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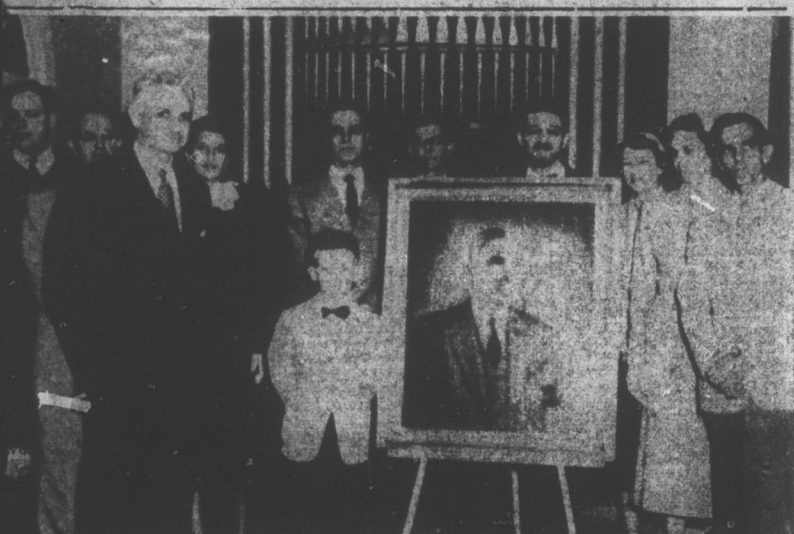
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SENATE SLATED TO PASS TAX BILL

Carlyle To Ask Congress To Establish Lee Memorial Here



Portrait presented - The children of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Pridden are shown above with the other principals at the unveiling services of the portrait presented the First Presbyterian Church, of the church's former pastor, Dr. Angus R. McQueen, yesterday morning. The portrait was painted by Connelly Pridden, brother of B. C. and Helene Pridden of Dunn. Those above are, left to right: Guyton Smith, who received the oil painting for the church; A. W. Pridden, the Rev. Richard R. Gammon, Mrs. E. M. Bost, L. S. Pridden, B. C. Pridden, Dr. D. L. Pridden of Fayetteville, who presented the painting; Mrs. Arthur James, Miss Mary Shelton Pridden, and T. Connelly Pridden, Gene Pridden, son of the artist, is standing in front. See story on inside. (Daily Record Photo.)

Dunn Group Off To Capitol To Confer On Bill

Rep. F. Ertel Carlyle will introduce a bill in Congress this week providing for establishment in Dunn of a suitable memorial to honor the memory of the late Major General William C. Lee of Dunn, the State's outstanding hero of World War II.

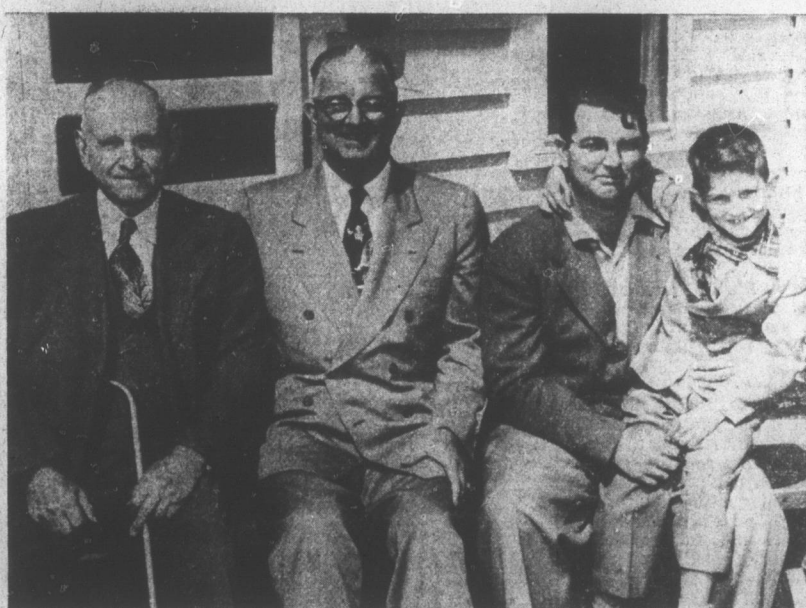
Congressman Carlyle telephoned Hoover Adams, member of a special Rotary Club committee which is seeking a memorial, that he will introduce the bill on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

General Lee, who is recognized throughout the nation as the "father" of America's airborne army, organized and trained the first paratroopers and glider infantrymen in the nation and then wrote the airborne doctrine used in the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

A delegation composed of Rotary President John Strickland, Adams, Dr. Charles Evert, George F. Blalock and Ed Wade left for Washington this afternoon to confer with Congressman Carlyle on the memorial bill.

