

Sunny and warm today. Fair and mild tonight. Tuesday, partly cloudy and warm.

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MCCARTHY WANTS TO CROSS-EXAMINE

Hearing Slated To Begin On Thursday A. M.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy indicated today he will insist on the right to cross-examine all witnesses who testify at the televised hearings on his row with the Army scheduled to begin Thursday.

The Wisconsin Republican went into a closed meeting with the Senate Investigating Subcommittee for a showdown on his role in the investigation.

He told newsmen he will file a bill of particulars—"whatever they want"—in answer to the Army's complaint that he and Roy M. Cohn, the subcommittee counsel, used "improper means" in an effort to obtain special privileges for Army Pvt. G. David Schine.

SCHINE IN CAPITOL

Schine, now stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., was in Washington, it was learned, presumably he was brought here for questioning by the staff of special counsel Ray H. Jenkins, hired by the subcommittee to conduct the inquiry.

One big question was whether McCarthy will take an active part in the hearings.

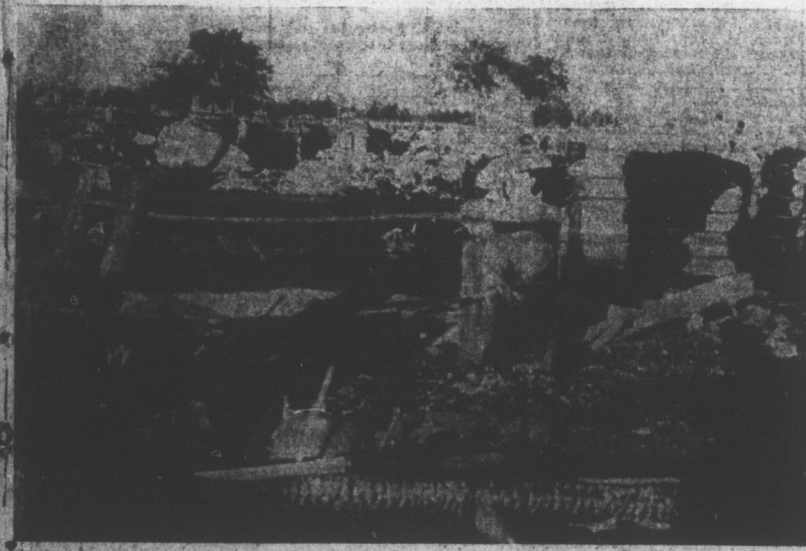
"I think it will be necessary for me to question all witnesses," McCarthy said as the session began. "That includes members of my staff and Pentagon politicians, too."

Acting Chairman Karl E. Mundt (R-SD) has said he thinks it would be best for McCarthy to stand aside completely—leaving the questioning to "active" subcommittee members and Jenkins.

Asked if he would appear also as (Continued On Page Five)



SCENE FROM A DISTANCE — One section of Dunn was blanketed by this huge billow of smoke which poured from the fire Friday afternoon. (Daily Record Photo.)



THE RUINS — Pictured here is the ruins of Planters Warehouse as it appeared late Sunday afternoon. Only portions of a small number of cotton bales were salvaged from the disastrous fire, worst in Dunn's history. (Daily Record Photo.)

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

BILL HAD NO TROUBLE GETTING HELP FOR JOB

In every great moment of impending danger or disaster, dramatic things happen. Many people rise to their greatest heights in time of trouble and crisis. When the worst is over, a person looks back and some of those episodes are still tragic, others humorous. But at the time there's nothing funny about them.

Friday night's big fire in Dunn had its moments.

One Dunn man, whom we won't embarrass by naming, was riding along and heard a report that a hurricane or tornado might strike in Eastern Carolina.

About that time, he looked ahead and saw the great billow of smoke pouring over the town. He pulled his car to the side of the highway and jumped into a big ditch, face down—just like a soldier does when a shell is about to explode.

He didn't come out for about a half hour, either.

A negro man who lives on the outskirts of Dunn saw the smoke and fire shooting up into the sky. He ran into the house and warned the wife, "The town's burning down. Let's get out of here. I'll take the car and you bring the baby. And, with that, he took the old cow and started down the road toward Black River just as fast as he and the cow could go.

At last report, he was almost to Godwin.

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Dunn Suffers Worst Fire In Its History

Workmen today were busy cleaning up the debris and still-smoldering ruins of the worst fire in the town's history.

McGeachey Rites To Be Tuesday

The Rev. David McLean McGeachey, 70, of Wade, died at his home Monday morning at 11:15 o'clock. He had been in ill health since October and seriously ill for three months.

One of the best known Presbyterian ministers of this section, he retired March 15 of this year after serving for five years as pastor of the Bluff group of churches in Cumberland County.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Bluff Presbyterian Church in Wade. Dr. S. A. Howie, of Fayetteville, and the Rev. C. M. Gibbs also of Fayetteville, will officiate. Burial will be in the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Cemetery at St. Pauls.

