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GAP CONTINUES SEARCH FOR STEWART



KICK-OFF BREAKFAST HELD — The annual fund drive for the Dunn Erwin Chapter of the American Red Cross was given a food start in Dunn today with a kick-off breakfast at the High School cafeteria. The host was supplied by Al Wullenwaber, and the remainder of the breakfast by Billy Godwin and Henry Sandlin. Mrs. Jesse Warren and a group of high school girls served and flowers for the tables were provided by Davis Flower Shop. The breakfast guests, all the drive workers who could attend, are shown here. (Daily Record Photo).

Church Leaders Go All Out For Referendum Bill

RALEIGH (AP) — Church leaders over the state launched an all-out campaign today — including a plan for 10,000 persons to form a motorcade to Raleigh—in efforts to push a statewide liquor referendum bill through the General Assembly.

The Assembly starts its eighth legislative week tonight but the fireworks come tomorrow when the House Counties, Cities and Towns Committee holds a public hearing on a liquor referendum bill.

The president of the North Carolina Allied Church League, the Rev. A. L. Parker of the Asheboro Street Baptist Church in Greensboro, issued a call for "at least 10,000" church members to ride in a giant motorcade to Raleigh.

He said letters have been sent to every church in the state urging ministers to support the motorcade plan.

ASKS PRAYER

The Rev. R. M. Hauss of Shelby, executive director of the Allied Church League, and the Rev. T. L. Cashwell of Gastonia, chairman of the league's "Citizens for Good Government" called for all pastors and church members to "pause to pray when the committee meets." "We believe members of this assembly will be guided by higher motives than their predecessors who killed similar bills in past years," Hauss said.

"We hope that the committee will be motivated by principles of righteousness and democracy instead of political expediency."

The bill calls for a vote Nov. 3 on whether all or none of North Carolina's 100 counties shall be allowed to sell liquor, wine and beer.

The Allied Church League, spearhead of the dry forces, swung its weight behind the bill as some dry leaders, including Sen. Adam J. (Continued on page two)



WORTH STEWART

Planes Out Today In Rough Weather

WALTERSBORO, S. C. (AP) — Six South Carolina Civil Air Patrol planes, despite bad weather, searched a 50-mile wide path from Savannah, Ga., to Charleston today for a small private plane missing since Thursday.

The red and silver Beechcraft Bonanza flown by Worth Stewart, wealthy Charlotte, N. C., theater executive, disappeared on a flight from Jacksonville, Fla., to Charlotte.

The planes from the South Carolina CAP wing, under the command of Col. A. A. Pate of Florence, shifted their base of operations here from Orangeburg today.

Yesterday, from Orangeburg, they searched a 40-mile wide path from Savannah to Columbia without success. Saturday's search was from Columbia north to Charlotte.

HAMPERED BY WEATHER — Capt. Russell E. Dobbins said the South Carolina leg of the search was being hampered by "rain and a very low ceiling." He said there were "no hot leads" in the search.

Georgia CAP planes were searching between Savannah and Jacksonville. Searchers said the missing man may not have gotten very far from his starting point since his radio was not heard after he left Jacksonville.

Stewart was president of the Stewart and Everett theater chain. A former Dunn, N. C., civic and business leader, he moved his offices to Charlotte several years ago.

Dunn Citizens Anxious Over Stewart's Safety

Dunn citizens today anxiously awaited news from the four-state search underway for the missing plane of Worth Stewart, prominent Charlotte theatre executive and former Dunn resident.

Stewart, member of a prominent Dunn family, and one of the State's best-known theatre executives, has been missing since 11:53 last Thursday morning when he took off alone from Jacksonville, Fla. to fly back to Charlotte.

Civil Air Patrol units in the two Carolinas, Georgia and Florida have been conducting an exhaustive search for the missing plane and today at noon still reported negative results.

Authorities issued a statement at Charlotte saying they feared the plane crashed after losing its way in bad weather Thursday in the Florida-Georgia area.

Mr. Stewart is president of Stewart and Everett Theatres, which operates movie house throughout the two Carolinas. One of the theatres, Stewart in Dunn, bears his name.

VERY POPULAR HERE — For more than a decade, Mr. Stewart was one of Dunn's top business and civic leaders, served as president of the Dunn Citizens Club and as Dunn's fire chief. He moved his offices and residence to Charlotte several years ago to be near the center of his large business operations.

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson and other members of the family, are in Charlotte with the family awaiting word.

Mr. Stewart and a party of friends had been on a fishing trip at Fort Pierce, Fla. and Stewart decided to leave early for the three-day search.

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Benson Cites Support Danger

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said today there is "real danger" in maintaining farm price supports at a permanently "high level."

"I'm inclined to think if we're going to have supports, we should have some flexibility so as to encourage shifts in production," he said.

He added that he believes President Eisenhower agrees with him on the "principles" of farm policy. Benson was reported ready to back a plan by Sen. R. Maybank (Continued on page four)

Kick-Off Breakfast Starts Cross Drive

The fund drive of the Dunn-Erwin Chapter of the American Red Cross, in spite of the weather, got off to a good start this morning with a kick-off breakfast at the High School cafeteria.

