

+WEATHER+
North Carolina — Increasing cloudiness west. Generally fair east portion and continued cold today and tonight. Frost tonight. Saturday, cloudy and somewhat warmer.

VOLUME 4 TELEPHONES: 3117 • 3118 DUNN, N. C., FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 5, 1954 FIVE CENTS PER COPY NO. 66

ARMY PLANNING BIG SHAKEUP

Progress Made On Contest At Lillington

Lillington's Finer Carolina Contest committee today could already point with pride to accomplishments made during the week.

The general solicitation of all citizens for donations of \$1,700 to finance the various undertaking will continue through Monday. Robert Morgan, central fund drive chairman, said first reports were "very encouraging." A kick-off breakfast was held on Wednesday at the G and R restaurant. Volunteers who made the canvass of the business district and residential areas attended.

Landscaping of the grounds of the Baptist Church and parsonage were also completed on Wednesday. Reported John H. Blackmon, chairman of the steering committee in charge of the Lillington participation in the Finer Carolina program.

Volunteers planted over 50 shrubs on the Baptist church grounds. Special donations made it possible to buy plants in one lot.

Blackmon pointed out that the estimate of 1,700 includes various projects earmarked for civic clubs, including beautification of the Community Center grounds, plots in front of the Town Hall, and the town approaches. Clubs will not be asked to finance these jobs separately, unless the drive falls short of its goal.

Monday work will start on Saturday. (Continued On Page Two)

Britton Hardware Co.
MASURY PAINTS

Britton Hardware Opened In Dunn

George H. Britton, a veteran of 26 years in the hardware business, has opened a new hardware store on North Wilson Avenue.

The business was then known as Home Hardware House. In 1924, Britton joined the Cromartie Hardware Company, which had been previously known as the Cromartie-Dall Hardware Company. He remained with Cromartie until 1946 when he took a sales position with a large wholesale concern in Petersburg, Va. In this capacity, Britton was in charge of wholesale customers in central and eastern North Carolina. He resigned this position in March of this year to begin his own business.

MANY GOOD LINES
Included in special lines of merchandise to be handled by the new store.

Two More Victims Dead In Accident

Four occupants involved in a two car crash five miles south of Lillington early Thursday were dead today, State Highway Patrolman R. B. Leonard reported.

Death of Herbert McGirt, Ft. Bragg soldier, and Herman Harris, Bunnlevel, Route 1, brought Hartnett County's highway fatalities for the year to four. Not a single life has been lost on highways this year until the early morning collision of the two cars traveling in opposite directions on Highway 310.

Raymond McKoy of Spring Lake, Route 1, and Bill A. Blair of Alabama, Negro soldier, recently discharged from Ft. Bragg, were dead on arrival at Ft. Bragg hospital. The other two died around 9:30 p. m. Thursday.

Harris and Blair were riding together in a Ford car headed North.

Democrats Won't Drop Fight To Add Alaska

By UNITED PRESS
Senate Democrats today refused to drop their efforts to add Alaska to the Hawaiian statehood bill despite GOP assurances a separate Alaskan measure would be brought up.

Senate Democratic Whip Earle C. Clements (D. Ky.) called the assurance of the Republican Senate Policy Committee a "hollow gesture." He said Democrats would go ahead with plans to jump the statehood hopes of both territories into a package bill.

The Senate began debate Thursday on an administration-backed bill to make Hawaii the 49th state. A Democratic-sponsored measure to bring Alaska into the Union has been approved by the Senate Interior Committee.

Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland said the GOP policy committee had decided to call up the Alaskan measure "as early as possible after action is completed on the Hawaiian bill."

GOP leaders believe Hawaii's chances of becoming a state will be spiked if the two statehood measures are fused. They fear opponents of statehood for one or the other territory will band together to defeat a combination bill.

The Senate took a long weekend breather in what is expected to be a weeks-long statehood debate Thursday after Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) charged Republican administration is controlled by Communists. But Chairman Hugh Butler (R-Neb.) of the interior committee said the people of Hawaii are alert to the Red danger and are able to cope with it.

