

WEATHER
Cloudy and windy with scattered showers today. Showers ending over east portion this afternoon followed by colder. Slowly clearing and colder tonight.

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PLOT TO OVERTHROW U. S. BARED Dunn Citizens Vote Against Recreation Tax Levy

Billion-Dollar Cut In Excise Tax Due Today

By UNITED PRESS

The tax-writing House and Means Committee was expected to approve a one billion dollar cut in federal excise taxes today.

It was expected to slash 10 per cent the present levies on jewelry, cosmetics, admission tickets, travel tickets and other items. But the committee was likely to go along with President Eisenhower's request that the present excise tax rates on liquor, beer, gasoline, cigarettes and automobiles be continued. Unless taxes on these items are extended, they will be cut automatically on April 1.

Mr. Eisenhower, however, did not request the cuts the committee is expected to make on some other items. Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey said Tuesday night he did not think the government could stand the loss of revenue.

Some GOP leaders think excise tax cuts are the best way to combat a Democratic drive to hike the present 9000 personal income tax exemption.

OTHER CONGRESSIONAL NEWS
Farm: The Senate was expected to kick off the big farm bill of 1954 today on a bill to hike the (Continued on page two)



STILL CAPTURED—Harnett County's rural policemen took one of the largest stills in the history of the county this morning in Averashore Township. Besides four barrels and condensers, the still also had five vats with a total capacity of approximately 2,500 gallons, and other cans, pipe and equipment for running the large still. Rural policemen looking at the operation are: C. E. Moore (left) and A. W. O'Quinn (right). Note the handles on the ends of the vats used in event that they have to be moved quickly. (Daily Record Photo)

Large Whiskey Plant Captured By Harnett Officers Early Today

By CARL CONNER
Record Staff Writer

Gill To Speak Here On Friday

State Treasurer Edwin Gill of Raleigh will address the Dunn Rotary Club Friday night at 6:30 o'clock at Johnson's Restaurant. It was announced here today by President John Strickland.

Rotarian Hoover Adams will have charge of the program and will introduce Mr. Gill.

Gill is one of the nation's best known tax authorities and a man prominent in North Carolina politics for many years.

He served as secretary to the late Governor O'Max Gardner and later became a member of his law firm in Washington.

Before his appointment by Governor Umstead as State Treasurer, Gill was U. S. Director of Internal Revenue in North Carolina.

He is an outstanding speaker. Adams said today that he felt the club extremely fortunate in securing Gill as a speaker.

"Edwin Gill," said Adams, "is recognized throughout the State and beyond as one of North Carolina's greatest public servants. He is a man of great ability, an eloquent man of great integrity who has devoted his entire life to unselfish service."

Harnett County's rural policemen captured a liquor manufacturing plant in Averashore Township this morning which would rank among the largest ever taken here, and locked-up on a smaller still while waiting to take the operators of the large one.

The large plant, consisting of five vats with a capacity of more than 500 gallons each, had been in operation this morning. More than 2,500 gallons of mash was in the vats ready to be run.

The five big vats were located on the edge of Mingo Swamp, less than a mile and a half from the highway. Concrete blocks had been set to raise the vats out of the water, but heavy rain had during the past few days brought the swamp up under them. They were fired by a kerosene oil burner supplied by a compression type tank.

Rural Policeman E. E. Sturgill estimated that the mash would have produced between 250 and 300 gallons of white liquor. Some liquor had been run this morning and was sitting under the condensers. (Continued on page two)

Woman Slays Her Boy Friend

NEW ORLEANS (U) — A woman wearing a "sweetheart" costume for Mardi Gras shot her boy friend to death in a bar today after he handed her a gun and said, "here, shoot me."

Police identified the woman as Juanita Dobara, 24, and said she wore a big red heart for a hat, little hearts attached over her blouse, and white shorts.

Gee Wah Wong, 24, was shot through the head while he sat at a table with the woman shortly after midnight had signalled the end of Mardi Gras.

Police said that the couple quarreled and Wong knocked her to the floor once after she had told him that she wouldn't be his sweetheart anymore.

"Then they seemed to make up," police said. "But in a little while Wong got up and went out to his car and came back with a .38 caliber pistol. He gave her the gun and told her to shoot him."

News Shorts

WASHINGTON (U) — Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D-SO) demanded today that the administration "admit it has misled the public about employees removed from the government as 'security risks.'"

WASHINGTON (U) — President Eisenhower was expected to give at his news conference today his reaction to Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's recent verbal rows with administration members.