Congressman Carlyle declared today: "I agree with members of the Dunn Rotary Club that it is past time that both the Federal and State Governments pay honor to this distinguished soldier and statesman and I'm going to do everything in my power to see that it is done."

Congressman Carlyle said he had already discussed the matter with members of the Armed Forces Committee and had received favorable reaction. He said he wanted to confer with members of the Dunn committee to find out just what type memorial is desired before completing the drafting of his bill.



Four generations - Four generations are represented in the picture above. The Rev. J. A. Blalock, left, celebrated his birthday yesterday with a host of friends, children, grand children, and his great grand children. Others besides Rev. Blalock are, (l. to r.) Alfred Blalock, son of

Knowland Says He Expects No Difficulty

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republican congressional leaders indicated today that President Eisenhower will make no strenuous effort to reduce in the Senate the extent of the billion-dollar excise tax cuts.

Senate GOP Leader William F. Knowland said after the weekly White House legislative meeting that the bill would pass the Senate substantially the same as reported by the Finance Committee. The excise sales tax bill as passed by the House would cost the Treasury about 912 million dollars in revenue. The Senate bill would make a further cut of about 25 million.

The President earlier had said the House bill went too far, but there had been reports administration efforts would be made in Senate to lessen the extent of the cuts. When the GOP leaders were asked whether the President had indicated steps by which the administration might reduce the big sales House Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., said, "No."

WANTS BIGGER CUTS - Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.) wants to make even bigger cuts. He is sponsoring a drive to cut excise taxes on new cars by 3 percent and to wipe out all federal excise taxes on household appliances. Knowland said he did not believe Democrats in the Senate would attempt to add their proposal for an increase in personal income tax exemptions to the excise tax bill. He figured they would wait until that proposal in connection with the basic overall tax revision bill.

Mrs. Jernigan To Be Given Examination Saturday At 10

Mrs. Alberta Jernigan of Dunn will face a battery of lawyers for the first time Saturday morning when she will undergo an adverse examination in her efforts to collect insurance totaling more than \$280,000 on the life of her husband, Houston Jernigan, prominent Dunn merchant.

Jernigan was reported to have been drowned during a hurricane last August 12th at Wrightsville Beach but his body has never been found and insurance companies have refused to pay off claims contending he is still alive.

The adverse examination, an unusual legal proceeding, was requested by attorneys for Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, who claim that Jernigan, his wife and other members of the family engaged in a "well-laid and well-conceived plan" for Jernigan's disappearance.

Harnett lawyers said it is the first time in their knowledge that the plaintiff in a law suit in Harnett has been given an adverse examination. The action was requested by Attorneys Julius C. Smith and Harrell Pope of Greensboro and John Allen McLeod and Max McLeod of the law firm of McLeod and McLeod of Dunn.

In addition to these lawyers, approximately 20 other attorneys representing various other insurance companies will be present to hear Mrs. Jernigan's sworn testimony. More than a dozen suits against as many different companies have been filed by Mrs. Jernigan to collect the insurance money. A number of suits have also been filed against Mr. and Mrs. Jernigan. (Continued on page two)

No Record Is Set In Sheriff's Race

The current race for the Democratic nomination for sheriff of Harnett County is a near record. Not an all time high Douglass Glass, chairman of the county election board said today. At present, Harnett has six men standing for the post of sheriff. They are O. B. Pearce and Claude Ware of Dunn; Staley Spence, An Collins and E. C. Matthews of Lillington and D. E. Lanier of Ft. Bragg. It was back in 1912 that the state had its biggest field of candidates, when seven men were in race for sheriff. They were E. Smith, J. B. Lanier, John Green, F. Jernigan, Daniel McCornick, C. Davis and J. E. Caviness. In seven counties race, "Bar" was the winner. Several years later Lanier also served as sheriff.

