

IKE REFUTES DEMOCRATS' TAX CLAIM



NEW LION INDUCTED — St Harrington, Erwin fuel dealer, is shown here last night as he was inducted into the Erwin Lions Club at Pablo's. Among other things, he lost his tie. Lion Lynwood Harris is shown with the other end of Harrington's tie, which he snatched into pieces. The initiation, all in fun, was in charge of Mr. Harris. Shown in the background are E. E. Matthews and Club President Roy Campbell. (Daily Record Photo)

Mighty Battle On Tax Cut Now Shaping Up

By UNITED PRESS
The House squared off today for a mighty battle over the Democratic drive to cut taxes by boosting income tax exemptions by \$100. It scheduled debate on a sweeping tax revision bill backed by GOP leaders and the administration. Democrats are seeking to add a provision to the measure which would increase exemptions from \$600 to \$700 a year. House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. (Mass.) said Republicans are "very optimistic" that the Democrats will be beaten. He said President Eisenhower made a "very effective" speech against the Democratic move Monday night. But Democrats refused to concede defeat and fired back at Mr. Eisenhower's speech in a radio-television reply Tuesday night. They said the Republican tax bill favors "the few" and offers "little or no relief" to 80 per cent of the taxpayers. The payoff vote will come Thursday on a Democratic move to substitute their exemption hike for a GOP plan to ease taxes on dividends from corporation stocks. The outcome is expected to be close.



THE SHACK — Officially, the home pictured above is the home of a Dunn Negro cook and maid, but unofficially, it is the "Shack," a business of unknown quantity. The old run-down building is just what its name implies, a shack. This is the Record's second candidate for a padlock. (Daily Record Photo)

Quotes Figures To Show Claims Are Incorrect

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower today said Democratic congressional leaders were wrong in charging that the Republican tax bill would help rich people primarily. The President's tax remarks came scarcely an hour before the House took up a Republican tax reform bill which the Democrats claim is favorable to the rich and discriminates against the poor. Biggest controversy over the GOP measure centers around a provision to give tax relief to stockholders by easing the tax on dividends. The Democrats propose to cut taxes a little for everyone by increasing exemptions from \$600 to \$700 a year. The big showdown in the House will come tomorrow when the Democrats try to substitute their higher exemption proposal for the Republican provision on tax relief for stockholders. The President was questioned specifically about criticism of the GOP tax bill which came last night from Rep. Sam Rayburn, (D-Tex.) and Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.). They said only a comparatively few and wealthy people would benefit from the dividend tax proposals in the new bill.

Shillelagh Queen



CATHY STANLEY, 17, of Union City, N. J., named 1954 Shillelagh Queen, is ready to lead a delegation of Irish colleens in the New York St. Patrick's Day parade. The shillelagh she holds is 500 years old. (International)

Rotarians To Seek Memorial To Lee

The Dunn Rotary Club has launched a movement to ask North Carolina's legislature to erect a suitable memorial to Dunn's famed hero of World War II, Major General William C. Lee. General Lee is recognized as the "father" of American airborne troops. He organized and trained the first paratroopers and glider infantryman and then wrote the airborne doctrine used in the D-Day invasion of Normandy. Rotary President John Strickland announced today that the club's board of directors had decided to sponsor the movement and he appointed a committee of five Rotarians to push the project. COMMITTEE NAMED On this committee are: Dr. Glenn L. Hooper, Hoover Adams, George Franklin Blalock, Ed Wade and Dr. Charlie Byrd. Hooper was named chairman. All are former military men except Hooper, who was a close personal friend. Adams was a member of General Lee's outfit and acted as his aide. The Rotarians will enlist the support and backing of the Town of Dunn, the County of Harnett.

BYRD OPPOSES BOTH

Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.), a leading government economy advocate, came out, meanwhile, in opposition to both the Democratic move and the revision bill itself which would provide some selective tax cuts. He also opposed a House-passed bill now before the Senate Finance Committee to trim excise taxes by one billion dollars. The Virginian said taxes should not be reduced until the federal budget is balanced. OTHER CONGRESSIONAL NEWS Statehood: A band of Southern Democratic senators, led by Sen. James O. Eastland (Miss), spoke out Tuesday against statehood for Hawaii on grounds the territory is Communist-dominated. Civil Functions: The House has passed and sent to the Senate a \$600,370 money bill to finance the Army's civil works program during the fiscal year beginning July 1. Documents: Rep. W. Sterling Cole (R-NY), chairman of the House-Senate Atomic Energy Committee, said Hanford, Wash., is not the only atomic plant where classified documents are missing. But he said there is no evidence that theft or espionage is involved.

