



GEORGE OWEN

George Owen Retires After 51 Years

After 51 years of continuous and faithful service, George F. Owen retired today as local agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. His retirement marks the end of a long and colorful career of railroading.

Actually, Mr. Owen's retirement became effective on Monday, but he went down yesterday to fill out all of the retirement papers and today was his first day of a new life of leisure.

"But somehow, I'd rather be back at work than trying to keep myself occupied with no job," laughed Mr. Owen. "It's going to take me a pretty long while to get accustomed to this."

YATES ACTING AGENT

J. N. Yates, another veteran employee who has 43 years of service, is acting as agent. He has been acting in that capacity since Mr. Owen became ill in October.

The 70-year-old Dunn citizens—a former city councilman and a leader in various community activities—was the 173rd employee in the entire history of the company of over 18,000 employees to serve longer than 50 years.

H. H. Hill of Rocky Mount, general superintendent of the Richmond district of the Atlantic Coast Line, came to Dunn on February 13, 1951 to present Mr. Owen a pin for his half century of service.

"It felt funny to be walking out of the station for the last time as an employee," Mr. Owen said. "I

guess I was just a little sentimental about it. But I love railroading and the Atlantic Coast Line is a wonderful company to work for. I don't know of any organization that treats its employees better. I've enjoyed every year of my work."

Mr. Owen recalled when he came to Dunn 54 years ago at the age of six, and he also recalled that there were only two trains a day when he started working for the Coast Line the first week in February back in 1901. Today, an average of about 50 trains a day speed through town.

George Owen, the Town of Dunn, and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad grew up together. In fact, the story goes, the Town of Dunn received its name from the engineer named Dunn who came here to survey the railroad route.

HAS WATCHED GROWTH
Mr. Owen has watched every single bit of progress and development made by both the town and the railroad and he knows the history of both as few other people. Dunn citizens agree that the Coast Line could never have a better agent than George Owen. (Continued On Page Two)

Senator Taft Widens His Lead Over Ike

WASHINGTON, (U) — Sen. Robert A. Taft widened his lead over Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower today in the scramble for delegates to the Republican national convention.

The Ohioan scored a runaway victory in the West Virginia primary, picking up 15 of that state's 16 delegates. Taft also trounced former Minnesota Gov. Harold E. Stassen in yesterday's presidential preference contest in West Virginia.

Returns from 698 of the state's 2,824 precincts gave Taft 34,493 votes to Stassen's 8,823.

Eisenhower, whose supporters could claim only one delegate, was not entered in the "popularity poll" the results of which are not binding on the national convention delegates.

On the basis of Taft pocketing 15 West Virginia delegates, the United Press tabulation of delegates elected gave the senator 363, Eisenhower 320, Stassen 22, Gov. Earl Warren of California 7, Gen. Douglas MacArthur 2, and 132 uncommitted. It takes 604 votes to win the nomination.

West Virginia Democrats elected 20 delegates, two of whom publicly announced for Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

In other action, North Dakota Democrats postponed until today selection of their 16-member uncommitted delegation.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS
Elsewhere on the political front: 1. Sen. John M. Butler scoffed at Eisenhower's comment in Oslo last week that "if the American people like me for president, they will know where to find me." The Maryland Republican, who favors Taft for the GOP nomination, said in a statement that the people "are not so beaten down . . . that they need to go begging any one man, regardless of who that man might be, to be president of this great country of ours."

DISPELS KEFAUVER MYTH
2. Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.), chairman of the Russell-for-president advisory committee, said in a statement that Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia "has dispelled the Kefauver myth."

George said Russell's victory over Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee in the Florida primary last week "shows the universal appeal of his straightforward, honest stand on the issues confronting our country."

3. National Chairman Francis Biddle of Americans for Democratic Action announced that President Truman will make "a major address on the issues of the 1952 campaign" at the fifth annual ADA convention here Saturday night.

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KENNETH D. THORNTON, radioman, third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Thornton of Route 3, Benson, N. C., and husband of the former Miss Rebecca Ann Mayes of Route 3, Four Oaks, N. C., is serving with the flag allowance of Capt. Jesse L. Hull, Commander of Transport Division 15 operating aboard the attack transport U. S. Cavalier in Far Eastern waters. He attended the Dunn High School and entered the Naval service in Aug. 1948.

Woman Found Unconscious; Will Recover

A 20-year-old expectant mother who gave her name as Mrs. Mary Melvin of Baltimore, Maryland, was reported much improved at the Dunn Hospital early this afternoon as police authorities sought to contact her family.

The woman, who is expecting the birth of a second child, was found unconscious this morning in a local business establishment.

Police were notified and found among her belongings a bottle of aspirin, 95 cents in change, and other items, but no papers and no clue as to her identity.

She remained unconscious at the hospital for several hours. When she revived, she told physicians that she must have taken too much aspirin and paracetamol. They said she was in danger of a premature birth and no doubt had been in great pain.

Her presence in Dunn was not explained, although she was quoted as having said she was looking for a husband and had left her and her husband had left her and that she was here looking for

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Writer Finds German Women Too Meek

Editor's note: The writer of the following dispatch toured U. S. military installations in Europe to observe the work and life of women stationed there.

