

DUNN "DOPE KING" IS ARRESTED

Chief Justice Fred Vinson Dies Unexpectedly



QUESTIONED IN DOPE CASE — W. L. (Doc) Griffin, right, a familiar figure on the streets of Dunn, is shown here as he was questioned by narcotics agent following his arrest at Fayetteville yesterday morning.

Nation Mourns Death Of High Court Chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fred M. Vinson, chief justice of the United States for the past seven years, died unexpectedly today of a heart attack.

Vinson, 63, suffered the fatal seizure at 1:30 a. m. (EST) in his suite at the Sheraton Park Hotel and died at 2:15 a. m., minutes after a physician reached his bedside.

Leading Americans poured out expressions of sorrow at the passing of the silver-haired Kentuckian whose 30 years of public service took him into the inner councils of all three branches of government.

IKE PAYS TRIBUTE President Eisenhower, vacationing in Colorado, issued a statement expressing "shock and grief" at the death of the man who was his close personal friend and longtime bridge playing companion.



RITA AND ALY

Rita Gets Million Divorce Settlement

PARIS (AP) — Lawyers for Rita Hayworth and Prince Aly Khan reached agreement today on a \$1,000,000 divorce settlement which ended the couple's storybook romance and left the red-haired movie star free to marry again.

New York attorney Bartley Crum, representing Rita, said that under the agreement, \$1,000,000 will be provided by Aly Khan for the couple's only child, Princess Yasmin, so she can be raised in royal style as a member of the Moslem faith.

Harnett POW Flying Home

Cpl. George B. Campbell of Holly Springs, Route 1, in Harnett County, left Tokyo, Japan, today by plane enroute to the U. S., according to a United Press bulletin.

Campbell is the second of two Harnett County men released from Communist prison camps in Korea. Last month William Stogsdill was released from a camp and (Continued on page five)

Cooley Is Not Expected To Run

SPRING HOPE (AP) — Rep. Harold D. Cooley (D-NC) was reported today to have counted himself out of the race for the U. S. Senate seat now held by Sen. Alton A. Lennon next spring.

Sources close to Cooley said the veteran representative has decided against making the race against Lennon, preferring to retain seniority he holds on the House Agriculture Committee. Cooley figured prominently in speculation as a possible successor to the late Sen. Willis Smith before Gov. William B. Umstead appointed Lennon.

Body Found On Beach May Be Houston Jernigan's

Speculation circulated in Dunn today that the body of Houston Jernigan may have been found.

Caryle Core, Dunn, Route 2, stated that a week ago last Saturday he was fishing about five miles south of Elizabeth City when a game warden stopped him on a routine check of fishing licenses.

After telling Core and his fishing party that they were near their limit, the warden, who was not identified, told the group that they had better be careful when they left.

Joe Hamm Arrested In New York; Dunn Police Aid In Case

Joe Hamm, 40-year-old Dunn Negro "Dope King", arrested Sunday on narcotics charges in New York, today was described by Federal narcotics agents as "a big operator in a powerful, nation-wide dope syndicate."

W. T. Atkinson of Greensboro, chief of the Federal narcotics squad in North Carolina, told newsmen the Dunn Negro ex-convict was one of the biggest suppliers in this part of the country and that the government had been after him for at least three years.

He is under \$10,000 bond for his appearance at the September 21 term of U. S. District Court at Fayetteville.

Asked by newsmen if Hamm were a big operator, Atkinson exclaimed, "Oh, my goodness, yes."

The Federal officer pointed out that within a matter of minutes after Hamm was arraigned in New York, syndicate lawyers and bondsmen appeared with the \$10,000 bail.

Hamm, a flashily-dressed Negro who drives a Cadillac convertible, formerly operated the "Birdland Night Club" in Dunn and reportedly still owns the establishment, maintaining another apartment in New York.

INVOLVED IN MURDER In 1932, he escaped a death sentence by turning State's witness in a famous Dunn murder case in which one of his accomplices went to the electric chair and another got life imprisonment.

Two of his brothers, Avant and David Hamm, have been convicted of Federal narcotics charges. Avant recently completed a prison term for dealing in dope and David is now serving a term in New York, Atkinson said.

Ironically, their father, the late Cater Hamm, who died here last month, was one of the town's best known and most highly respected Negro leaders.

Atkinson said Hamm not only dealt in dope, but actually was defrauding his customers.

DILUTED THE DOPE He said he was selling 10 per cent heroin for \$200 an ounce and (Continued on page two)

Adenauer Seeks Unified Germany

Bonn, Germany (AP) — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, bolstered by a landslide election victory for his pro-western coalition government, today set as "our goal" the "freeing of the 18,000,000 inhabitants of the Soviet zone from bondage and slavery."

He said that with their liberation "a free, unified Germany can take its place in united Europe."

The 77-year-old chancellor, who hailed Sunday's election as proof that West Germans want to rearm and stand beside the West, began work on the new government to run the country for the next four crucial years.

His badly-beaten opponents, the Socialists, met to find out what went wrong with their campaign against West German rearmament.

Adenauer's coalition won 300 seats and full control of the Bundestag or lower house of parliament in last Sunday's elections.

Checked Position Core said at the time he did not think so much about the warden's statement, but later checked and found that the position of the fishing spot, and the place the body was found, was in direct line with the storm which swept Jernigan off the beach at Wrightsville on the afternoon of August 15.

It was pointed out that the fishing spot was about 100 yards from Wrightsville beach, and the wind and waves could easily have carried the body that distance.

