

NEW PLANT TO OPEN HERE MAY FIRST

Machinery Is Being Unloaded Here Now

Benjamin and Johns, Inc. of Newark, New Jersey, one of the nation's leading manufacturers of ladies' foundation garments, today was unloading machinery and equipment in Dunn for establishment of its fifth large plant.

The company manufactures the famous line of Blen Jolie foundation garments.

Official announcement that the town is getting this new industry was made jointly today by President Henry H. Sandlin of the Chamber of Commerce and Clarence E. McLamb, chairman of the chamber's industrial committee.

Arrival of the equipment late yesterday afternoon—when definitely assured Dunn of a thriving new industry which will employ more than 300 people—climaxes about three months of hard work and negotiations on the part of the chamber and officials of the company.

Dunn was selected as the site earlier this year when S. Yaffee, president of the company, and Miles Friedman, treasurer of the company, personally visited Dunn.

They were scheduled to inspect several other sites, but liked Dunn so well that they called off the other visits.

Benjamin and Johns manufactures corsets, girdles, brassieres and other ladies' foundation garments.

Its home plant is located at 42 Warren, Newark, New Jersey and its selling and buying offices are located at 150 Madison Avenue in New York.

Other plants are located in Newark, New York state and two in Scranton, Pa.

Delay in announcing Dunn as the site was due to lengthy negotiations over temporary quarters and other details.

"This is the day we've been waiting for," declared Chairman McLamb today in making the announcement. "We hope this is just the beginning of an industrialization program for Dunn. We need still more industries and we're going after them."

Temporary quarters of the company will be located in the Beer building on South Clinton Avenue. Later, a modern new building will be erected. The permanent building will have about 20,000 square feet of floor space and will be air-conditioned and completely modern in every respect.

In order to provide quarters for the new industry, two business firms, Thomas and Warren Furniture Co. and Dunn Wholesale Grocery moved to new locations, Chairman McLamb expressed gratitude to these two firms for their splendid spirit of cooperation.

He also expressed appreciation to O. W. Godwin, Dunn contractor, for providing a new building for the wholesale firm.

At the beginning, the firm will employ only about 125 people but will employ over 300 when fully equipped.

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Britons Mourn Dowager Queen Mary's Death

LONDON (AP) — Britain went into mourning for the dowager Queen Mary today when Queen Elizabeth, grief-stricken at the loss of her grandmother, went ahead with plans for her own coronation on June 2.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill led the young sovereign's subjects in their mourning for Queen Mary.

"She looked a queen," Churchill said in eulogizing Mary in the House of Commons. "She acted a queen. Her death leaves a void in our hearts and in the life of the nation—a void it will be hard to fill."

The gallant old queen, to whom the responsibilities of royalty always came first, had made known to her family her wish about the coronation during the unhappy days in which she slowly grew weaker in her bedroom at Marlborough House. She died at 10:20 p. m. (8:20 p. m. EST) yesterday.

Queen Elizabeth consulted officials of her court today on funeral arrangements.

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Music Group To Seek Members

The Fayetteville Civic Music Association will conduct its membership campaign during the week of March 30th in Dunn, according to the announcement of Mrs. Harry Stein, Chairman.

This is a non-profit, cooperative organization which will bring to Eastern Carolina excellent concerts by artists and musical organizations of national and international reputation.

Admission to these concerts is by membership card only. Anyone who is interested may join the association by paying the amount of annual dues, during this one membership week. After Saturday, April 4th, the membership privilege is closed, and no more members are accepted for the year. No tickets are sold for single concerts.

Artists to be presented next season will be selected and announced.

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B. AND J. OFFICIALS — Pictured here are two officials of Benjamin and Johns, Inc., one of the nation's best-known manufacturers of ladies' foundation garments, which is now establishing a plant in Dunn. At the left is Sam Yaffee, president of the company and at the right is Miles Friedman, treasurer. The picture was made several weeks ago when they came to Dunn to inspect the site for their new plant. (Daily Record Photo.)

Bar Newsmen At Meeting Held To Discuss Budget

RALEIGH (AP) — The General Assembly's Joint Appropriations subcommittee, which must pass on items making up the state's mammoth proposed budget, was indefinitely adjourned today after being faced with refusal by 12 newsmen to leave the group's secret sessions.

