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## Dunn Police Officers Acquitted In Assault Case



OFFICIAL VISIT: Worthy Grand Matron Helen Rimmer of the North Carolina Chapter of the Eastern Star and the Worthy Grand Patron Hugh W. Prince paid their official visit to Dunn last Friday evening when the local chapter honored the distinguished officers at a banquet at the High School cafeteria. Those shown in the above picture are left to right Mrs. Worthy Grand Patron Hugh W. Prince, Mrs. Helen Rimmer, worthy grand matron, and Mrs. Elsie Rhodes Duncan of Smithfield. Back row, Mrs. Rodney Chestnut, Paul L. Strickland, Mrs. Paul L. Strickland and Mr. Otis Duncan of Smithfield. (Daily Record photo by Ed Welborn).

### Florida GOP Is Debating Role Of Future

MIAMI (AP) — Jubilant Florida Republicans were hard at work today to strengthen their hold in the peninsula state, which gave its 10 electoral votes to the GOP for the first time in 20 years.

But even the staunchest Republicans admit Florida is still a long way off from becoming a two-party state. Democrats, however, aren't taking any chances and are trying to get those who were lukewarm to the national ticket back into the party fold.

Vice President-elect Richard M. Nixon summed up the Republican prospects in the state when he told reporters during a Miami Beach vacation that "the job now is to win Democrats for Eisenhower over to Eisenhower's party."

An indication of how many Democrats did hurdle party fences to vote for the general is seen in Democrat Dan McCarty's three-to-one margin over Republican Harry Swan in the race for governor. McCarty's 624,000 votes were the most ever won by any candidate in Florida history.

And there are other signs that Florida still isn't ready for a two-party system. In this month's election a thumping majority of Democratic office seekers won state and local posts, while the solidly Democratic congressional delegation kept the GOP from sending the first Florida Republican to Congress since Reconstruction days.

#### SOME STRONG POINTS

The Republicans can boast some strong points.

In Pinellas and Sarasota counties on the west coast GOP candidates won a variety of state and local offices ranging from the Florida House to the county mosquito control board. Republicans bidding for local offices in many tourist centers around the state showed surprising support, if not many victories.

G. Harold Alexander, chairman of the GOP state executive committee, contends the party must consolidate its gains and "build a National Committeeman C. C. Spades echoed Alexander, adding "we must get those registered Democrats who are Republicans at heart" to re-register with the GOP.

GOP leaders are moving fast to take advantage of widely-distributed Florida for Eisenhower and Democrats for Ike chapters in the state before the clubs disintegrate. At victory celebrations, party members have been urged to start to work on a "precinct-by-precinct" basis to get more Democrats to join the party.

J. Irvin Walden, who directed the state campaign for the Democrats, maintains the GOP presidential win offers "no serious threat to county and state offices." He said the election was "an Eisenhower victory, not a Republican victory."

The state Democratic chairman, E. B. Donnell, claims Eisenhower used a "halo and glamor" to take the state by more than 99,000 votes. (Continued on page two)



\$270,000 GOES UP IN SMOKE — A highlight of the annual meeting of the South River Electric Membership Corporation, REA, at the armory was the burning of the note for \$270,000, representing the first loan made to the local cooperative. Dark spot in the center of the note shows where the electric ark has ignited the paper. Holding the note is Emmet Byrd, Adviser to the cooperative and looking on is Roy V. Tew, Godwin Route 1, member of the Board of Directors. (Daily Record photo by T. M. Stewart).

### Judge Says Law Gives Right To Exercise Force

Superior Court Judge Henry L. Stevens of Warsaw this afternoon acquitted Corporal Francis Hall and Policeman Garland L. Stone of the Dunn police department on charges of assaulting a prisoner.

The judge announced his verdict at 2:30 and the two officers "walked out of the courtroom free men. To many, the verdict came as a surprise. The Hall and Stone had been indicted for an alleged brutal assault on W. R. (Turk) Lewis, young Dunn war veteran, who charged that they beat him unmercifully.

The two officers received the verdict with little emotion as other law enforcement officers in the courtroom rushed up to shake hands with them, offering congratulations. There was no demonstration.

#### OFFICIALS ALSO HAPPY

Dunn City official also beamed broadly, openly elated that the two police officers had been acquitted. Judge Stevens said he had made a study of Supreme Court decisions during the weekend in order that the public might know the rights and duties of police officers.

He quoted the late Chief Justice Hall in an opinion that says a police officer may use such force as necessary, irrespective of whether it's a felony or misdemeanor, and that the law makes the officer himself a judge of what force is necessary.

