

North Carolina - Sunny with little change in temperature today, tonight and Friday. Fair and rather cold again tonight.

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10 Murder Cases 85 Others Set For Trial In Harnett



LEGION DINNER - Principals at the American Legion dinner last night in honor of Harnett County's two POWs are pictured above.

Judge Williams Will Preside Over Session

A record number of 95 cases, including 10 murder trials and a large assortment of other cases ranging from rape to arson are scheduled for trial at the criminal term of Harnett Superior Court which will convene Monday morning.

Resident Judge Clawson L. Williams of Sanford, returning to Harnett for the first time in several years, will preside over the congested court term and Solicitor Jack Hooks will prosecute the docket.

The calendar, believed to set an all-time high in the number of felonies and other serious crimes, was released today by Court Clerk Robert Morgan.

Court officials have little hopes for clearing the heavy calendar during the two weeks term. It was pointed out that it will take longer than two weeks to even try all the murder cases.

Twenty-three of the cases will go before the grand jury. Court officials said they couldn't recall when Harnett ever before had so many capital cases pending for trial.

In addition to the ten murder cases, there are two rape cases, one case of arson and five manslaughter cases.

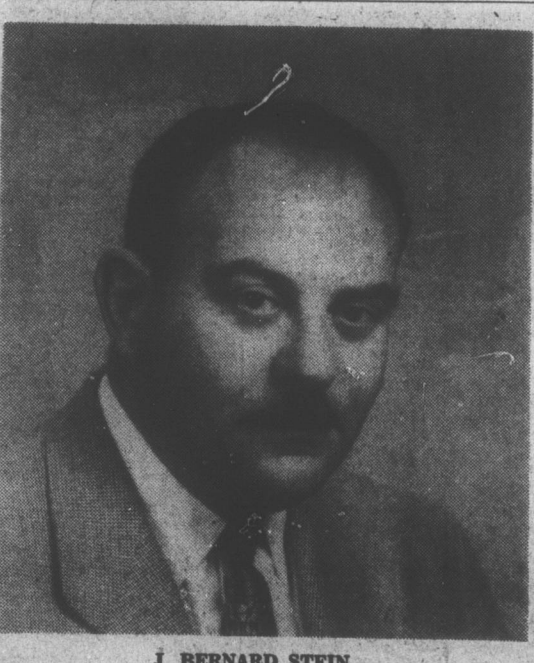
IS-BEING DRIVING CASES - There are also 15 cases of driving drunk, eight cases of breaking and entering, two bigamy cases, four cases of forgery, and scores of other cases involving whiskey, larceny, etc.

Most of the murder cases involve Negroes and some of them are old ones.

PORTER TRIAL SET - Scheduled for trial after more than a year's delay is the case of Robert (Bob) Porter, self-styled "Country Preacher" of Radio Station WENG at Fuquay Springs, charged with assaulting and attempting to rape Ina Mae Wood, pretty 19-year-old Erwin High School senior.

Porter, a suave, married mustached man, allegedly lured the young girl on a wild ride over

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J. BERNARD STEIN

Stein To Address Rotarians Friday

J. Bernard Stein of Fayetteville, prominent State business and civic leader, and one of the South's best-known merchants, will address the Dunn Rotary Club Friday night at 6:30 o'clock in the General Lee Room of Johnson's Restaurant.

He is president and owner of The Capitol at Fayetteville, one of the State's largest department stores.

Mr. Stein recently returned from a trip to Europe and will address the Rotarians on the subject, "Travel In Europe."

Rotarian Hoover Adams is in charge of the program and will introduce Mr. Stein.

In announcing the program, President Strickland said the club felt extremely fortunate in securing Mr. Stein as the speaker.

Mr. Stein is an outstanding speaker and has been in demand for

addresses to various civic clubs and other groups since his return from Europe.

NATIONAL AWARD WINNER - Known as "The Merchant Prince of Eastern Carolina," Mr. Stein is one of the nation's top retailers. Last year, he won for The Capitol the Brand Names Foundation's first prize award in nationwide competition and earned the title, "Retailer of the Year." This is the highest honor that can come to a retailer.