The Shack Is Popular Spot With Dunn Court Offenders

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fourth in a series of articles on community problems, and the second Negro place of business to be featured. This is the Record's second candidate for a padlock. By CARL CONNER Record Staff Writer Here's one for "What's in a name." Across the railroad tracks from the notorious Birdland Club, just inside the Dunn City limits, is the "Shack." And in this case, the name of the building is just what it implies — a shabby, run-down, unpainted shack. To most people the "Shack" is something of a mystery "business," but with some of the Negro population of this area it has been well-known for sometime. Shrouded beneath the dark, half-fallen walls of the hut are the secrets that lie behind many of the crimes of Dunn—according to the admission of a defendant tried recently in the local Recorders Court. You won't find a shingle hanging in front of the property, officially, it is a residence. Living in the home is Clarice Scott, Negro cook and maid for Mayor Ralph Hanna. But Barlow Thompson, 41-year-old Negro of Dunn, admitted in court March 4 that he runs the (Continued on Page Eight)

Corinne Calvet Sheds Bromfield

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — French film actress Corinne Calvet, who divorced actor John Bromfield because he refused to let her have a baby, will receive 10 per cent of Bromfield's earnings when they exceed \$20,000 a year. The 29-year-old actress was granted a divorce in nearby Santa Monica Tuesday after testifying tearfully that Bromfield suggested she take up sports when she told him she would like to have a baby. She said she married Bromfield, 31, in Boulder City, Nev., Nov. 7, 1948.

HE THINKS HARNETT NEEDS SIX SHERIFFS

Here's the best story we've heard yet on Harnett's wide-open race for sheriff. A Dunn man who formerly lived in Johnston County went back to Smithfield for a visit a few days ago and somebody told him: "I see you've got a hot race for sheriff down there." "Yeah," he replied, "We've got six candidates already." "And," he added, "I hope every darned one of them gets elected too, because we need six sheriffs (Continued on Page Two)

Young Father Claims Rape By 3 Girls

TOLEDO, O. (AP) — Virgil Suminski, 24, married and father of a 17-month-old son, told police today he was "raped" by two of three girls who gave him a lift while he was hitch-hiking. Suminski said he accepted their offer of a ride yesterday morning. When they reached the spot where Suminski said he thanked the girls for the ride, but one pulled a gun and said, "You're going with us." Police Sgt. Jack Dempsey said Suminski told him the girls took turns driving until about dusk last night, when they kicked him out. Suminski said he was forced to have relations with one girl named Terry, about 24, and another named Juanita, about 20. He said that during the afternoon, he was forced to have unnatural relations with all three. Police asked him why he didn't get out of the car when they stopped for gas, but Suminski said the car kept going during the whole time, nearly 12 hours. Moral squad members searched several downtown bars for the girls answering Suminski's descriptions but with no luck. Suminski said all three were "pretty."

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Dog Track Closed By Supreme Court

RALEIGH (AP) — The State Supreme Court today struck down as unconstitutional the 1949 act permitting a dog racing track and parimutuel betting in Currituck County. The high court held that the act violated "the principle of equal rights and opportunities to all, special privileges to none." In effect, the decision will close down the highly profitable dog track at Moyock, N. C., just across the state line from the heavily-populated Norfolk-Portsmouth, Va., metropolitan area. Its effect may also be to close the state's only other dog track with parimutuel windows, that at Morehead City. REVERSES LOWER COURT The high court acted in reversing a decision by Superior Judge Howard Hubbard who allowed a motion Portsmouth men charged in test Uortsmouth men charged in test cases with betting on a race at the Moyock track. Associate Justice William H. Bobbit wrote the opinion in the case of the State vs. W. E. Felton. Identical reversals accompanied the Bobbit opinion in the cases of the (Continued on Page Eight)

Negro Given Prison Term

James Thompson, Dunn Negro, was given a prison sentence from seven to ten years by Judge George Fountain in Superior Court yesterday for assisting in the robbery of the Dunn Wholesale Grocery. Four other Negroes were awaiting trial for the same crime today. Thompson was tried in Recorders Court in Dunn March 4, at which time he turned State's witness and told the story of the robbery. At that time, he implicated Bartow Thompson, William (Billy) McNeill, Lonnie Monds and Hurlis Coleman. When he appeared in court yesterday, however, Thompson denied all statements he made at the preliminary hearing in Dunn and pleaded not guilty. He also refused to testify against the other four men who were expected to go (Continued on Page Eight)