In 1926 there was a three-way race for sheriff. Candidates were Bill McArtan, John Green and W. H. Turlington. The latter the incumbent sheriff. McArtan won that campaign. In 1934, four years later there were four men seeking to be the candidate for sheriff. McArtan was high man that time, defeating A. B. Curran, M. C. Upchurch and Henry Salmon. In 1936 the county was back to a three way race again with A. F. Fowler, Hattie Truelove, and Elvie Matthews the candidates. Matthews was elected. Two years later the county went Republican and John Henry Tart served two years as sheriff. Four candidates appeared again in 1940 when A. F. Fowler, Tom Brown, C. H. Egan, and W. B. Spence were in the race. (Continued on page two)

News Shorts

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (AP) - Rufus William Chestnut, 24, of Sampson County, N. C., was killed yesterday when he was struck by a car half a mile east of here. The body was sent to Mount Olive, Va., for funeral services.

ENID, Okla. (AP) - First Lt. Eugene W. Maples of Wadesboro, N. C., was one of four Air Force men killed Friday night when a B-26 bomber crashed and exploded in a swamp near Amelia, Va., Vance AFB here said.

ASHBORO (AP) - Funeral services were held here today for Dr. W. A. Stanbury, 76, prominent Methodist leader who died here Saturday after a two-month illness.

HANOL, Indochina (AP) - The Milwaukee Braves obtained shortstop Roy Smalley from the Chicago Cubs for pitcher Dave Cole and an undisclosed amount of cash today, and some observers regarded the trade as a possible first step in a Milwaukee-Philadelphia Philadelphia deal.

HANCOCK, Me. (AP) - Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas and his hardy band of nature lovers set out today for a 21-mile hike and their first night in the open after a taste of civilization at his camp.

NEW YORK (AP) - A waterfront back-to-work move predicted by city officials failed to materialize today as AFL longshoremen reported for work in about the same numbers and at about the same piers manned on Friday.

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) - Prisoners who escaped from the Nevada State Penitentiary at Primm, Nev., were being held by police here and being held by two hoodlums of a gangster group he came here to expose. (Continued on page eight)

Price Of Coffee Goes Up Again

NEW YORK (AP) - Coffee drinkers today watched prices go up another notch as a record at both the wholesale and retail levels. Wholesalers said the wholesale price of the commodity rose to a level the National Coffee Association said it would probably not be repeated since 1947. The new wholesale price is \$1.13 a pound.

Records Prove That Roads Help Make Scott Richer

SANFORD - Sen. Alton Lennon declared here tonight that former Gov. W. Kerr Scott "personally benefitted materially from the state's road building program in Alamance County and I think the people of North Carolina should know this."

He made the statement prior to addressing 125 members of the N. C. Federation of Post Office Clerks and its Woman's Auxiliary at the organization's spring meeting here. Lennon said about 14 miles of secondary roads on Scott's Alamance farms had been paved and the U. S. 70 bypass had been located through them while Scott was governor.

"Of course, he was governor and (Continued On Page Two)

Life Of Carbine On Lux Theatre Program Tonight

FRONT-LIFE OF CARBINE Sue Marshall (Carbine) Williams, the famous Godwin gun inventor, will be the subject of the Lux Radio Theatre program Monday night from 9 to 10 o'clock over the entire network of the Columbia Broadcasting System. Williams' life will be dramatized on the program. The program will tell the colorful story of how Williams invented (Continued on page two)

+ Record Roundup +

FOR SCHOOL PUPILS - Harnett County's Committee for Historical Research this week sent letters to all county schools inviting students to write a sketch of a place, event or person in their community suitable for use on a series of broadcasts over the Dunn station entitled, "Harnett History Begins at Home." Entries must be sent to Mrs. N. S. Atkins, chairman, in Lillington before April 15. Themes judged best will be broadcast with full credit to the writers.