LONDON (U) — Evangelist Billy Graham was undismayed today over his failure to pack huge Haringay Arena at the second meeting of his "Greater London Crusade." Only 9,500 were present last night. Graham optimistically predicted that in few weeks the (Continued on page seven)

+ Record Roundup +

MARRIAGE LICENSES — Recent marriage licenses issued from the office of the county register of deeds in Lillington include the following: on March 1, to Hayward Temple, 21, of Fuquay Springs, Route 2, and Fekri Oghala Woodell, Fuquay Springs, Route 3; on Feb. 27 to Billy Ray Wilkerson, 21, of Willow Springs, Route 1, and Annie Marie Jordan, 19, of Willow Springs, Route 1; on Feb. 27, to Charles Howard Adams, 41, of Angler, and Mary Lee Johnson, 18, of Angler; on Feb. 24 to Donnie Acrol Carroll, 31, of Coats, Route 1, and Hilda Mae Partin, 21, of Willow Springs, Route 1; on Feb. 24, to David Bruce Dupree, 20, of Angler, Route 1, and Mary Ruth Matthews, 18, of Angler; Feb. 20, to Raymond Clinton Rhodes, 30, of Spring Lake, Route 1, and Annie Lou Wood Stone, 38, of Spring Lake, Route 1; Feb. 19, to Randall Norris of Coats, and Martha Kathryn Johnson Stewart, both of Coats.

GOOD ATTENDANCE — Thirteen of the eighteen clubs Home Demonstration Clubs in Harnett County (Continued on Page Eight)

BULLETINS

ATLANTA (U) — U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., and Arthur H. Dean and Sen. John W. Bricker R-O headed a list of distinguished speakers scheduled to address the Southern regional meeting of the American Bar Assn. which opened here today. Registration, a reception and a dinner highlighted activities today with the delegates to the four-day conference of attorneys, jurists and law officials from 19 Southern states scheduled to begin full business sessions tomorrow.

BONN, Germany (U) — Twenty-seven American editors and publishers left for Düsseldorf today on the next leg of their tour of Europe and the Far East. The group, headed by James L. Wick, editor and publisher of the (Continued on page two)

Vote Is Light, But Outcome Very Decisive

Dunn citizens went to the polls yesterday and defeated a proposed 10-cents city tax levy to finance a program of recreation in the town.

The vote was 368 against the tax levy and 268 for it.

Defeat of the proposal came as a surprise to most citizens since the Dunn Recreation Commission had waged an intensive all-out campaign in behalf of the tax levy.

It also had the endorsement of the chamber of commerce, PTA and various other organizations of the city.

Even the school children were recruited on election day to carry placards up and down the streets urging citizens to vote for the program.

OPPOSITION UNORGANIZED
There was no outspoken or organized opposition to the program, but silent voters turned out and rolled up a 100-majority against it.

The tax levy would have helped support a proposed budget of \$12,045 for recreation here.

Roy Lowe, chairman of the Dunn Recreation Commission, said today that he would probably have a statement after a meeting of the commission.

"Speaking personally and for myself only," he said, "we aren't going to give up the recreation program. We're going to work harder and do the best we can without the tax money."

The commission still has approximately \$4,500 made available by Dunn's United Fund.

Mansever Norman Suttles of the Chamber of Commerce had only one comment. "The people have spoken," he said.

City Commissioner Bill Bryan, only official who came out for the tax levy, said he had thought it would pass by a small margin.

AGAINST TAX BOOST
"The vote just goes to prove," he said, "that the people are afraid of anything that might increase taxes."

Commissioner Bryan likewise expressed hope that the commission could carry on a program of recreation despite the absence of tax funds.

Voting was extremely light during the morning but increased during the afternoon.

Yesterday's voting ended debate on an issue that has been under consideration here for several years.



PRESENTS FOR THE PASTOR — The Rev. A. C. McCall, left, who recently resigned as pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church at Bunnlevel, received an easy chair and other gifts at the fellowship supper given in his honor Friday night at the church. Mrs. Hubert Byrd, right, made the presentation speech to the pastor, who was obviously taken by surprise. (Photo by R. M. Stewart)

Grand Jury Begins Probe Of Shooting

WASHINGTON (U) — Rep. Paul W. Shafer R-Mich gave a federal grand jury today an eyewitness account of Monday's gun attack on the House of Representatives for which the government is seeking quick indictment of four Puerto Rican terrorists.

Shafer gave the jury "very positive" identification of all four of the assassins.

The government charged the three gunmen and their pistol-wielding woman leader with assault with intent to kill on five counts—one count for each of five representatives felled in the 30-second attack. Each could be given 75 years in prison.

Shafer was the only congressman called before the grand jury. He told newsmen he was on the House floor at the time of the shooting and "saw most of it."

"I watched it until the shooting stopped," he said, "and then I dropped to the floor."

He said that he told the grand jury that he saw all four firing guns and that he identified each of them from photographs. He added there was "no doubt" that all four were shooting, although only three had confessed.

Informed sources revealed that department experts believe there is a chance the government can prosecute Puerto Rican Nationalist Party chiefs under the Smith Act which bans U. S. Communist leaders to jail.

COBBLES SUSPECTED
Federal agencies have launched a sweeping investigation into the widely-held belief that Communists prompted the four Nationalist fanatics to launch their unprecedented assault.

One of their victims — 35-year-old millionaire Rep. Alvin M. Bentley (R-Mich) was still waging a tough-and-go battle against bullet wounds that left his liver shattered and his lung, kidney and diaphragm pierced.