OTHER CONGRESSIONAL NEWS
Infiltration: Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) called six witnesses before his permanent investigating subcommittee in his search for possible Red infiltration of a private laboratory doing radar work for the Army Signal Corps.

Coffee: Four housewives just back from a tour of Brazilian coffee plantations were expected to tell a Senate subcommittee that frost was to blame for soaring coffee prices.

Farm: Chairman George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) of the Senate Agriculture Committee warmly praised Agriculture Secretary Ezra C. Benson and took the offensive against Benson's "political enemies."

Methods: Aiken also spoke out on the dispute over committee investigative methods. He said Congress should enforce the rules it now has covering investigative procedure rather than write new ones.

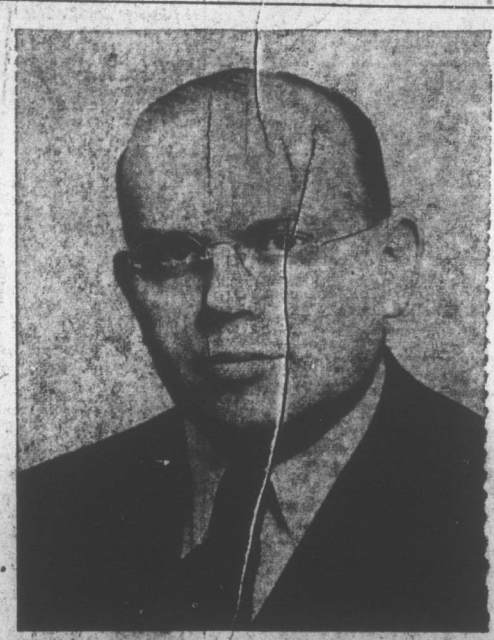
Public Works: Rep. Augustus B. Kelley (D-Pa.) proposed that date and federal government start a \$5,500,000,000 public works program immediately to lead off a serious recession.

Work Halted On School Project

Old Man Winter and by Mayor Promoted John H. Blackmon, chairman of Lillington's Finer Carolina Committee, today halted work on a brick laying job scheduled for Saturday at the Lillington School.

Around 20 volunteer bricklayers interested in improving the school.

(Continued on Page 5)



ROTARY SPEAKER — State Treasurer Edwin M. Gill, shown here, will address the Dunn Rotary Club tonight at 6:30 o'clock at Johnson's Restaurant. One of the State's best known public officials, Gill is a former State Representative and also served as State Parole Commissioner, and as U. S. Director of Internal Revenue for North Carolina. He is an outstanding speaker.

Jernigan Hearing Delayed For Week

A deposition hearing in the Houston Jernigan insurance case was postponed here today until next Friday due to the illness of one of the witnesses.

Attorneys for Mrs. Jernigan, who is seeking to force insurance companies to pay off \$280,000 insurance on her husband's life, requested that depositions be taken from two of their witnesses.

Jernigan, prominent Dunn merchant, was reported to have been drowned during a hurricane last August at Wrightsville Beach, but insurance companies have refused to pay off claims, contending that he is still alive.

More than a dozen suits have been filed against as many companies, in the case, one of the strangest in North Carolina insurance annals. Jernigan's body has never been found.

MANY LAWYERS
Approximately 20 lawyers were on hand for the hearing this morning, some of them representing some of the State's biggest law firms, including those of Julius C. Smith of Greensboro and Smith, Seesh and Anderson in Raleigh.

Attorney Duncan C. Wilson, representing Mrs. Jernigan, said he had requested the depositions to "preserve testimony."

"What if something happened to one of our witnesses," Wilson asked newsmen. Attorney Smith, representing Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., said he didn't object to the depositions but saw no necessity for them.

Witnesses scheduled to be questioned were Thomas Aman, Dunn flower shop employee, and only witness to the reported drowning, and Floyd Cox, who lives near the scene. Aman was with Jernigan at the time of the reported rowing.

Attorney Wilson offered a doctor's certificate certifying that Cox was too ill to come to court. Wilson said the bill had been filed suffering a heart attack, brought on by Jernigan's drowning.