He is the only North Carolina merchant ever to receive this award and was honored at a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, attended by prominent merchants from all over the nation.

For many years a leader in the affairs of Fayetteville, Mr. Stein has served several terms as president of that organization.

He has also served as president of the Fayetteville Lions Club and

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Truman Refuses To Testify; Says It Is Duty To People

WASHINGTON (UP) - Former President Truman today refused to comply with a House Un-American Activities Committee subpoena in the Harry Dexter White case with the declaration that the committee had no power to issue it.

Truman notified the committee of his defiance shortly after Chairman Harold H. Velde (R-Ill.) had postponed indefinitely tomorrow's scheduled quizzing of the former chief executive.

Velde described Truman's action as "very unfortunate." He said he would take it up with the full committee but would not say when.

BULLETIN - COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP) - Gov. James F. Byrnes said today he is confident that former President Truman would have halted the nomination of Harry Dexter White as executive director of the International Monetary Fund on Feb. 6, 1946, had the Senate not already confirmed it.

The committee subpoenaed Truman to answer charges by Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr., that he promoted White despite two FBI warnings that White, then assistant secretary of treasury, was a Soviet spy.

Truman, surrounded by his family and friends, read his defiance of the subpoena with smiling confidence at a locked-door press conference at a hotel.

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Church Women Will Meet Here - Ladies of the First Presbyterian Church of Dunn will be hostesses to the annual First District meeting of Women of the Church of Fayetteville Presbytery at an afternoon and night session here Friday.

A number of prominent speakers will address the church women, who will come here from several counties.

Registration for the conference will begin at 5:45 o'clock and a supper will be held at 6:15. The evening conference period will begin at 7:15 o'clock.

The program will include an address by Mrs. H. Lacy Godwin of Fayetteville, president of Women of the Church of the Presbytery. Her topic will be "Looking Ahead."

There will be reports on "How Have We Witnessed?" by various local presidents, including: Mrs. W.

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Dunn Legion Celebrates Armistice, Honors POWs

Feared Operation, Man Ends His Life

A man who declined to undergo a badly-needed operation because he feared it might prove fatal committed suicide at his home on Dunn, Route 2, yesterday afternoon.

Adlai Predicts Victory In '54

St. Paul, Minn. (AP) - Adlai E. Stevenson told the national Young Democrats convention today the Democrats will win the Congressional elections next fall because "the people of this country are finally getting their fill of slick talk and foolish promises" from the Republicans.

Stevenson, unable to appear in person, made a tape-recorded speech which kicked off the party of more than 1,000 youthful Democrats from throughout the nation.

Stevenson attacked Republican campaign promises to balance the budget and "help the farmer."

"If the Republican candidates had not spoken so glibly and so often we would all have a great deal more sympathy for them now as they struggle with the heavy coats which were obvious last fall but conveniently overlooked," Stevenson said.

The 1952 Democratic presidential

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Harnett County's two prisoners of the Korean War were honored last night at an American Legion dinner held here.

Neither of the men was able to attend the dinner due to shock received from their prison experience, but their fathers were present to receive the honors.

Honored were William Stogdill, Erwin; and George Campbell, Holy Springs, Route 1, Fayette Stogdill, father of William, and James E. Campbell, father of George, accepted honor certificates for their sons.

Commander Roy Brown presented Mayor Ralph Hanna who gave honor certificates to the fathers. Hanna stated that he had been called on many times to take part in veteran ceremonies, but that to pay honor to the POWs was one of the most solemn duties he had ever performed.

Mayor Hanna paid tribute to the soldiers who suffered at the hands of the Communists and were unable to attend the meeting last night due to their shocked condition.

