other brother refused the defendant ran into his house and got the shotgun.