Lawyers for Jefferson Standard and the Metropolitan Life agreed today to use the same depositions, but the other companies objected to using a joint deposition and said they would take separate transcripts of the testimony to be given by Aman and Cox.

This means Aman and Cox will have to give separate depositions for each of the companies.

CLAIMS NEW ALIVE
Attorney Smith, in asking continuation of the case at a recent term of Hartnett Superior Court, declared in open court that they intended to prove that Jernigan is still alive.

Attorney J. A. McLeod of Dunn, appearing with Smith, told the court they will also prove that Jernigan's assets was insolvent and that Jernigan was insured beyond his ability to pay.

Smith said they will attempt to prove that circumstances support the insurance companies' contention of "a well-considered plan for his disappearance."

Mrs. Jernigan's lawyers claim the

Wilson Seeks To Improve Army System

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army Department was reported today to be marked for a jarring administrative shake-up to correct conditions which touched off fire works between President Eisenhower and Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy.

Defense Secretary Charles Wilson is represented as being set up with the Army's peacetime set-up for handling personnel. He had 14 months too long to discover and get rid of an undesirable officer or enlisted man.

The United Press was informed that Wilson intended to do something about it. Whether reorganization would affect high ranking individuals or merely the administrative procedure governing the operations was not yet evident. There was no indication that Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens was under Wilson's fire.

The defense secretary dropped hint of the projected shake-up in his news conference Thursday when he said there would be an effort to improve Army organization "before long."

"We have a wonderful group of men in the Army," he said, "but they are much better organized to fight in the field than they are to operate in peacetime."

RELEASED OVER CASE
Wilson was displeased by the sequence of the Peeres case developments. It was McCarthy's effort to identify individuals responsible for dealing with Maj. Irving Peeres that led to the rough questioning of Brig. Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker and this week's rebuke to McCarthy by Mr. Eisenhower.

A high defense official told United Press that Wilson's investigation of the Peeres case would take several weeks. Thereafter, some of the Peeres is likely to happen in the Pentagon. It took the Army four months to discover Peeres had no document to sign a routine loyalty document and 10 months thereafter to decide what to do about it. He got an honorable discharge.

News Shorts

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The Soviet news agency Tass said tonight that U. S. 2nd Lt. William D. Atkins, 33, of Indianapolis, Ind., has asked the Communists for political asylum. Atkins, described as "mentally disturbed" by his American Army superiors, vanished from the U. S. occupation zone of Austria last Jan. 12.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) today withdrew his two billion dollar libel and slander suit against former Sen. William Benton (D-Conn.) McCarthy did not immediately give any reason for his action.

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — The Sultan of Morocco was wounded today when a terrorist bomb blasted the mosque where he was praying in southwest Morocco. First reports (Continued on page eight)

Prof Who Taught Einstein Theory Found As Faker

DURHAM, N. H. (AP) — A high school graduate posed as a professor and taught Einstein's theory of relativity at the University of New Hampshire for a year before he was unmasked and fired as a faker, it was disclosed today.

"I really did enjoy teaching the students," said the self-styled educator, 31-year-old Marvin Hewitt, who has a yen for complicated subjects. (Continued on Page Eight)

Gammon Is Citizen After Long Efforts

The Rev. Richard Rhea (Dick) Gammon, 34-year-old pastor of Dunn's First Presbyterian Church, was a citizen of the United States again today after 13 years of government red tape which involved two countries.

He was given the oath of citizenship Thursday in a ceremony conducted by Federal Judge Don Gilliam at Fort Bragg. "And I want to tell you it's a wonderful feeling," said the popular Dunn pastor. "Most people, I'm afraid, do not appreciate what a wonderful thing it is to be a citizen of America."

It's a long and complicated story. The Rev. Mr. Gammon was born in Brazil, the son of American missionaries. His father established Gammon Institute, a religious school in Brazil, and his mother, Mrs. E. B. Gammon, still resides there.

He came to America in 1936 to attend Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va., where he was graduated.

DUAL CITIZENSHIP
During his first stay in America, he was recognized as a citizen of both Brazil and the United States. (Continued on Page Five)

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

PRETTY FRENCH SECRETARY STEALS SHOW AT HEARING

Dunn's city courtroom this morning literally bristled with lawyers in town for the Jernigan deposition hearing.