Recreation Group Maps Out Program

The Dunn Recreation Commission and the Chamber of Commerce Park and Recreation Committee will work together in carrying out a program this year, Willie Biggs, chairman of the Committee said today. Biggs made the announcement this morning following a meeting of the Committee and members of the Commission yesterday afternoon. In a statement issued today by Biggs, he said that a program will be worked out with the Commission and Committee "striving to put on the best co-ordinated recreation program that could be worked out with the monies available." Roy Lowe president of the Commission, said that the City group will work with the Committee for (Continued on Page Eight)

Alfred Surlles In Constable's Race

Alfred Surlles, 47-year-old Dunn business man, today announced as a candidate for the office of constable in Averasboro Township. He is the first Republican to file for the office. Four Democrats are seeking the nomination in the May 18th Democratic Primary. In announcing today, Surlles said he would base his campaign on his promise of "intelligent, courteous service to all the people." A former law enforcement officer, Surlles is a member of a legally long prominently identified law enforcement circles. His father was U. S. Deputy Marshall for Eastern North Carolina and also served as a police officer here. FORMER POLICEMAN The candidate also served as a police officer in West Palm Beach, Florida from 1926-1928. At present, he holds a position with Godwin Building Supply Company in Dunn. Mr. Surlles is a native of Dunn. (Continued on Page Eight)

Rogers To Help Round Up Souls

LONDON (AP) — Evangelist Billy Graham will hold a special meeting for children Saturday with the help of Roy Rogers and his horse Trigger. Rogers, an Episcopalian, promised to help the evangelist's crusade here at the meeting to which adults will be admitted only if they are accompanied by a child.

BULLETINS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Frustrated authorities wondered where to look next today for a missing black panther after "huge paw prints" found near Yucaipa, 75 miles east of here, turned out to be those of a cocker spaniel. Undisguised skepticism was voiced by several police officers who spent hours Tuesday racing to various parts of metropolitan Los Angeles investigating reports by frightened citizens. LONDON (AP) — Scotland Yard was reported today to have increased its plainclothes guard at No. 10 Downing Street, official residence of the prime minister, to protect Lady Churchill against a death threat received by mail. Outside the official residence in the one-block long street (Continued on Page Two)

News Shorts

RALEIGH (AP) — An escaped convict was on his way back to North Carolina today from Missouri. The Prisons Department announced yesterday that Tillman J. Baxley, of Wadesboro, had surrendered in Nevada, Mo., and was being returned here to finish his sentence. RALEIGH (AP) — The State Highway Commission today sought bids on road projects totaling more than 220 miles. The commission announced yesterday it would open bids March 30 on the 25 projects in 22 counties and would review them at its meeting April 1. ATLANTA (AP) — A convicted moonshiner has testified that he bought \$75,000 worth of war bonds with part of the \$106,674 on which the federal government claims he never paid any taxes. Claude Ridley of Chatsworth, Ga., said in federal court yesterday that when World War II began, he dug up \$75,000 buried in fruit jars on his farm and bought savings bonds. HONOLULU (AP) — The date of the next nuclear test at Eniwetok Island appeared today to depend upon the lifting of a heavy tropical (Continued on page two)

Martha Derl Lee Enters Pageant

Miss Martha Derl Lee, 19 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Lee of 301 East "F" Street, Erwin, became the third candidate for the Dunn Junior Chamber of Commerce beauty contest. The pretty candidate is a graduate of Erwin High School with the 1953 class. She is now attending Campbell College where she is a sophomore. Other candidates who have announced include Fanny Sue Turnage and Becky Lee, both of Dunn. The winner of the Dunn contest will be entered in the Jaycees 1954 "Miss North Carolina Pageant." Miss Lee is five feet, three and a half inches tall, weighs 102 pounds, and has blue eyes. While college study takes most of her time, Miss Lee enjoys music, knitting, and reading. She also takes an active part in her church choir. After finishing at Campbell (Continued on Page Eight)

+ Record Roundup +

CITY COUNCIL — Dunn's City Council will have a full agenda tomorrow night as City Attorney is expected to make a number of reports. Council is also expected to take action on the W. B. Warren building on W. Cumberland. PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC — Parents of children who will be of school age by or before October 15, are requested to attend a pre-school clinic at the Dunn Grammar School, Tuesday, March 23. HALF HOLIDAY — Dunn Schools will observe a half day vacation from school Friday of this week when the teachers will attend a State teachers meeting in Raleigh. AMERICAN LEGION — The American Legion will meet here tomorrow at 7:30 according to Roy Brown, commander.