

COLE TESTIFIES AT FHA PROBE



CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN - Today is circus day in Dunn and early this morning workmen of the Kelly Morris Circus, aided by four big elephants, began the big job of setting up the circus tents. Shown in this picture is "Big Blanche," billed as the world's largest elephant. The size of the elephant can be seen in comparison with the man and the circus wagon. Sponsored by the Dunn VFW Post, the circus gave one performance at 4 this afternoon and will present the final performance tonight at 8 o'clock. A capacity crowd is expected. (Daily Record Photo.)

These Little Things

LEON WANTS TO KNOW WHO OWNS COTTON YARD Mrs. Carl Fitchett, Sr., was commenting yesterday on how good it seems not to be in the drug store business. "When we ran the drug store," she recalled, "we had to work Easter Sunday, every other Sunday and all the holidays." Local theatre audiences have been high in their praise of the Elizabeth Taylor movie, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," showing for the last time tonight at the Stewart Theatre. All the girls at Johnson's had on the same dress Sunday. Lonnie Baldwin is planning to attend the execution at State Prison on the 23rd. He's using a Daily Record press pass to see it. Seavy Carrall, the candidate for Congress, is a former newsboy. He once hawked papers on the streets of Fayetteville. Dr. Travis White, guest evangelist, is making a big hit at the Hood Memorial Christian Church. Another large crowd turned out to hear him last night. City Commissioner Leon Godwin wants to know whether the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad or the Town of Dunn owns Lucknow Square. He checked the tax books and found out that nobody has been paying taxes on the property. If the railroad owns the land, says Godwin, it is going to have to dig down and pay taxes on it. There's been a dispute about that piece of property for years. Father Francis McCarty hopes to get a little rest after the Layman's meeting in Greensboro next week, but he knows him better than that. He never rests. The circus rolled into town late last night and began setting up this morning with great fanfare. One feature of the circus (Continued on Page Two)

Seven GOP Races In Harnett County

For the first time in history, Harnett Republicans will hold a primary this year, with contests for seven different offices. Harnett Republican Chairman J. O. West of Dunn called contests among the Republicans as "a sign of renewed interest in the party." That H. Pope, Jr. is unopposed for the Republican nomination for State House of Representatives. Other Republicans without opposition within the party are: Melrow McLeod for commissioner in District Four; Herman B. Fajerson, for commissioner in District Five; and Albert Sturles for constable in Aversboro Township. Republican candidates for commissioner in District I are: Billy Hodges and Elijah Barefoot. The two GOP candidates in District II are Clyde Ennis and Curran (Continued on page two)

Lennon Story On TV Tonite

RALEIGH (AP) - The largest television network ever arranged in North Carolina for a political telecast will feature a 15-minute film on Sen. Alton A. Lennon tonight. "The Alton Lennon Story" will be carried by seven North Carolina TV stations in addition to station WTAR-TV of Norfolk, Va., which serves several counties in the northeastern section of the state. The Lennon family will appear in the film which will carry background on the senator, show him at work in Washington and present the senator in a brief talk. The eight stations carrying the film tonight are WISN-TV, Asheville; WBTV, Charlotte; WAYS-TV, Charlotte; WMFX-TV, Raleigh and WTAR-TV. WTOB-TV of Winston-Salem will carry the telecast Thursday night.

Hemline More Vital Than Figure In This

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) - A beauty contest in which a hemline counts more than a bustline gets underway here Wednesday with 50 beautiful housewives competing for the title of Mrs. America of 1954. There will be beauty in abundance in the four-day competition with a neatly sewed seam and a deep-dish apple pie will count more than physical perfection with the judges. The 50 housewives from each of the 48 states, District of Columbia and Canada, have been selected from photographs and "favorite" requests to compete for the \$15,000 grand prize which includes a trip to Europe. EXPENSES PAID The contestants have received an all-expense paid trip to Elinor Villeda near here where each family will be assigned to an individual gas-equipped home. Mrs. America will have to cook, sew, iron, clean house, prepare menus, keep her husband and children happy and still manage to look fresh and beautiful in a bathing suit. All hubby and the kids have to do is back on one of Florida's more famous beaches and criticize mom's cooking. Each cottage has been supplied with an identical stock of food from which the potential Mrs. America must whip up tasty meals on short notice for her husband and children. Her menus will be judged. Mrs. America is not selected on any one phase of the program which includes special proficiency awards for personal attractiveness, cooking, sewing, housecleaning and homemaking ability. Judges will take each factor into consideration in the final judging.