Some of the State's highest-priced attorneys were here, including such big lawyers as Julius Smith of Greensboro, John Anderson of Smith, Leach and Anderson in Raleigh and a dozen or so others, plus all the local and county lawyers.

Their combined fees would run into literally thousands of dollars for just one day in court alone.

Thomas Aman, the key witness in the insurance fight, and other principals in the case were also on hand.

But the person who stole the show was a pretty French girl, who is secretary to Attorney J. L. Emanuel of Raleigh, one of the lawyers.

She sat very demurely on the front seat chatting with Mrs. Houston Jernigan. The lawyers couldn't keep their eyes off her.

Everette Doffenmyre took one look and declared: "How in the world did Emanuel get a secretary like that? I've never been able to do it."

There's no doubt about it, she is a very beautiful girl and was dressed like something right out of Jacques Fath's celebrated salon in Paris.

One after another, the other lawyers kept asking us who she was— (Continued on page two)

Recreation Group Dumps Problem In Lap Of Board

Dunn's Recreation Commission today pushed recreation into the lap of the Chamber of Commerce, announced that they will transact no business unless told to do so by City Council.

In a statement issued following a meeting of the Commission yesterday, the group stated: "The Dunn Recreation Commission would like to thank those who voted on March 2, 1954. We would like for the people of Dunn to know we will remain as a Commission as long as the Town Board wishes, but we will transact only that business which the Town Board requests of the Commission. We request that the Chamber of Commerce appoint a Recreation Committee to continue the recreation program as has been done in conjunction with the United Fund."

The statement was released by Roy Lova, chairman of the Commission. Following the defeat of the recreation levy Tuesday, Lova called that for his part, the Commission would go ahead and handling with the funds set up by the United Fund Budget Committee.

Man Hurt In Unsolved Case

One man was in Dunn Hospital with a possible broken leg, another in jail, and another free today in a yet-unsolved accident near Dawson's Tourist Court last night.

Frederick Haak, manager of the court, said today that around 9:30 last night he heard the brakes of a car squealing and went out in time to see two men run across his yard. He asked them what they were doing, he said, and was told the car had attempted to run them down.

Seconds later, Haak stated, the car backed into a concrete block wall and broke it down, and then sped back onto the highway. But, when the driver of the car backed up again, the vehicle went into the ditch, Haak stated.

Haak called the police who came out to investigate. Jack Black and Buddy Jackson worked for sometime (Continued on page two)

+ Record Roundup +

FILES FOR CLERK — Mrs. Elizabeth Fugate Matthews, assistant clerk of the superior court, is officially in the race for clerk in the Democratic primary. Mrs. Matthews paid her filing fee of \$40.00 on Thursday to the county board of elections. So far, she has one opponent, Billy Taylor, young Dunn attorney. The Lillington woman is the first woman ever to seek the Democratic nomination as clerk of the Superior court.

BOARDS DESTROYED — Donald McKee, chairman of the Hartnett County Board of Elections, returned on Thursday from a heavy trip to Rhode Island. He went to Newport, R. I. to visit his son, Fireman David McKee, whose ship, "The U.S.S. Sullivan," is based at Newport for a short time. Young McKee recently returned from a world tour on the "Sullivan," a ship named for the five brothers lost at Pearl Harbor. Paul Thomas went with McKee to help with the

driving. "But we got lost in New York City," continued McKee. While in Newport, the others went aboard the famous destroyer.

AT OAKDALE — At the recent meeting of the Hartnett County Council of Home Administration clubs, Mrs. Albert Gault signed an invitation for the May county council meeting to be held at the Oakdale Club House, a community center converted from the old Oakdale schoolhouse. Chaperone Springs has been to the school meeting. April will find the club women busy with the Southeastern District meeting to convene on April 14 in Lillington.

TO ERIC BLUM — Dunned 4-2 Club members will greet a sign at their school on Monday, noting that a 4-H Club meets there regularly. Dan Roller, extension service club leader for the Southeastern District, will be on hand to witness (Continued on page two)