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For 35 years, he pastored the following churches: Oakland in Johns-

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The disastrous fire, apparently set off by a sharp bolt of lightning Friday afternoon at 5:40 o'clock, completely destroyed the huge Planters Warehouse, containing 60,000 square feet of floor space and 2,377 bales of cotton, and then spread to a large business building nextdoor and destroyed it.

Total damage has been unofficially estimated at from \$700,000 to \$900,000. Final tabulations have not yet been made on the loss, most of which was covered by insurance.

It was the worst fire in the town's entire history and firemen battled the fierce blaze until 2 a. m. and then kept a steady vigil for more than 24 hours to prevent its spread.

DEMOISHED QUICKLY The bolt of lightning struck with a loud, sharp crack and within an hour the huge warehouse was nothing but a burned out hull of debris.

Completely destroyed were the Planters Warehouse, owned by Emmett O. Edgerton and Clarence Lee Tark, and the large automobile dealership building just vacated by Naylor-Dickey Motors. The automobile concern moved out about a week and a half ago. This building was also owned by Tart and Edgerton.

Rodney Chestnut, local farm machinery dealer who occupied an office in the warehouse, reported that all the contents of his office were destroyed.

The cotton was owned by Erwin Mills, Inc.

The warehouse building was valued at an estimated \$150,000; value (Continued On Page Five)

Mrs. Petrov Goes Back To Russia

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — The petite blonde wife of Soviet diplomat Vladimir Petrov, who renounced his Red homeland, was marched aboard a plane here, shoeless and sobbing "save me, save me," for a one-way trip to Russia.

Hundreds of angry Australians grabbed at and jostled the two Russian guards who hustled Mrs. Petrov aboard the plane. Several refugee white Russians in the crowd shouted in Russian, "Don't go home! Don't go home!"

Circus Coming Here Tuesday

Late tonight the trucks of the Kelly and Morris Circus will start arriving. The first of the giant feet will be the cookhouse. After serving the evening meal to the many working men and performers, the cook house is immediately taken down and goes on ahead to the next city where it will have breakfast ready as the large fleet arrives.

The public will see a free show by going to the lot early tomorrow morning to watch the scores of men transform a vacant lot into a giant tented city and covered with acres of canvas, truly a city of a boyish dream of the sawdust and spangle and world of the circus.

ELEPHANTS TO HELP One will see the daily chore of the elephants in helping raise the giant big tent. Watch the young boys working carrying water and doing other chores to earn that coveted free pass to the big show.

The circus will come here from Laurinburg and exhibit at the Legion Fair Grounds under the auspices of V. F. W.

Many children will attend the matinee as guest of the local mer-

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THIS WAS DUNN'S EASTER STORY — Church services, glad rags and orchids tell the story of how Easter was celebrated in Dunn yesterday. Typical of church-going crowds was this one leaving services at the town's big First Baptist Church. You'll be able to recognize many well-known citizens in this picture. For other pictures of Dunn's Easter Parade, see Tomorrow's Daily Record.

Simone Does Strip Tease For Photogs

NEW YORK (AP) — Simone Silva, the 24-year-old actress who parlayed risqué photographs of herself with actor Robert Mitchum into a seven-year Hollywood contract, put on another strip-tease for photographers today when she landed at International Airport.

Miss Silva, rejoicing over her success in landing the long term movie and television contract, said "if I had known what these pictures would do for me, I would have done this much earlier."

Miss Silva said she now was under contract to Al Petkar, president of Bor-Petkar productions for both movie and television work.

GAVE HER A COLD She said she caught a cold when she stripped to a pair of shorts and posed with Mitchum at the Cannes, France, film festival recently.

Clad in a revealing black silk (Continued on page two)

Clifton Brock To Head Club

Members of the Scottish Rite Club of Dunn yesterday named Clifton H. Brock, Lillington, president for the new year.

The organization holds only two meetings during the year. They meet once Easter morning, and prior to Easter on Maundy Thursday — the Thursday preceding Easter. All of their activities are completed each year in those two meetings.

Other officers named at the meeting yesterday were: Frank A. Wilson of Dunn, vice-president; and Bert Alabaster, secretary and treasurer.

More Candidates File In Harnett

BY LOUIS BYRD, Record Staff Writer

A final flurry of filing by candidates on Saturday before the 6 p. m. deadline assured Harnett County voters going to the polls on May 29 that there will be contests among Democrats for almost every post from constable to sheriff.

For the first time in the history of the county, a primary vote also will be necessary to select party nominees among Republicans to oppose the Democrats in the Fall election.

Only three Democratic officeholders will enter the primary without opposition within the party.