Judge Stevens observed, however, that North Carolina "is one of the few states in which an officer is allowed to use force."

"In this case," pointed out Judge Stevens, "it seems that these officers were arresting a person they considered drunk and once having started the arrest they had the right to use whatever force necessary to complete it."

Judge Stevens explained that the reason for the position of the court is that the officer represents the mastery of the law and that their authority to arrest should not be questioned by citizens.

"It would be a sad state of affairs," the judge said "if every time a law enforcement officer started to arrest a man he'd have to get permission from a jury. It would be like a father having to ask permission to whip his own child."

Judge Stevens did not say so specifically, but implied by his remarks that the prisoner should have gone with the officers and (Continued on page two)

## Mayor Says City Board Did Not Promise To Add Retirement Plan

## Lynch Says Harnett Can Get Industries

Harnett County has all the necessary resources and requirements and is in a good position to attract new industries now moving South, according to an official of the Piedmont and Northern and Durham and Southern railroads.

"Industry is going to seek you out," declared Thomas G. Lynch of Charlotte, director of industrial development and public relations for the two railroads, in an address to the Dunn Rotary Club. Mr. Lynch's job is attracting new industries and new businesses to the territory served by the railroads and is in almost daily contact with industries seeking new locations.

He was the speaker at a Farmers' Night program of the Dunn club. Rotarian Bill Cobb had charge of the program and introduced Mr. Lynch. Vice President A. B. Johnson presided over the meeting in the absence of Dr. Charlie Byrd, president, who is seriously ill.

#### LEAVING BIG CITIES

Lynch told the Rotarians and their farmer guests that industry (Continued on page two)

Mayor Ralph E. Hanna today took issue with City Manager A. B. Uzzle and denied emphatically that the town board had promised to adopt a retirement plan if Uzzle would come here as city manager.

The issue of the retirement plan is now being debated and considered by the city council and City Manager Uzzle has been quoted as saying he was assured before coming here that a retirement plan would be put into effect.

Mr. Uzzle already has accumulated 23 years service toward retirement and will lose the benefits if he stays here and if the town does not adopt the plan.

The retirement plan would cost the town an estimated \$8,000 the first year and several thousand dollars annually thereafter. The town would have to pay 8 per cent on all employees other than firemen and policemen and 14 per cent on them.

PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE Mayor Hanna told reporters to (Continued on page two)

## Repeater Gets Only 6 Months

One case often leads another in Dunn City Court and a case of embezzlement this morning ended with conviction, not only of the alleged embezzler, but of a Negro woman bootlegger as well.

Marie Massey, young Negress, was charged with embezzling \$100 from Arthurous McLean. McLean testified that he was in the "bot-toms" hunting for some liquor, and that he purchased a pint for a dollar.

He had no change, he told the court, and proffered a hundred dollar bill in payment. The Massey girl took the bill, he said, and went into the house for change and that was the last he saw of either her or the bill.

He said he enlisted the aid of Negro policemen John Brockington and Thomas to find the girl, but when they could not locate her, he had sworn out the warrant. The next time he saw her he said, was when she appeared in court this morning.

Taking her stand in her own defense, the girl said she had been left in the home of Blathine Wacter, common-law wife of Adam (Continued on page two)

## Father - Son FFA Event Is Scheduled

R. S. Dunham, agricultural teacher at the Cary High School, will be the guest speaker at the annual Father and Son Banquet of the Dunn Chapter of the Future Farmers of America, to be announced today by Jeff Denny, Dunn agricultural teacher.

Plans for the event are complete Denny said, and Glenn Miller, President of the Dunn Chapter will be in charge. Rufus Warren and Lyman Martin, practice teachers from State College, who are here for the Fall quarter, are aiding in the planning.

is a feature of the program. Billy Johnson, one of the members of the Chapter will speak on the (Continued on page five)

## BULLETINS

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A Swiss expedition failed to conquer 29,002-foot Mt. Everest, world's highest mountain, after climbing to within 150 feet of the top, reports reaching here said today.

NEW YORK (AP) — Top U. N. and diplomatic officials, headed by Secretary of State Dean Acheson and U. N. Secretary General Trygve Lie, attended funeral services Sunday for Abraham H. Feller, United Nations chief counsel who leaped to his death last Thursday.

TOKYO (AP) — Gen. Mark W. Clark will tell President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower when he visits the Far East that he must have more Allied divisions if a new United Nations offensive is to be launched, informed sources said today.

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## Southern Governors Seeking To Lead Party Back To The Right

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A proposed new coalition for conservative Democrats of the politically divided South drew attention of some 16 Southern governors gathering here for an annual regional conference today.