FBI Reports Major Crimes Up 6 Per Cent

WASHINGTON (AP) - The FBI said today the number of major crimes jumped 6 per cent last year to a new record high, and warned that criminal acts are increasing four times as fast as the nation's population. It estimated that 2,159,080 major crimes were committed throughout the nation in 1953. The previous record year was 1952 when the FBI listed 2,036,510 crimes. The FBI said its figures were "considered conservative" because they do not include some major crimes such as arson, other sex crimes than rape, embezzlement and carrying concealed weapons. In its annual report on crime throughout the United States, the agency said the recent postwar upturn in major crimes "cannot be charged to an increase in population alone." "Crime is outstripping population rate of growth 4 to 1," it said. "Our population increased 5 per cent and crime jumped 20 per cent since 1950." NEW YORK LEADS The report said New York, the nation's largest city, led the country in the number of major crimes committed within its jurisdiction last year, with Chicago second in most categories. The FBI said, however, its statistics do not reflect a true city-by-city comparison because of differing local circumstances under which crimes are recorded and on which the report is based. But according to the report, New York had 321 murders in 1953 while Chicago had 291, Detroit 130, Houston 114, Los Angeles 82 and Atlanta and Washington 74 each. The top 10 cities in robberies ranged from New York's 8899 to Cleveland's 787. The FBI estimated that four million persons throughout the country (Continued on Page Eight)

Roosevelt May Divorce Wife

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - James Roosevelt today apparently tried to cut short unsavory personal publicity by threatening to file a divorce suit of his own unless his wife accepts a compromise property settlement and changes her separate maintenance suit to one for divorce. Roosevelt, a Democratic candidate for the congressional nomination in the 26th District, has been accused of adultery with 12 women by his wife, Romalle, in her present suit, which is still undecided. Roosevelt indicated in an "offer to compromise" application Monday that he would seek a divorce himself if she refused the offer. His offer said he would seek to amend his own suit for separate maintenance to a divorce complaint April 30. WIFE HAS NO COMMENT Mrs. Roosevelt made no comment on the offer, which substantially followed demands made in her suit. Her attorney, Arthur Schiffman, said, however, he had not yet read the offer. Attached to Mrs. Roosevelt's suit for separate maintenance, filed last Jan. 31, was a letter written by her husband in 1945 in which he admitted infidelities with nine women. Roosevelt, since repudiated the letter and a hearing on his request to have it removed from the case is scheduled for April 30. The Roosevelts have three children, James, 6, Michael Anthony, 7, and Anna Eleanor, 5. They were married in 1941.

Jaycees Begin Canteen Work

Dunn Jaycees today began work on an open air teen-age canteen in the City Park with plans for completion of the building this week. Floor for the canteen was poured last year. Woody Myers, publicity chairman of the Jaycees, said that completion of the canteen had been under consideration for sometime, but that work had proceeded as funds were available. O. W. Godwin, Sr., contractor of Dunn, has given his services as supervisor of the project, assisted by a number of Jaycees. Heading the construction committee are Norman J. Suttles, Hubert Peay, and Willie Biggs. When completed the building is expected to cost around \$1,500. The canteen will be open air style, and will be available for use in case out-door parties are rained out. In one end of the structure will be a large fire place to be used for roasting winners. Carpenters were busy today setting up the sides of the canteen and Jaycees will take over Thursday or late Wednesday to construct the top of the building.



PRETTY PAT PARADES - One of the prettiest Easter parades seen in Dunn Sunday was Mrs. Jimmy Coats, the former Miss Pat Snipes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Snipes. Pat is shown here as she left the First Baptist Church. For a full page of other Easter parades, look inside today's issue of The Daily Record.