Co-Chairman Carl Venters of Onslow County said he would get the committee together today and find out when they desire to meet again.

Newsmen refused to leave yesterday afternoon when the committee voted to go into executive session. The subcommittee adjourned for a night meeting but at that one the number of reporters on hand was doubled and the group promptly adjourned again.

"Personally, I will have to be carried out," said Lynn Nisbet of the Association of Afternoon Dailies when the subcommittee tried to exclude reporters.

"You are carrying on the affairs of the people of North Carolina. We have an obligation to the people whose money you are spending," he said.

He was joined by Woodrow Price of the Raleigh News and Observer who added that "I just think I'm going to have to be carried out if you insist on your move."

Sen. Hamilton Hobgood of Franklin responded that "I don't feel like carrying anybody out. I've got a cold. Can't we just go on and proceed?"

OPPOSES SECRECY — Rep. John Umstead, of Orange, brother of the governor, also opposed the secrecy.

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Ask Legislature To Unmask Klan

RALEIGH (AP) — A Klan-fighting prosecutor asked today that the legislature unmask the Ku Klux Klan and bring all similar organizations into the open to prevent secret terrorism and violence motivated either by malice or by mistaken good intentions.

Solicitor Clifton L. Moore of Burgaw, who headed the prosecution which convicted klansmen in more than 80 cases of terrorism in Columbus County last year, was the principal witness supporting the anti-klan bill.

As written, the measure also would bring the Communist party in North Carolina into the open.

Authors of the measure said it has been revised to remove objections raised by the Masonic order, American Legion and other fraternal groups and societies.

They emphasized that the bill would not make a secret society "unlawful as such" but is aimed only at those groups organized to circumvent the law.

It would outlaw wearing of masks to conceal identity, prohibit cross-burnings or other intimidating demonstrations, and would require that the meeting place, purposes and officers of such societies be made known.

It would give the Council of (Continued on page two)

WOW Ladies Night At Spivey's Corner

Dr. Wm. Howard Carter, President of the William Carter Bible College, Goldsboro, and Head Camp officer of the Woodmen of the World, and Hiram Melvin, Junior Past Head Consul of the Woodmen of North Carolina, will be the visiting fraternal dignitaries of the Spivey's Corner Woodmen of the World annual Ladies' Night dinner meeting Friday night, March 27, at 7 o'clock in the Shady Grove Community building. It was announced today by Bratsen Jackson, official of the Spivey's Corner Camp and N. C. Head Camp Auditor.

The two Woodmen officials are expected to arrive in the community in the late afternoon for (Continued on page two)

Dyer Bound Over In Stolen Goods Case; Others Cleared

Five of six Dunn defendants charged with conspiracy and receiving stolen merchandise were acquitted at a preliminary hearing held last night before Mayor Scott Berkley in Goldsboro.

The sixth defendant, Donald Dyer, local taxi operator, was bound over to Wayne Superior Court under \$2,000 bond on charges of receiving stolen goods. Dyer was absolved on the conspiracy charge.

Acquitted at the hearing last night were: Mr. and Mrs. Milton Warren, operator of Warren's Grill; Willis Gray, operator of Gray's Grill between Dunn and Erwin; Ted Gray, service station operator; and B. G. Porter, local restaurant operator.

Mayor Berkley upheld the contention of their defense counsel that the State had failed to make out a case against them showing conspiracy.

None of the six defendants took the witness stand, but relied upon the weakness of the state's case. The defendants were arrested here on March 11 by SBI agents and Goldsboro detectives after 3 employees of Colonial Stores at Goldsboro reportedly admitted stealing the merchandise and selling it to them.

Detective Chief A. F. Carter of Goldsboro testified and told of his investigation. He said the merchandise was stolen from the store by Elmo Keen, assistant manager of the store, Billy Matthews, manager of the produce department and Harold Cashwell, a store employee.

He said they had confessed the crime and that Cashwell had confessed selling the merchandise to (Continued on Page 7)

9 Divorce Cases 35 Others Slated

Nine divorce cases and 35 other litigations are scheduled for trial at the two-week civil session of Harnett Superior Court which will convene on Monday, March 30.