Gov. John S. Battle of Virginia may have keynoted the general reaction by saying that a coalition with the Midwest would be a "fine thing—if it can be worked out."

Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas had touched off the election post-mortems by proposing such a coalition as a new rallying point for Democrats in a region divided in the recent presidential election.

Battle said he personally saw no indication that Midwest Democrats are becoming rebellious against the party's national leadership but added: "Shivers probably knows more about that than I do."

Battle then commented that he is "quite confident" that straying Democrats will return to the party fold. He said that although a two-party system might be theoretically desirable for the South, he does not believe the region is ready for it.

SHIVERS PRESIDES Shivers was presiding officer of a first business session of the Southern Governors Conference today. (Continued on page two)

## Ike To End His Vacation Today

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Dwight D. Eisenhower winds up today the last real vacation he probably will enjoy before he becomes President of the United States in January.

The President-elect leaves here by plane Tuesday morning for Washington for a conference with President Truman. Later in the day he will continue to New York where he has scheduled a heavy round of appointments.

His Wednesday schedule in New York was announced Sunday by James A. Hagerty, his press secretary. First on the list was a joint conference with Sen. Robert A. Taft and Rep. Joseph W. Martin.

OTHER MEETINGS SET Then will follow meetings with other Republican Congressional (Continued on page two)

## Truman Considers Farewell Message

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman is toying with the idea of appearing in person before the Republican-controlled 83rd Congress early in January to deliver a "farewell address."

Administration officials emphasized that "nothing has been decided yet" and said Mr. Truman "may or may not" go through with the unprecedented speech.

They said the speech would not be the usual State of the Union message recommending a legislative program. Instead it would be a review of Mr. Truman's seven years in the presidency, or, as one informant put it, an "accounting to the Congress and the people of his stewardship in office."

A Congressional appearance by an outgoing President before a new Congress not controlled by his party would be without historical precedent. This is the first change in administration since approval of the Twentieth Amendment which abolished the "Lame Duck" Congress.

Presidents Grover Cleveland, William Howard Taft, Woodrow Wilson, and Herbert Hoover were among the outgoing chief executives sending State of the Union messages after their administrations had been voted out of power.

However, they sent them to "Lame Duck" Congress. At that time, the chief executive did not leave office until March 4.

Franklin D. Roosevelt—after the three times he was re-elected—sent State of the Union messages to the new Congress. But each time both the executive and legislative branches were continuing in Democratic hands.

## GOP To Restore Postal Delivery

BOSTON (AP) — The incoming Republican administration will restore two-a-day home postal deliveries and lengthen the hours of business at Post Offices, according to President William O. Herbert of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

## Johnston Farmer Takes Own Life

James Floyd McLamb, Four Oaks Route 2, died yesterday at 2:15 p. m. in the Dunn Hospital as the result of self-inflicted shotgun wounds.

McLamb, who had been in ill health for the past six to eight months had become despondent and took his own life with a shotgun.

Funeral services will be held from the Stone Creek Advent Christian Church on Benson Route 2 by the Rev. Ted Pritchard of Benson, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 with interment in the Barefoot Cemetery on Route 2, Benson.

## 6 Killed, 3 Hurt Enroute From Game

OPELIKA, Ala. (AP) — A high-speed collision of two cars, one carrying homeward bound football fans, last night killed six teenagers and injured three other youths, authorities reported today.

Sgt. E. L. Coxwell of the Alabama Highway Patrol said both vehicles were destroyed by fire after the head-on smashup on a secluded "short-cut" near here.

Four of the dead and two of the injured were students of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn and were returning from the Auburn-Georgia game at Columbus Ga., Coxwell said.

TWINS KILLED The dead were twins Bob and (Continued on page two)



HIM-STITCHED — Wallace West, 35-year-old Dunn resident, is shown here wearing a face full of stitches — more than 160 of them — as the result of cuts allegedly received at the hands of Lemmon Lee, about 40, also of Dunn. He claims they had no words, that Lee pulled out a knife and started slashing. He lost a considerable amount of blood. He said aides at Dunn Hospital told him he was the bloodiest patient they had ever had. (Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart).

## MARKETS

RALEIGH (AP) — Hog markets: Rocky Mount, Fayetteville, Florence: Steady at 17.50 for good and choice 180-240 lb barrows and gilts. Tarboro, Siler City, Lumberton, Marion: Slightly weaker at 17.25. Smithfield: Slightly weaker at 17.25 to 17.50. Wilson, Dunn, Mount Olive, New Bern, Goldsboro, Washington, Wilmington, Jacksonville, Kinston, Reh Square: Steady at 17.25.