The body was found on eight days after Jernigan was reported missing from the beach.

Core stated that a group of Dunn men were planning to visit Wrightsville on the afternoon of August 15.

Dunn Negro Is Sought For Murder Of Wife

7 Couples Divorced; Other Cases Heard

Seven divorces were granted Tuesday in Harnett Superior Court on grounds of two years separation.

Couples divorced include: Dorothy L. Stancil from Harold W. Stancil; Emma Spivey McGee from Hurley Richard McGee; George C. Langston from Flora W. Langston; I. O. Jackson from Ethel Jackson; Roy J. Rambaun from Doris Mae Jones Rambaun; Doris Dennis Moore from Odis E. Moore; and James E. Price from Bertha McLamb Price.

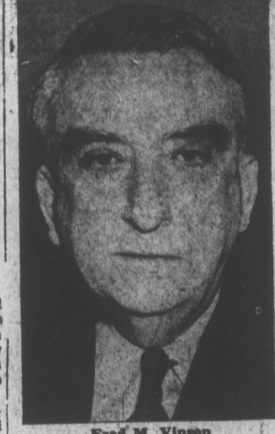
Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn is presiding over the week's crowded criminal docket, which was called immediately after the divorce suits were finished.

First case called by Solicitor Jack Hooks for trial was that of Joe Brewington of Dunn, charged with careless and reckless driving as result of an accident June 4 which took the life of a four-year-old Negro child, Paul Adams. The child's mother, Reva Adams and Charlie Draughton, Negro neighbor who picked the child up from the street, were State's witnesses.

Brewington offered no witnesses and did not testify. The jury was still considering this case at the noon recess.

Trial of a second case was started just before the noon recess. Elwood Oates, Dunn Negro, went on trial for assault with intent to kill. The case has not been completed.

Oates was indicted by the grand jury for hitting Isaac Lee Gett (Continued on page five)



Fred M. Vinson

in the 164-year history of the Supreme Court.

"I share the nation's shock and grief over Chief Justice Vinson's untimely death," Mr. Eisenhower said. "He was my close personal friend for many years, and a statesman and jurist whom I admired deeply."

Former President Truman, who appointed the chief justice in 1946, (Continued on page two)

Lana Turner, New Hubby Honeyymoon

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Film actress Lana Turner honeymooned today with screen "Tarzan" Lex Barker at his palatial villa in the hills overlooking this industrial city.

Miss Turner and Barker said their vows yesterday in a surprise wedding at the Turin City Hall.

The American consul at Turin said the wedding plans had been kept so secret he was not informed until the last minute.

However, the word must have been passed around because a mob of reporters and photographers were present when the couple arrived from Revigliasco, where Barker is making a movie.

Barker, who expanded his chest and strode toward the newsmen in his best Tarzan style.

A spokesman for the photographers exhibited a document which defined weddings as public ceremonies.

Barker jerked the paper from the photographer's hand, wedded it into a ball and jumped on it with both feet as though he were Tarzan trampling a bull ape.

Miss Turner then entered the scene. She complained that she felt (Continued on page two)

Last Minute News Shorts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Joseph E. McCarthy threatened today to appeal personally to President Eisenhower for names of persons who cleared alleged Communists for Army employment.

He made his remarks after tangle with Maj. Gen. Miles Reber, the Army's chief legislative liaison officer, who would not supply the names.

NEW YORK (AP) — Crown Prince Akhito of Japan arrived here from Europe today for a month-long tour of the United States and New York by chartered plane for Washington.

CHICAGO (AP) — Rogers Hornsby, testifying at an inquest into the death of his former secretary, said today she told him when they parted Sunday that she would "not be able" to see him again. Hornsby, manager of the (Continued on page five)

+ Record Roundup +

SCHOOL OPENING—Mingo school will open Thursday, September 10. Hours Thursday and Friday will be 9 to 12. The short schedule will be used beginning Monday at 8

ARRESTS—Three persons were arrested during the past 24 hours, according to Chief Alton A. Cobb. Arrested were: David Dixon, 509 E. Cleveland, public drunkennes; Besse McLean, S. McKay, possession of non taxed liquor; Paul J. Robinson, Thompson Trailer Court, Fayetteville, driving drunk, and careless and reckless driving.

BIG ENTERTAINMENT—An outstanding program of entertainment will be presented in the Dunn High School auditorium Wednesday night by James Thornton and Hayden Ivey, the Smile-A-While Boys. They're sponsoring an appearance by the famous Chuck Wagon Gang and Wally Fowler and his Oak Ridge Quartet, both of whom are nationally-known in billibilly circles and famous for their radio and television performances. A packed house is expected.

SCOTT INVITED—Harold Medlin, president of the Benson Chamber

of Commerce, announced today that former Governor W. Kerr Scott has been invited to speak at Benson's annual Mule-Day Celebration on Friday, September 25. Mr. Scott has expressed a hope he will be able to attend and is expected to advise the committee at an early date.

STORES OPEN—This is just another reminder that Dunn stores are open all day on Wednesdays. There will be no more half-holidays until next summer.

BIG SALE TODAY—Dunn's tobacco market had another big sale today. Sales Supervisor Norman Butler said today's sale should total more than 300,000 pounds and put the market over the 3-million mark.

NEW OPPONENT—Coach Paul Waggoner of Dunn High School announced today that Ayden has been added to the Greenwaves schedule of home games. The team will play Ayden in Dunn on October 30th. A group of Dunn businessmen, headed by Fred Eberly, Thursday morning will begin a campaign to sell season tickets for Dunn's home games.