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Pay Increases Suggested By WSB Refused

PHILADELPHIA, (U) — The CIO United Steelworkers prepared today to hurl a new strike threat at the steel industry for denying them pay raises proposed by the Wage Stabilization Board.

The union's sixth biennial convention was ready to adopt a resolution declaring bluntly that the steelworkers "cannot and will not continue indefinitely to work in 1952 for 1950 wages."

The resolution recalled that the union served wage demands on the industry six months ago. It insisted that the bitter negotiating and wage board fight that has resulted "must be promptly resolved."

The threat of a new walkout was raised as two top administration spokesmen came here to address the 3,000 convention delegates - Vice President Alben W. Barkley and Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin.

TOBIN SPEAK

J. Tobin said that the "only way to settle the steel dispute" is for the industry to accept the Wage Stabilization Board's recommendations for a 26 cents an hour raise to the CIO United Steel Workers.

Tobin told the union's convention "I don't feel any obligation to be imperial" in the dispute.

The 3,000 convention delegates loudly cheered Tobin when he shouted that he stands "heart and soul and spirit" behind them.

That the union is determined to get the whole 26 cents an hour, wage and fringe package proposed by the wage board was made clear yesterday by CIO President Philip Murray, who told the industry to "go to hell" for trying to shave down the recommendations.

Murray, who also heads the steel union, accused the operators of defying the "rules of common decency" and promised that "they are not going to get away with it."

He reminded delegates that the union had postponed a strike five times before he finally ordered his steelworkers to walk off their jobs moments after a federal court ruled President Truman's seizure of the industry illegal.



DUNN SCOUT GETS EAGLE AWARD — At a Court of Honor held last night at the Presbyterian Church, Harvey Eldridge, Jr., member of troop 711, was presented with the Eagle Award. Pictured are, left to right: Harvey Eldridge, Jr., his father, Dr. H. A. Eldridge; his mother, Mrs. H. A. Eldridge, who pinned on the badge; and Bill Stancil, Scoutmaster of Troop 711. This troop is under the sponsorship of the Dunn Presbyterian Church. (Daily Record Photo by J. W. Temple, Jr.)

First Communion Class Scheduled

Five children of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church will approach the Holy Communion rail of the local church sanctuary for the first time this Sunday, May 18th, at the 9 o'clock Mass. The special First Communion Sermon will be given by Father Francis A. McCarthy local Catholic pastor. Music for the children's choir of the Sacred Heart Church under the direction of Mrs. Madeline Hyman. Miss Mary Williams will accompany at the organ.

BREAKFAST TO BE SERVED
As it is the custom for all Catholics throughout the world to take nothing in the way of food or liquid from the previous midnight until the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ under the appearance of the small white host, the First Communion Breakfast in the Sacred Heart Rectory following the Mass. The Mother of the First Communicants will serve the breakfast. Sister Mary Eugenia and Sister Mary Callista, Catholic Sisters from Newton Grove and who helped prepare the Class for their First Communion will be guests at the breakfast.

The following children of the Sacred Heart Parish will make their first Holy Communion: James Bahen, Louis Joseph, Mary Elizabeth Kizar, Joseph Hodges and Robert Hodges.

JOINT LEAVES
It is accepted practice for servicewomen and their husbands to arrange joint leaves. No one raises an eyebrow when a girl and her current GI steady set off together for Italy, the French Riviera or Paris on a 20-day pass.

Top-ranking officers at Wiesbaden and at the U. S. European (Continued On Page Two)

Harvey Eldridge Is Given Eagle Award

Harvey Eldridge, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Eldridge, was given the Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor held last night at the Dunn Presbyterian Church.

The Court of Honor constituted the program for the regular meeting of the Men of the Church and the Scouts of Troop 711, which the church sponsors were guests at the supper.

Scoutmaster Bill Stancil made the presentation and Mrs. Eldridge pinned the badge on her son. Both parents were also special guests at the meeting.

Dr. Charles W. Byrd presented the troop charter to D. A. Blackmon, chairman of the troop committee. Other members of the committee are Locke Muse, W. W. Register, C. E. Fitchett, Jr. and Alcey D. Johnson.

The pastor, Rev. R. R. Gammon, presented tenderfoot pins to two of the members of the troop, Billy Lee and Charles Nordon.

Merit badges were presented to a number of the scouts by W. H. Twyford, Sr., and two star awards were presented by T. H. Sansom.

Poor Man's Candidate Opposes Ike, Marilyn

EXETER, N. H. — (U) — Henry Kralewski, presidential candidate on the "poor man's party" ticket, delivers his party platform speech today on the campus of swank Exeter Academy, where he has pulled ahead of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and screen star Marilyn Monroe in a student poll.

Scions from such blue-blood families as the Rockefellers and the duPonts were pledged to the Kralewski banner, it's party emblem, a suckling pig, and the Scaucus, N. J. farmer's rallying cry, "no more piggy deals in Washington."