His young wife, who is expecting her first baby in two months, told him Tuesday afternoon that his condition had "improved" and he said "I'm glad to hear that." Doctors reported today he now has a better than even chance to live.

The Nationalist attack sent a wave of apprehension through the (Continued on Page Eight)

Ike, Dulles, Hoover Marked To Be Killed

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By United Press

NEW YORK—The shooting of five congressmen in Washington on Monday was part of a plot to overthrow the United States government by the assassination of its leaders.

Private advices to the United Press from San Juan, Puerto Rico, said today that among those marked for death in the plot were President Eisenhower, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover.

The advices from Puerto Rico said the Federal Bureau of Investigation has alerted its agents to the responsibility of further outbreak of violence by fanatic Puerto Rican nationalists.

In addition to Eisenhower, Dulles and Hoover, there is said to be a plot to kill Gov. Munes Martin of Puerto Rico, who is now in the United States, and Antonio Fernos-Isern, Puerto Rican commissioner to the United States.

DULLES GUARDED
Dulles now is in Caracas, Venezuela, as head of the Inter-American Conference. Unusual precautions have been taken to assure his safety, including a bullet-proof automobile for his transportation. The (Continued on page two)

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

LITTLE NOTES ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

Howard Dixon is a disgruntled man. His water bill was so high he knew something must be wrong, so he had the town put in a new meter. "And now it's climbing higher and higher every month," he declared last night. Then added, "Guess they have to pay for that meter."

Mary Libby Fowler took a look at one of the calendar banks they sell in the bank here the other day and observed, "I've got one of those banks, but the date is always behind because I don't put a quarter in it every day."

Mayor Red Williams of Anlier, candidate for House of Representatives, has a colorful background. He's an ex-Marine who fought during the revolution in Nicaragua. He has been mayor at Anlier five years, is a Klansman, a Mason, assistant Sunday School teacher.

Mayor Williams was in town campaigning yesterday. "I'm not losing any time," he declared. "Be sure and vote for me."

Johnnie Wilbourne, who has just moved to Lillington, says there's no (Continued on page two)

Band Concert Set For Thursday Night

Members of the Dunn High School Band will be presented in a spring concert at the High School tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The Dunn Band has had a successful season this school year under the direction of Harold Grant Jones. Student members of the band have participated in a number of contests throughout the year and have consistently taken places.

The beginning band is made up of 25 students in grades five through nine. These members have been playing only since the first of the year. Selections played by the beginners will be familiar to the known by almost everyone. Members of the Concert Band

will play such numbers as the "Washington Post March," by John Phillip Sousa, works by old masters such as Bach, Brahms, Handel, and Strauss; novelty numbers such as "Blue Tail Fly," "There's Something About a Soldier," and "Trumpeters Lullaby," by Leroy Anderson.

Featured in the "Trumpeters Lullaby" will be William Gilbert, senior trumpeter in the band.

Admission to the concert will be 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults. Proceeds will be used to pay for a costly season which the band hopes to purchase in the near future.

The band will also play in the district band concert to be held in Raleigh, March 12.

Chicago Gets Foot Of Snow

BY UNITED PRESS

The machinery of a huge city groaned and creaked today as Chicago awoke under a foot-deep blanket of blowing, drifting snow.

Meanwhile, aching cold clamped down on the Western Plains and freezing weather threatened to destroy or damage budding crops in the Southwest.

The snow storm that strangled Chicago and struck other Midwest areas from Missouri to Indiana was moving northward toward the lower St. Lawrence Valley, where it was expected by Thursday morning.

The Canadian province of Ontario was already digging out under a storm that dumped up to 16 inches of snow Tuesday and threatened to flood rivers with melt-off.

Local Scout Troop Does Its Good Deed

Boy Scouts of the Second Baptist Church of Dunn did their good "good deed" last night.

The scouts were holding their weekly meeting at the church and had ended the meeting and were standing in the church auditorium talking. One or two of the boys went to the church door to look out and returned to report a fire across the street.

Carl G. Conner, Neighborhood Commission for the troop, went out with the boys to look at the fire. When it was discovered that it was in a storage house back of the home of Galveston Hinson, the boys and Conner went to call the

Clark Gable

**Gable Ends 21
Years Service**

HOLLYWOOD (U) — Clark Gable has ended almost 21 years of service as a contract player for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios to freelance.

The he-man star packed up yesterday after paying "tribute to my friends and associates... who help and guidance over the years meant so much to me."

Gable told United Press earlier that he was letting his MGM contract lapse because he felt he might do better by picking any role he thought he was best suited for.

fire department. However, a check had to be made to see who owned the building, and by the time the fire truck arrived, the fire had enveloped the inside of the building.

Firemen worked hard and were able to save most of the contents of the building. Although the house was gutted, Mr. Hinson stated that the building was partly covered by insurance. One of the boys who went to the church door to look out and returned to report a fire across the street.

Howard M. Lee, vice president of the Fire Department, said that 21 men were on the fire truck.