SESSION OF NON TAXED LIQUOR - Eddie Jackson Davis, 29, Goldsboro, driving drunk; Earl H. Long, 30, Dunn, Route 4, drunk; Sylvester Thompson, Dunn, public drunkenness; and Bud Paul Naylor, Roseboro, Route 5, public drunkenness.
SOFTBALL PRACTICE - The Jaycees softball practice will begin tomorrow afternoon at 5:45 with Bob Leak, Manager, in charge. Anyone interested in playing is asked to report to the Dunn Athletic Field tomorrow.
ELECTIONS BOARD - The State Board of Elections Saturday named local elections board in the 100 counties. On Harnett's board will be Woodrow Hill of Dunn, Roger Mann of Lillington, Democratic members, and B. F. McLeod of (Continued on page eight)

Negro Soldier Dies In Harnett Wreck

Harnett County's traffic fatality score board registered five today following an accident just 15 feet from the Lillington City limits yesterday morning in which one person was killed and two others injured.

Dead on arrival at Ft. Bragg hospital was George Washington Powell, 28 year old Negro soldier of the Army Base, who was driving a late model Buick which overturned twice. Others in the car were John H. Montgomery and Charles P. Cotton, Ft. Bragg, both of whom were charged with possession of non tax-paid liquor.

Highway Patrolman Paul C. Lucas of Angier stated that the Powell car left tire skid marks for 445 feet, skidded 400 feet, over-turned twice, and then uprighted itself when it hit a telephone guy wire. Cotton and Montgomery told the (Continued on page eight)

Murder Case In Mistrial

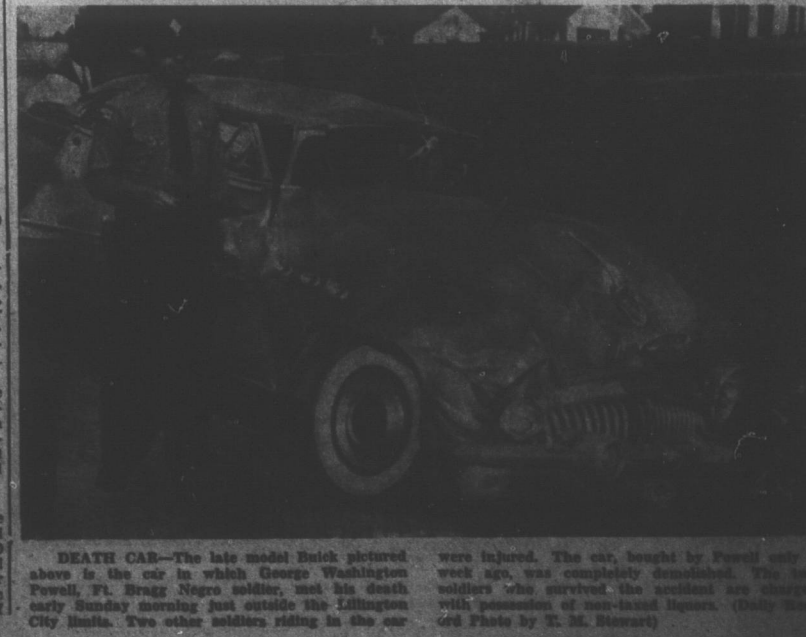
Superior Court Judge George M. Fountain Friday night ordered a mistrial in the case of Mack Vinton, 46, Bunnlevel Negro charged with the murder of Theodore Williams, another Negro of the McLean's Chapel vicinity.

Jurors deliberated until 6:30 o'clock and were tied up 6 to 8 when Judge Fountain called them out of the jury room. They said they were hopelessly deadlocked. It was understood that six favored (Continued on page two)

Liquor Case Is Continued

Rupert Jackson Lee, Dunn, Route 5, white man, entered a plea of guilty to possession of non-taxed liquor for sale today in Dunn Recorder's Court, but asked that the case be continued to allow him to raise the fine money. The case was continued on agreement of the court and Solicitor.

Lee is a partner in a business operating just inside the Harnett County Line on Highway 55, East. Associated with him is his brother, Cortez Lee. According to officers, Lee had several pints of non-taxed white liquor and other non-taxed liquors for sale. B. E. Sturgill who made the arrest, assisted by Wade Stewart, said that the liquor was getting on the counter. Sturgill stated that (Continued on page eight)



DEATH CAR - The late model Buick pictured above is the car in which George Washington Powell, Ft. Bragg Negro soldier, met his death early Sunday morning just outside the Lillington City limits. Two other soldiers riding in the car were injured. The car, bought by Powell only a week ago, was completely demolished. The two soldiers who survived the accident are charged with possession of non-taxed liquor. (Daily Record Photo by E. M. Stewart)