PRESENTED CASH - Following the presentation of the honor certificates, George Franklin Blalock was introduced by Commander Roy Brown to present the monetary awards to the fathers of the two POWs. Commander Brown stated that \$100 was presented to each of the fathers. Organizations contributing to the fund were: Dunn Lions, Dunn Jaycees, Dunn

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Large Crowd Is Expected For REA Meeting Friday

Approximately 3,000 members of the South River Electric Membership Corporation will meet at the Dunn Armory tomorrow at 1:30 p. m. to open their annual business session. It was stated this week by Manager R. R. Edwards.

Henry Sandlin, president of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce, will attend the meeting to welcome the group here, Edwards announced today. Joe C. Howard, president and Edwards will preside at the various meetings during the afternoon.

Edwards stated today that since the last notice relative to business

had been released that Board Member Roy V. Tew had died and that Bryniah Jackson, Godwin, Route 1, has been nominated in his place. Others nominated to be considered as one of the nine directors were:

J. C. Howard, Roseboro, Route 2; Kester Butler, Fayetteville, Route 7; Robert Evans, Fayetteville, Route 5; J. T. Coddie, Godwin, Route 1; L. A. Hall, Austynville, Route 1; L. D. Herring, Clinton, Route 5; Kyle Harrington, Broadway, Route 1; and Monroe Adams of Four Oaks, Route 5.

Edwards stated today that other nominations may be made from the floor when the election is held.

MUSICAL PROGRAM - During the entertainment program of the afternoon, three quartets will sing for the members of the group. They will include one from Godwin, one from Dunn, Route 1, and one from Hope Mills.

Among the speakers on the program will be Gwyn Price of Greensboro, chairman of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority, and William T. Crisp, executive manager of the Tar Heel Electric Membership Association. Several other well-known speakers will be present to take part in the program, Edwards has announced.

Members of the nominating committee naming candidates for the Board of Directors were: W. E. Pascoe, Jr., S. McCallum, Jr., C. E. McCormick, M. G. Clark, C. J. Kirby, Gerald Brown, Clayton Carroll, E. E. Fisher, and J. H. Spill.

BULLETINS

BATON ROUGE, La. (UP) - Louisiana State University has expelled its first Negro undergraduate pending a possible final ruling by the U. S. Supreme Court. The university yesterday voided the registration of 17-year-old A. P. Tureaud, Jr., following a reversal by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals of an injunction under which he had been enrolled.

WASHINGTON (UP) - Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland of Calif. has called on former President Truman to volunteer to explain his handling of the Harry Dexter White case to the public.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (UP) - The United Nations studied a compromise disarmament plan today in a new attempt to end an eight year East-West deadlock.

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Record Roundup

ANNUAL DEDICATION - Students of Dunn High School have voted to honor Superintendent of City Schools A. E. Johnson by dedicating the armory to him this year.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST - A school breakfast was held at Dunn High School Wednesday morning at 7:15 in conjunction with Education Week which has been observed at the school this week. During the observance, the school has held open house.

WIFE WENT FOR HELP - Mrs. McLamb said he took the shotgun the night before and tried to kill himself, but they managed to take the gun away from him and talked him out of it.

WIFE WENT FOR HELP - His wife had gone to get help to try to prevent him from committing suicide when he shot himself. He was found a few minutes later by his brother-in-law, Roadie

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Appliance Men Will Organize

Help for local appliance dealer through organization and cooperation will be the keynote of a meeting of appliance dealers of this area to be held here on November 23rd as a local unit of the National Appliance and Radio-TV Dealers Association will be formed.

A preliminary organizational meeting was held Wednesday at Johnny's Restaurant, when other

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PREPARING FOR BIG DIAMOND HUNT - Police Chief Alan A. Cobb is shown here at Stanley Junction in Dunn making up his mind about a large number of possible diamond registered diamonds for a big diamond hunt to be held at Columbia River in Oregon. All men here to do to visit Columbia River, reach in the boat and

pick out a diamond. It is possible, however, to find you from time to time. This was an initiative diamond hunt, and a few men are going to the river with Cobb and Stanley Junction, and

will, and all men here to do to visit Columbia River, reach in the boat and