



DUNN SHRINERS IN ATLANTIC CITY — The three Dunn Shriners shown here took time out during the annual convention in Atlantic City to do some fishing. Left to right are Thad H. Pope, Mayor Ralph E. Hanna and Willie Moff. They're shown with about 50 or 75 porgies they caught in three hours of fishing at the famous resort.

Dulles Says Hopes For Peace Agreement On Indo-China Good

Smith Is Going To Geneva Meet At Early Date

PARIS (AP) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will return tonight to the United States, but his chief assistant will fly to Geneva for showdown phases of the peace talks on Indochina.

An official announcement issued here and in Washington said Undersecretary Walter Bedell Smith will be in Geneva soon.

The United States abandoned its "hands-off" policy after emergency meetings which began last night and concluded today among Dulles, French Premier Pierre Mendes-France and Britain's Anthony Eden.



DAVID POPE

Pope Is Named To Sears Post

David L. Pope, well-known Dunn man, has been named as outside sales representative for Sears Catalog Sales Office in Dunn and has already begun his new duties. His appointment was announced today by Mrs. Beulah Heffling, manager of the Dunn Sears store.

As outside sales representative, Mr. Pope will provide a personalizing service for the convenience of citizens throughout the area.

He will be available to advise and assist citizens with farm equipment, home appliances, plumbing and heating and numerous other purchasing problems.

Mr. Pope is a native of Angier, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pope.

WELL KNOWN HERE For five and a half years, he operated the Dunn Sport Center but sold the business when he entered military service. He completed his military duties last February and has been connected with the W. B. Warren Company in Dunn.

Mr. Pope is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Baptist Church and the American Legion.

He married the former Miss Beulah Tew, daughter of Mrs. Roy Tew, Sr. and the late Mr. Tew.

Mr. Pope extends to the public a cordial invitation to call on him at Sears.

Jim Alexander of Greensboro, sales supervisor for Sears, has been in Dunn this week familiarizing Mr. Pope with his new duties.

301 Link Bids To Be Opened

The State Highway Commission announced today that bids will be opened July 27 on 53 projects for 330.86 miles of road improvement in 53 counties. Included in the projects will be nine miles of grading and structure work on the new section of Highway 301 through Harnett County.

Bids will be reviewed by the Commission's 14 members with Highway Chairman A. H. Graham and State Highway Engineer W. H. (Continued On Page Two)

Savage Heat Wave Is In Its 3rd Day

By UNITED PRESS ... The most savage heat wave of the summer burned in to its third day today. But it showed signs of weakening at the edges.

The weather bureau said cool Canadian and Pacific air would completely envelop the Midwest by tonight and temperatures fell a few degrees in the blazing Southwest. However, no real relief was expected for the nation's southern half. Forecasters gloomily predicted more 100-degree scorches and fallen heat records.

The heat has been blamed for at least five deaths in the last three days. Scores of persons have collapsed—28 in St. Louis alone.

One fatality was 8-month-old Lester Lee Cantrall. He died in his parents' suffocating trailer home at Springfield, Ill., yesterday.

DROUGHT IN WEST Weather bureaus throughout the country continued to report new heat records. All-time highs were set yesterday at Tulsa, Okla., with 111 degrees, and at Springfield, Mo., with 108. Three Kansas cities—Chanute, Olathe and Emporia—suffered 114 degrees.

In Kansas the heat has been the most intense in 18 years and there was no sign of relief. Corn prospects, particularly in southeast and east-central Kansas, fell with every day the heat continued.

In Oklahoma rain has been only a third of normal; for the past six weeks and experts said a general downpour and lower temperatures are "urgently needed" to prevent serious crop damage.



GOODBYE — Pretty Miss Becky Lee, "Miss Dunn of 1954," is pictured above as she received a goodbye from Jaycee President Hubert Feay. However, Feay will be seeing Miss Lee in Burlington as he and a large delegation expect to attend the pageant. The Dunn Beauty was entertained at an informal luncheon today at Johnson's Restaurant. (Daily Record Photo)

Ike Will Continue Fight For Program

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said today he considers yesterday's rejection of his health insurance plan by the House as only a temporary defeat.

He said at his news conference this would have to be studied by the health program as long as he is president. He reiterated his opposition to socialized medicine.

But he said some plan must be put into effect that will bring the best of medical care to lower income groups.

In other news conference highlights he also said: 1. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles went to Paris mainly for the purpose of keeping intact a united front on basic principles with France and Great Britain. Undersecretary of State Walter Bedell Smith is going to Geneva for the final phase of the Indochinese talks.