The calendar was released today by Superior Court Clerk Robert Marshall.

All the divorce cases, along with the cases on the motion picture calendar for trial on the opening day.

Following is a list of those seeking a divorce:

Mamie Byrd Stewart from James Edward Stewart; Pearl W. Ryals from Harold Ryals; Tammy O. Arnold from Bonnie Carolyn Arnold; Durwood A. Young from Josephine S. Young; Helen Gregory from Earl Gregory; and Wynne Holmes from (Continued on page two)

Hester Appointed To VA Advisory Group

Paul Hester of Dunn, State Commander of the Amvets, was appointed to represent that organization as a member of the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service Advisory Committee. It was announced today.

The first meeting of the group will be held at the new hospital in Durham on March 28 at 1:00 p. m. and will be primarily concerned with the opening of the new hospital, scheduled for April 18.

The dedication of this latest addition to the veteran hospitalization program in the state will be conducted by Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veteran Affairs.

Hester, who has been in AM-VETS since 1945, has been a leading figure in all of the organization's activities in the state. He was Post Commander of Durham Post Number 12, and organized the Dunn Post when he came here in January.

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Army Moves To End Segregation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army, prodded by President Eisenhower, moved today to end racial segregation at schools on Army posts.

The White House said that by the fall term all schools operated by the Army would be on a "completely integrated basis."

A spokesman said the only ones now segregated which are financed entirely by Federal funds are at Fort Benning, Ga., and Fort Campbell, Ky.

The announcement also said that military officials are studying ways to end segregation in schools operated by states on Army installations.

The President sent a memorandum to Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, saying that if segregation is not ended in states operated schools, "other arrangements will be considered."

Residential press secretary James C. Hagerly said that one (Continued on page 7)

Erwin PTA To Sponsor Show

Plans for an entertainment by a group of entertainers from Central Prison in Raleigh, sponsored by the Erwin Parent-Teachers Association, were announced last night at a meeting of the PTA by President I. W. Whittington.

The date set for the program is May 8. Proceeds of the entertainment will be used for PTA projects. The talented prisoners have been putting on similar programs throughout the state.

The group was given an idea of the visual education program at the (Continued on page two)



COMPANY OFFICIALS ENTERTAINED HERE — About three months of hard work and negotiations went into the project of bringing Benjamin and Johns to Dunn. When the company officials visited Dunn they were entertained at luncheon at Johnson's Restaurant. Left to right are: Maxton Shuffler of the State Department of Conservation and Development; President Yaffee, Chairman Clarence E. McLamb of the Industrial Committee of the chamber of commerce; Miles Friedman, treasurer of B. and J. and Earl McE. Westbrook, a member of the industrial committee. (Daily Record Photo.)

MARKETS

HOGS

RALEIGH (AP) — Hog markets: Rocky Mount, Fayetteville, Florence: Steady at 19.50 for good and choice 180-240 lb. barrows and gilts. Siler City, Tarboro, Smithfield, Clinton, Rich Square: 25 cents higher at 19.50.

Mount Olive, Dunn, Goldsboro, Wilson, Wilmington, Washington, New Bern, Jacksonville, Kinston. (Continued on Page two)

BULLETINS

LONDON (AP) — One of today's visitors to Buckingham Palace was to be Winthrop Aldrich, newly appointed American ambassador to England, who will convey to the royal family the "deep personal sympathy" of President Eisenhower for the death of dowager Queen Mary. "Queen Mary was a good and great queen," Mr. Eisenhower's message said. "Free peoples the world over will mourn her loss."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dairy state congressmen cheered Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson today for slapping embargoes on imports of dried whole milk, dried buttermilk, and dried cream. Rep. August E. Anderson R-Minn., a leader in the fight against foreign dairy competition, said the action should have been taken "long ago" by the Democrats. (Continued on Page Two)

TALKING OVER PLANS — Members of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce are pictured here talking over plans for the new Dunn plant of Benjamin and Johns with two officials of the manufacturing company. Left to right are: Maxton Shuffler of the State Department of Conservation and Development, who assisted with the negotiations; Sam East, O. W. Godwin, Louis Fawc, President Yaffee and Treasurer Friedman. (Daily Record Photo.)