Bill Blass, fund chairman of Dunn, told the workers to urge contributors to increase their contributions this year. He pointed out that the collection of blood for gamma globulin to aid in the fight against polio would cost an additional seven million.

The Red Cross, since it had a blood-collecting program already set up, was asked to handle this blood program in addition to the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, he pointed out.

One thing he made clear to the workers, and asked them in turn to make clear to the contributors, (Continued on page two)

Rites Tuesday For Mrs. Byrd

Mrs. Bettie Byrd, age 84, of Erwin, Route 1, died on Sunday afternoon in Pittman Hospital, Fayetteville.

Graveside funeral services will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Bunnlevel Cemetery. Burial will be in the Bunnlevel Cemetery. In case of inclement weather, the funeral will be held from the Hatcher-Skipper Funeral Home in Dunn. Services will be conducted by the Rev. Luther Turner of Erwin.

Mrs. Byrd was the daughter of the late Acquilla and Katherine Stewart Byrd. She is survived by four sons: H. T. Byrd of Anstie, Johnnie A. Byrd, and P. G. Byrd of Erwin, Route 1, and Joe M. Byrd of Fayetteville; four daughters, Mrs. Katherine Lewis and Mrs. Alta Honeycutt of Erwin, Route 1, Mrs. Frances Stone of Lillington, and Mrs. Edith Ewell of Cumberland Mills, N. C. Also 15 grandchildren and several great-grand children.

Benson Boy Is Shooting Victim

Danny Royster, 16-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Royster of Benson, is in Duke Hospital in a critical condition as the result of a pistol wound received late Friday in a "war game" with playmates.

He was shot by Buddy Johnson, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Johnson, as a group of children were playing in Dr. Royster's backyard.

They reportedly were playing soldiers and Japs, with one group of boys playing the role of American (Continued on page two)

Bunnlevel Store Looted On Friday

Highway Patrolmen and other officers throughout this area were alerted Saturday for thieves who looted the Byrd Farm Supply Company of Bunnlevel of a near-truckload of merchandise late Friday night.

Stolen were a case of knives, valued at \$300; a bundle of overalls and a bundle of coveralls; five boxes of Arrow brand shirts; six electric irons; a box of men's shorts; 75 cartons of cigarettes; six boxes of cigars; six bundles of Anvil brand pants; a single shot Remington; and a box of fishing tackle.

The knives were in a display case and the thieves stole case and knives. The cash register yielded an additional \$76.53 in cash. The loot will run well over \$1,000.

Entry to the store was gained by breaking out the glass in the front door and releasing the lock. This is the third burglary at this store within the past two years. Loot in the first, about two years (Continued on page four)

Dunn Guard Unit Is Winner Second Time

Battery B, 113th Field Artillery Battalion, Dunn's own National Guard unit, has done it again. For the second year in a row, the local guard unit has won out over units in seven states to win the coveted Third Army National Guard Training Trophy.

Not only is the winning of the trophy twice in succession an achievement, but, according to Lieutenant General A. R. Bolling, Third Army Commander, this is the first time any unit has won the trophy twice.

Lieutenant Ed Wade, the Commander of the unit, gives the credit for winning to the men. "They are a grand team," he says, "and the way they work together is a

CO's dream. I was not too surprised at their making the grade for the second year."

Today the unit was the recipient of congratulatory messages from State Adjutant General John Hall Manning as well as from General Bolling.

General Manning's message says: "It is my desire to extend my congratulations to you and the members of your organization for the winning of the Third Army National Guard Training Trophy, the second year in succession. This achievement adds greatly to the prestige of the North Carolina National Guard."

General Bolling's message reads: "Battery B, 113th Field Artillery Battalion, having attained the highest percentage rating in competition for the Third Army National Guard Trophy for the calendar year 1952, is declared the winner of the trophy."

"It is my desire to extend my sincerest congratulations to you and other members of Battery B, 113th Field Artillery Battalion for this achievement. Particularly gratifying is the fact that this unit has won the trophy and it is the first time this award has been made more than once to the same unit."

"Please accept my wish that you (Continued on page two)

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

DUNN WOMAN WILL ATTEND CORONATION

Mrs. John Thornton, prominent Dunn woman who is a leader in State social circles, is busy making plans for a trip to Europe and the coronation of Queen Elizabeth in London.

She will leave Dunn early in May and will sail from Quebec on May 23 with a group of friends from Virginia.

Plans for the trip are complete. Mrs. Thornton and her friends already have reserved seats for the coronation parade.