PLUGS FAIR TAX BILL 2. He stoutly plugged for the administration tax bill which went into House - Senate conference today. He hoped the conferees would act promptly.

3. He had no definite plan for financing his suggested 50-billion-highway improvement program which he submitted to the National Governor's Conference. He said (Continued On Page Two)

Hood Funeral Services Set

Mrs. Mamie Bassford Hood, 67, widely-known Dunn business woman died early Wednesday morning in the Dunn Hospital.

She was a native of Fairmount, Maryland, the daughter of the late George W. and Drusilla Revell Bassford. She was educated in the Maryland schools.

In 1910 she married the late Henry D. Hood, Jr. and they moved to Dunn in 1922 where she was active in the business life, having participated in the operation of the Dunn Family Laundry as long as her health permitted.

Mrs. Hood was a charter member and past Matron of the Ocean View, Virginia Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, having been a member for more than 35 years. She was a member of Divine Street Methodist Church.

FUNERAL AT HOME Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday morning at 11:00 a.m. from the home. The (Continued On Page Two)

Wife Leaves Sad Hearts; Pays Price

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (UP) — A retired New York policeman shot and killed his estranged wife, whom he accused of leaving a "string of broken hearts from California to Florida," and then turned the gun on himself today because "there is no law to punish her."

Alice Hoppe, 35, a thrice-married ex-dancing instructor, was shot as she stepped from her automobile in a parking lot here at the Madeira Beach bank where she worked as a teller.

Officers said her husband, Albert V. Hoppe, 53, fired two bullets into his wife and then shot himself. Mrs. Hoppe was dead upon arrival at the hospital. Hoppe died an hour later.

The couple was married, officers said, about 15 or 18 months ago and separated two months ago. She has a 6-year-old son by a previous marriage. Edgar Bacon Jr., whose father lives in Chicago.

Hoppe, who retired as a New York policeman and came here in 1949, left a long note addressed "to the press" and several envelopes contained unpaid bills and the money to pay them. Also he left \$25 for the St. Petersburg policeman "who cleans up this mess," probably remembering his duties as a New York cop.

His note to the press, which detectives made available to reporters, said:

SAYS SHE'S RUTHLESS "You might say that I am a psycho. But I am not. When you (Continued On Page Two)

Burlington Ready For Big Pageant

BURLINGTON (AP) — Thirty-three of North Carolina's most beautiful girls will begin three days of competition here tomorrow for the title of Miss North Carolina of 1955 in the annual state beauty pageant.

Winner of the contest will represent North Carolina in the Miss America contest in September. She will receive a complete wardrobe especially designed and tailored, a \$1,000 Elon College scholarship and an expense-paid beach vacation at Morehead City.

The winner and three runners-up together with the girl selected as Miss Congeniality will receive trophies. Medals will be awarded the six divisional winners in bathing suit and talent competition.

HERE'S WHAT COUNTS Judging for the state contest, copied after that of the Miss America pageant, will be 25 per cent beauty of face, 25 per cent beauty of figure, 25 per cent poise and personality, and 25 per cent talent.

Judges will include Evelyn Ay. Miss America of 1954; Barbara Ann Crockett of Winston-Salem, Miss North Carolina of 1954, modeling agency executive Walter Thornton, movie and TV actress Donna Marshall; pianist Jerry Ball, radio and TV personality Grady Cole of Charlotte and Bucky Snyder of High Point, Junior Chamber of Commerce representative.

JAYCEE PROJECT The pageant is sponsored by the state Jaycees.

Registration by contestants started today and rehearsals are scheduled tomorrow morning. The pageant will open officially tomorrow night. One third of the contestants will take part in each of three divisions each night, appearing once each in bathing suits, evening gowns and in a talent performance.

The contest parade is scheduled Friday afternoon.

The North Carolina Press Photographers Assn. will hold its two-day annual convention here Friday and Saturday. Prizes will be awarded for the best press pictures of the winner published in state newspapers.

These Little Things

By ROOVER ADAMS

LITTLE NOTES ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Conner of Dunn celebrated their first wedding anniversary a couple of weeks ago and invited a few of their close friends in to help them celebrate.

The pleasant surprise of the evening came when Mr. Conner brought out half of their wedding cake and served it.

Yep, it was some of the same as served at their wedding reception. Mrs. Conner had all of the cake that was left over frozen and saved it for their first wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Conner and their guests found that the cake was just as delicious, possibly even better, than when they cut it on their wedding date.

It was a very clever idea.