Kralewski said he was gratified to learn that the latest sampling of campus opinion gave him a whisker's edge over Eisenhower. 73 per cent for the "poor man's" nominee, against 27 per cent for the general.

But he confessed some surprise at the news that the curvaceous Miss Monroe was even in the race. The Exeter student paper announced yesterday that the Hollywood star had been eliminated from further consideration for the

student convention slated for May 18.

"NOT PROPERLY ENDORSED"
"It may be an unusual situation for Miss Monroe," the paper declared, "but we feel this is one job for which she is not properly endowed."

Student managers for the Kralewski campaign, William Cohen and Jack Daniels, said they were (Continued On Page Two)

Sleepy Driver Hits Phone Pole

A sleepy driver interrupted telephone service in the North Ellis Avenue section early yesterday morning when the truck he was driving hit a telephone pole.

The driver, William H. Guilford of Greenville, was proceeding south on North Ellis, when the heavy vehicle swerved to the left and struck the pole. The truck is owned by the Cooper Motor Lines. The accident happened at 3:00 a. m. and the driver told officers he fell asleep.

Generals Ordered To Explain Koje

TOKYO — (U) — Gen. Mark W. Clark put Brig. Gens. Francis T. Dodd and Charles Colson on the carpet today for their roles in the Koje Island prison camp mutiny.

Both generals, fired successively as commanders of the big Communist prisoner of war camp on Koje, flew to Tokyo from Korea on urgent summons from Clark.

They went directly from Tokyo's Haneda Airport to Clark's headquarters, where they were closeted with the general for nearly an hour. The new supreme United Nations commander was expected to demand a full explanation from the one-star generals of Dodd's kidnapping by "rebels" prisoners

and Colson's embarrassing concessions to obtain Dodd's release. Clark, obviously angered by the turn of events, personally took the inquiry after spending four hours this morning in a somewhat constant teletype conversation with the equally perturbed chief of staff in Washington.

COLSON DISCHARGED
The teletype conference presumably was the second in two days between Clark and the chiefs of staff. Washington officials said they had a three-hour conference Tuesday morning with Gen. Colson's discharge as troop commander followed the teletype conference.

Mayor Still Waits For Board To Act

The matter of granting a hearing to ousted Police Chief George Arthur Jackson today had developed into a "waiting game" between Mayor Ralph E. Hanna and members of the city council.

After City Manager Oliver O. Manning fired the veteran of 28 years service without notice, Mayor Hanna promised Jackson a public hearing, and said plenty of notice would be given so citizens can attend.

The Mayor said today that he still plans to give the ousted police chief a hearing, but that he is waiting on members of the city council to ask for the hearing and to set the date.

Mayor Hanna explained that he just hadn't had an opportunity to contact members of the council to see when a hearing would be most convenient for them. He again reiterated that the commissioners

wouldn't have to attend the hearing.

Mayor Hanna said that he personally is ready anytime he can get the other officials together.

WAITING FOR CALM
Commissioner B. A. Bracey, the only member of the board who has come out in favor of retaining Chief Jackson, expressed belief that the other commissioners are "waiting for the storm to pass."

Spokesman for the citizens group seeking reinstatement of Jackson are taking a patient attitude about the matter.

"That's all right," said one of them today, "let them postpone it just as long as they want to. They've got an idea that the public sentiment will die down and that we'll forget about it. But we're not forgetting it and we'll be ready for them when the hearing is held—whether it's this week, this month or a year from today."

Harnett's Tax Rate Will Remain \$1.30

Harnett County's Board of Commissioners tentatively approved a budget which will hold the line at \$1.30 on the tax rate, it was announced today by Chairman of the Board, L. A. Tart.

Although all departments asked for more money than last year, the board pared down the budgets so that each will be substantially the same as last year, Mr. Tart revealed.

Schools will take the major portion of the budget money, and an increase of about three percent was allowed for this department. Other

departments, such as health and welfare, asked increased appropriations to cover salary increases under the merit system.

"We are determined that there will be no increase in the tax rate," Mr. Tart declared. A small surplus will be enough, he said, to handle the increases without raising the tax rate.

Sacred Concert Scheduled Here

Einar Waermo, Tenor, and Einar Ekberg, Baritone, Swedish vocalists, will appear at the Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church of Dunn, Thursday at 8:00 p. m.

Mr. Waermo, a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Stockholm, Sweden, was formerly with a Swedish opera star. Several years ago Waermo was converted in a great revival that was sweeping Sweden, and as a result he directed his remarkable talent and voice into a full-time spiritual ministry, renouncing the stage.

He has traveled all over the world singing and giving his testimony in some of the largest churches of the world, and has sung before the Royalty and Nobility of many lands.

With Mr. Waermo is Mr. Einar Ekberg, who for many years was Choir Director in the Philadelphia Church of Stockholm, Sweden—one of the largest Protestant churches in the world, with a membership at the present time of 7,000. This church is affiliated with the Assemblies of God in the United States and has a Swedish organization patterned similarly. At the present time plans are under way to build a church seating 20,000, although their present church auditorium is the largest and most modern auditorium in all Scandinavia.