She's getting more excited about (Continued on page two)

Wooten Funeral To Be Tuesday

Mrs. Letha Wooten, 62, well-known resident of Newton Grove, Route 2, died Sunday night at 7 o'clock in the Dunn Hospital. She had been ill for the past two weeks, but death came unexpectedly.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church. The Rev. L. R. Ennis, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the Wooten family cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the church for one hour prior to the services.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Albert Warren of Newton Grove, Route 2; seven brothers, Perry Wooten of Newton Grove, Route 2; Ammie Wooten, Marvin Wooten, Vernon Wooten and Allen Wooten all of Dunn, Route 5; the Rev. Herman Wooten of Garner, and (Continued on page two)

Francis Addresses Catholic Breakfast

"There are three great dangers which confront present day civilization which are Communism, Secularism and Indifference," stated Dale Francis in a Holy Communion Breakfast here Sunday, March 1, which was sponsored by the Sacred Heart Unit of the North Carolina Catholics' Laymen's Association.

Francis who is director of the Catholic Information Center in Charlotte, declared that "everyone recognizes the danger of Communism but it should be remembered that

the real evil of Communism is found in the philosophy of hatred for God."

OTHER DANGERS

The speaker maintained that the other dangers facing the world, Secularism and Indifference, are not easily recognized. "Secularism is the attempt of placing God on one side of our individual, civic and national life and of having a place for God on Sunday only. The really important laws that must govern (Continued on page two)

Ike In Appeal For Red Cross

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 1953 Red Cross fund drive began today with President Eisenhower appealing to Americans to give liberally.

In a special radio-television message broadcast over all major networks yesterday, the President said (Continued on page two)

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower buckled down to White House chores today after a "wonderful" weekend of golfing at Augusta, Ga.

A legislative conference with congressional leaders led off his crowded calendar of appointments.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dr. Barrows Dunham attacked as "unjust" and "unwise" today his suspension as head of the Temple University philosophy department for refusing to answer questions before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

BERLIN (AP) — A record 5,000 refugees from Communist East Germany crowded West Berlin registration offices today seeking asylum in the Western zones of Germany. (Continued on page two)

Judge Denies Bail To Jelke

NEW YORK (AP) — Judge Francis L. Valente refused today to permit bail for convicted procurer Minot F. Mickey Jelke. He said it was in the best interests of the 23-year-old oler heir to remain in jail until he is sentenced on March 20.

The cafe society playboy was convicted last Friday of including 18-year-old Pat Ward and one-time Chicago cat check girl Marguerite Cordova to go on \$50 and \$100 vice dates with millionaire nightclub clients.

"I am not primarily concerned with punishment here," Valente said. "I am more concerned with the rehabilitation of this defendant and I can't have a program worked out and get his cooperation so long (Continued on page 4)

Mayor Fails To Give Decision

Mayor Ralph E. Hanna, who last week promised that he'd have an announcement by March 1 as to whether or not he'll seek a third term, put off the decision this morning and told reporters, "I just can't make up my mind."

While friends say that the Mayor is already running just as hard as he can, he indicated this morning some uncertainty about the matter. (Continued on page two)

Leaders Meet With Ike Today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican congressional leaders said after a White House call today they expect to pass Hawaiian statehood and tidelands legislation in about three weeks.

They said also they expect President Eisenhower to submit no later than next week a reorganization plan which would raise the Federal Security Agency to cabinet level.

Prospects for the Hawaiian statehood and tidelands oil bills were discussed by House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. (Mass.) and Senate Republican Leader Robert A. Taft (O.) after the President's regular Monday morning conference with Republican congressional leaders.

Sen. Hugh Butler (R-Neb.) and Rep. Chauncey Reed (R-Ill.), chairman of the Senate and House committees handling the tidelands legislation, (Continued on page four)

Weddle Appointed Permanent Manager

John Weddle, a veteran of 19 years experience in the merchandising field, has been appointed as permanent manager of the beautiful new Leder Brothers Department Store in Dunn.

His appointment was announced by Mr. J. Herman Leder, president of Leder Brothers, Inc., which operates 12 large stores in the two Carolinas.

Mr. Weddle has been serving as temporary manager of the store since it opened here last August. Already he has acquired a great host of friends here and is very popular in business and civic circles of the city.

He has played a leading role in various city-wide business promotions and in the Retail Merchants Association here.

"I am extremely happy that Mr. Leder has named me as the permanent manager here," said Mr. Weddle this morning. (Continued on page two)

MARKETS

POULTRY

RALEIGH (AP) — Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers or broilers steady, supplies fully adequate; heavy hens steady, supplies short to adequate. Prices at farm up to 19 a. m. today. Fryers and broilers 7 1/2-8 1/2 (Continued on page two)

AT COMMUNION BREAKFAST — Dunn Catholics held a Holy Communion Breakfast Sunday morning at Johnson's Restaurant, sponsored by local Catholic laymen. Left to right are seated, Miss Adeline Janssens, secretary; Mrs. Mary Virginia Potts, president; and Mrs. Della Decker, chairman standing. Dale Francis of Charlotte, guest speaker; Francis A. McCarthy, pastor of Sacred Heart; and Mrs. Rose Ballew, president of the Holy Family. (Daily Record Photo)