THINGAMAJIGS: Norwood Stephenson, back from a vacation, says he needs another now to rest up. The \$250,000 damage suit, scheduled to be filed yesterday in Harnett, didn't materialize. . . . After two weeks of conferences with attorneys, the man considering the suit decided to let well enough alone. . . . Louis Bear this week found the group of "bachelor" husbands whose wives are away on vacation. . . . He's been eating alone, going from one restaurant to another. . . . Mrs. Bear is at the beach. . . . Jaycee President Hubert Feay plans to attend the "Miss North Carolina Pageant Every Night" . . . Dunn's entry, Miss Becky Lee, did herself proud last night on her television appearance over WNAO. . . . She was terrific.

Many Harnett members of the Ogburn held Sunday at Durham.

BIRTHDAYS—Celebrating birthdays today are Rev. Sam G. Dodds. (Continued On Page Two)

Doffermire Case Nearing Jury After All-Day Trial

Everette L. Doffermire, prominent Dunn attorney and president of the Harnett County Bar Association, went on trial today in Dunn's City Court on a charge of public drunkenness and resisting arrest.

A six-man jury, one of whom is Negro, is hearing the hotly-contested case which was expected to last all day and possibly may not be finished until Thursday.

Doffermire, one of the best known and among the most successful lawyers in Eastern Carolina, was arrested on the night of June 18 and charged with public drunkenness and resisting arrest.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY Through his three attorneys, Doffermire entered a formal plea of not guilty to all charges and put the burden of proof on the State.

Nestled dressed in a conservative brown suit, Doffermire sat with a serious look, flanked by three of the county's top attorneys, State

Senator J. Robert Young, Former Superior Court Judge Howard G. Godwin, and Archie Taylor, former Sergeant-at-arms of the State Senate.

City Solicitor J. Shepard Bryan is prosecuting the case for the State and is appearing alone. City Judge H. Paul Strickland is presiding.

Selection of the jury required more than an hour. On the jury are: George Jackson, James C. Johnson, Wallace Ray Core, Raymond Altman, L. B. Barefoot and (Continued On Page Two)

BULLETINS

SHANNON, Ireland (AP) — Officials at Shannon Airport said today Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens, a key figure in the Army-McCarthy hearings, really was in McCarthyland when he passed through here recently. Jack McCarthy was on duty in the control tower when Stevens' special plane landed and Charlie McCarthy was in charge of airport operations. John and Jack McCarthy cleared the secretary through customs. (Continued On Page Two)

+ Record Roundup +

MUSICAL VARIETIES SCHEDULE—Mrs. Reta Whittenton has announced her Musical Varieties schedule for the remainder of this week. Her program is heard each week day at 3 o'clock over Radio Station WOKB. Mrs. Whittenton rendered a program of organ numbers today from her home. Tomorrow, Miss Linda Whittenton will appear on the program with a

series of piano selections and Friday's guest will be Mrs. Cohen Tart. Accompanied by Mrs. Whittenton, Mrs. Tart will sing several solo numbers.

HIGH POINT UP — Joseph I. Alexander, 71-year-old furniture worker, shot and killed his wife in their darkened home here last night, thinking she was a prowler.

All-Night Liquor Party Figures In Thorne Death

CHICAGO (AP) — Six persons who attended an all-night "bring your own bottle" party were expected to testify today at the inquest into the strange death of mall order heir Montgomery Ward Thorne.

The hearing room dramas were matched by an autopsy of Thorne's exhumed body, scheduled to take place at the same time.

The all-night party, which may hold the clue of how "Monty" spent his last hours, held the spotlight as the marathon inquest resumed. Thorne, heir to \$1,500,000 was found dead in his one-room studio apartment. His body, clad only in

shorts, was sprawled across the bed, surrounded by evidence of sex narcotics passion.

The body was dug up Tuesday on the recommendation of four top pathologists. The experts had borne out a coroner's physicians report that Thorne died of an alcohol-narcotics combination.

SEEK CLUES TO DEATH The pathologists hoped to find

new clues of what killed Thorne at today's autopsy. The board of experts also included physicians representing Mrs. Marion Thorne, "Monty's" wealthy mother, and 15-year-old Maureen Regan, his blood-sweetheart.

GIRL LEFT FORTUNE Thorne, great grandson of a founder of the Montgomery Ward mail order firm, left Mrs. Regan half his fortune in a will made nine days before his death. A fourth went to his stepmother, Mrs. Alice Regan, and his own mother, the sole beneficiary (Continued on page two)