Dunn To Be Host At Jaycee Event

Jaycees 125 strong are expected to attend a Seventh District dinner and election here tomorrow evening at Johnson's Restaurant. The dinner will be held at 7 o'clock.

News Shorts

NEW YORK (AP) - How editorial, mechanical and business ingenuity on the part of newspapers can meet the problems of rising costs and competition from other media was discussed today by publishers of the United States and Canada in their annual convention. The 58th convention of the American Newspaper Publishers Association devoted the day to clinical sessions. WASHINGTON (AP) - Democrats demanded that housing chief Albert M. Cole produce the details today of reported gambling and payoffs among officials of the scandal-ridden Federal Housing Administration. They also called for an explanation of why the administration abruptly fired FHA chief Guy T. O. Hollyday after endorsing his housing reforms. WASHINGTON (AP) - The Army offered the transcript of a Communist propaganda broadcast today in an effort to show that Cpl. Edward S. Dickenson was an informer and collaborator while a prisoner in Korea. Col. C. Robert Bard, chief prosecutor in court-martial of the young Crackers Neck, Va., soldier, promised he would prove a direct connection between the broadcast and the defendant. CHARLOTTE (AP) - Mrs. Lois Gwinn Deaton, 58-year-old widow, was found hanged in the garage of the home where she lived alone yesterday, police said today, and (Continued on page seven)

QUITE AN AFFAIR LYONS, France (AP) - Mr. and Mrs. Jean Bonnet of Montrotier, Monday night celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, the silver wedding anniversary of two of their children and the marriage of one of their grandchildren. CAMPBELL HONORED ATLANTA (AP) - W. D. Campbell of Southern Pines, N. C., has been presented the Lorillard Spencer Trophy for the outstanding progress of the Boy Scout region he heads as chairman. SHIVERS SEEKING His Third Term AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) - Gov. Allan Shivers put himself up for a third term yesterday, after speculation he might quit politics because of his family. "I will be a candidate," he said, in a radio broadcast yesterday, subject to the action of the Democratic primary on July 24, 1954, Shivers' statement said. Shivers, 46, will have served longer than any other Texas governor when his present term expires in January. Re-election would put him in a dominant position for the 1956 presidential campaign, as he was in 1952. That year he broke with Democratic candidate Adlai E. Stevenson and led the conservative faction of Texas Democrats into the Republican fold to vote for Dwight Eisenhower - only the second time the GOP has captured Texas' electoral vote. EQUIPMENT ARRIVES - More equipment for the H. P. Cannon Pepper Company has arrived according to Roy V. Tew, local representative for the concern. An official estimate of \$100,000 value has been set on the equipment to be used in the factory here. PLANS UNDERWAY - Norman J. Suttles, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, said today that plans are being drawn for the industrial building to be constructed here for the Behl-John-Sprague Factory. The local industrial organization announced last week that the building would be constructed soon.

Says He Asked White House To Fire Hollyday

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate investigators were told today that Guy T. O. Hollyday, fired as head of the Federal Housing Administration, accepted with praise the resignation of a high FHA official charged with heavy gambling and demanding money from people seeking FHA loans. Federal housing chief Albert M. Cole gave the testimony in explaining why the White House last week fired Hollyday without warning. Cole told the Senate Banking Committee that Hollyday's "administrative laxity" was the main reason for his abrupt dismissal. Among other things, he said, Hollyday sent a "laudatory letter" to a high FHA official who resigned, even though it was "well known" by Hollyday that the official was under FBI investigation. Cole did not identify the official he charged with "serious irregularities." But he said at one point that the man had been in charge of the rental apartment program. COLLUSION PROBED Cole testified that he had told Hollyday to investigate possible "collusion or negligence" in the apartment building program and that information indicated a high FHA official had been "gambling with large amounts" and had been "demanding money from people for the purpose of securing commitments from the FHA." ANDREWS TESTIFIES Internal Revenue Commissioner T. Coleman Andrews told another committee that stockholders reaped a 28 million dollar tax "bonanza" on profits from government-guaranteed loans which represented more than the cost of rental housing projects. The government hopes to recover most of it. He said that stockholders in corporations which received loans amounting to more than project costs have reported them as capital gains-taxable at 26 per cent - rather than regular income which could be taxed at a much higher rate. CAUSED HIGHER RENTS Sen. Harry F. Byrd, (D-Va.) told Andrews he had received estimates that rents in some of the rental projects had to be increased "15 to 20 per cent" in some cases 25 per cent "because of the windfall profits." At present, Andrews said, the Internal Revenue (Continued on page two)