Lofton A. Tart, Dunn banker, who is chairman of the county commissioners is unopposed in the primary. His Republican opponent will be J. E. Barefoot of Dunn.

Sidney G. Thomas of Broadway, Route 1, chairman of the county board of education, was assured another term in office as he had no opposition from his own or the Republicans.

Walter Lee Johnson of Lillington county surveyor, who filed as a Democrat for re-election also drew no opponent.

News Shorts

CHICAGO (AP) — A "gaspox" epidemic of mysteriously pitted automobile windshields spread eastward across the nation today from the Pacific Northwest where hundreds of car windows have been pocked in recent weeks. The cause of the so-called "ghostly" phenomenon had not been determined but, whatever it is, one atomic scientist said it is not radiation.

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — President Syngman Rhee moved today to send South Korean delegates to a Geneva conference but predicted the April 26 parley would prove the uselessness of trying to deal with the Reds.

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — Communist infantrymen blasted a bulge in Dien Bien Phu's main airbase defenses today, grabbing one-fourth of the vital runway in an assault from an outpost abandoned by the French.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Comptroller of the Currency Ray Glynn today called on all national banks to submit statements of condition as of April 15.

Easter Story Screamed Out In Headlines

The Easter message and the story of the resurrection of Christ was startling news at the Gospel Tabernacle Sunday morning.

As the service was in progress, four "news boys" rushed into church with an extra edition of the Jerusalem news.

The news rush was part of the planned program to make the people more aware of the resurrection, the Rev. B. T. Underwood said.

Headlines on the newspaper proclaimed, "Nazarene's Tomb Found Empty!" All stories in the copy-righted issue played around the resurrection of Christ as if it had just happened.

Below the lead story were shorter articles entitled "Temple Vell Rent," "Prophecy Fulfilled," and "Weather Experts Fail to Explain Earthquake."

News boys making the extra delivery to the church were, Billy Woodall, Exam Kirby, C. W. Surles Jr., and Billy Roberson.

For a while the congregation was frightened, Rev. Underwood said today, but everything was quiet again when they discovered what the newspapers contained.

Purdie Has Plan To Cut Food Bill

Purdie Equipment Company of Dunn today had an important announcement designed to cut the food bill of families by about 30 cents out of the dollar.

The Dunn furniture and appliance concern is giving away 223 packages of frozen food with the purchase of each General Electric food freezer.

In addition, Purdie will tell you where you can buy frozen foods at wholesale prices. An advertisement concerning the plan appears in today's issue of The Record.

"It's the biggest food development in years," declared Johnnie Purdie, owner of the company.

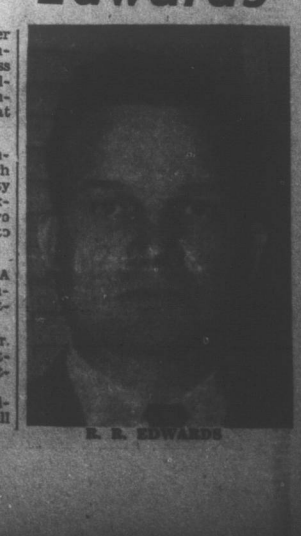
Appliance Dealers To Hear Edwards

R. R. Edwards of Dunn, manager of the South River Electric Membership Corporation, will address television, radio and appliance dealers of Harnett and Johnston counties Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the Woman's Club building here.

Plans for the meeting were announced this morning by Hugh Sills, secretary of the two-county organization, who said he was expecting every dealer in the two counties to send representatives to the meeting.

Mr. Edwards heads the big REA unit which serves about 8,000 members in five counties. He is an outstanding speaker.

In addition to the address by Mr. Edwards, important business matters will be discussed at this meeting, Mr. Sills said.



R. R. EDWARDS

+ Record Roundup +

LIGHT WEEKEND — For an Easter weekend, the Dunn Police Department had a light holiday. Fourteen arrests were listed on the records. They included: Annie Royals, Route 1, Godwin, drunk; Isaac Wilson, 708 E. Harnett, no license; Raymond Dewitt Howard, Route 3, Dunn, drunk; Owen Blue, Route 1, Dunn, drunk; Orange W. Mitchell, Ft. Bragg, no license; Walden McKay, Baltimore, Md., drunk; Charles A. Beasley, Route 2, Benson, drunk; David L. Harris, Ft. Bragg, no license; Dave Mack, Route 2, Dunn, drunk; Jack Rowles, Route 1, Beaufort, assault and trespassing.

MINOR ACCIDENT — Car damages estimated at \$500 resulted from a minor accident over the weekend in Dunn. Involved in the accident were Fletcher Lindsay Allen, Fayetteville, Route 6, Box 124, who was driving a 1949 Chevrolet; and Alvin Howard Page, Swin, Route 1, who was driving a 1950 Plymouth. Allen was going East on Broad Street and began to turn left on (Continued On Page Five)