PROMOTED - Jon Fitchett, shown here, has just been promoted to the rank of Sergeant at Georgia Military Academy in College Park, Ga., where he is a member of the tenth grade class. Sergeant Fitchett has also been named to the Color Guard. It is his second year at the famous military school. He recently won second place in the Georgia State High School Wrestling Tournament, and is also a leader in other academy student affairs. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitchett, Sr., of Dunn.

Author Of Twins Stories Is Dead

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) - Mrs. Lillian C. Garis, 81, who wrote the "Bobbye Twins" series under the pen name "Laura Lee Hope," died yesterday at a hospital. She was a native of Cleeland and a suffragette leader during World War I. She once was a staff writer for the Newark Evening News. Her husband, Howard R. Garis, who originated the "Uncle Wigley" stories for children, survives, as do a son, daughter and sister. Funeral services will be held tomorrow.

MRS WILLIAMS DIES

Mrs. Maggie Williams, 85, of Godwin died at 5:55 Tuesday morning in the Dunn Hospital after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in the Godwin Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in the Old Bluff church cemetery. The body will remain at the Hatcher-Skinner Funeral Home in Dunn until taken to the church to lie in state for one hour before the services.

Precinct Election Officials Named

The Harnett County Board of Elections has appointed precinct registrars and judges for the coming primary and general elections. Following is a list of the appointments: ANDERSON CREEK Polling Place: Community Bldg., E. L. Hill (D) Registrar, Bunnlevel, R-1; W. M. Thomas (D) Judge, Spring Lake R-1. AVERASBORO NO. 1 Polling Place: Harnett Motor Sales; Robert Draughon (D), Registrar, Dunn; L. C. Dupree (D) Judge, Dunn R-5; Willie Hobson (R) Judge, Dunn R-2. AVERASBORO NO. 2 Polling Place: Dunn Municipal Bldg.; A. N. Hudson (D) Registrar, Dunn; Jesse Capps (D) Judge, Dunn; Alvin Tart (R) Judge, Dunn R-4. AVERASBORO NO. 3 Polling Place: Woman's Club; Mrs. Jake Andrews (D) Registrar, Dunn; Charles H. Thornton (D), Judge, Dunn; Thad H. Pope (R) Judge, Dunn. AVERASBORO NO. 4 Polling Place: Dunn High School Bldg.; J. E. Williams (D) Registrar, Dunn; P. G. Altman (D) Judge, Dunn; M. E. Hopson (R) Judge, Dunn. BARBECUE Polling Place: Mack Cameron's (Continued on page two)

Coast Line Special Derailed At Dillon

DILLON, S. C. (AP) - The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad's Everglades Special smashed into a gasoline tank truck at a crossing today, derailling five express and mail cars, and spilling more than 5,000 gallons of flaming gasoline. None of the passengers or crewmen on the train was hurt but Luther Pyndall, driver of the tank truck, received burns on his hands and face. The tanker was owned by Beard-Laney Transport Co., of Camden, S. C. The crash occurred about 8 a.m. at a crossing in the center of Dillon, S. C., a town of 1,500 people. One year ago last night, the A.C.L.'s crack steamliner Champion leaped into a tobacco field one mile south of here on its northbound run to New York. Five persons were killed and 150 injured. The Everglades Special was northbound from Miami to New York when today's crash occurred. The engine and two cars were badly damaged and two automobiles and a garage near the railroad tracks were also burned as the flaming gasoline spread. Some 300 yards of track was torn up and the tank trailer was knocked about 100 yards by the impact. Both the northbound and southbound tracks of the railroad's main line were damaged, but traffic was detoured around a side track. A wrecking crew from Rocky Mount (Continued on page two)