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EDDIE PORTER

Eddie Porter New Johnson's Organist

Eddie Porter, the new organist at Johnson's Restaurant in Dunn, is a man who started out playing the organ just for the fun of it and ended up as a professional who scores a big hit wherever he plays.

These Little Things

By ROOPER ADAMS

FERRY COMO PLANNING VISIT HERE NEXT MONTH

Ferry Como, the singing celebrity of the Chesterfield program, is planning a visit to Dunn the last week in August.

He's an old boyhood friend of Joe Santa, owner of the Big-4 Restaurant here. They grew up in the same neighborhood back in Cleveland and throughout the years have remained the closest of friends.

Joe is opening a new restaurant in Charlotte next month and Como is timing his visit to be on hand to wish Joe success in his new undertaking. Joe said today that he plans to bring Como to Dunn for a couple of days. He wants him to meet all his friends here.

He had a letter from Como yesterday, in which the singer said he expects to be in Dunn for the weekend of August 29-31.

There's no doubt about it, the Big-4 Restaurant is going to be a mighty popular place. According to frequent appearances here, but will probably visit the tobacco market one day.

It'll be strictly a personal visit (Continued On Page Two)

Harnett's Budget Nearly 11-2 Million

Adoption this week of the 1954-55 budget by the county commissioners places the operation of Harnett County, as has been true for several years, in the classification of a million dollar business.

The budget calls for spending \$1,110,428 during the coming fiscal year from July, 1954 to June 1955. This sum includes money from all sources of revenues, county, state and federal governments.

Total amount the county expects to spend has been brought essentially in line with the anticipated revenues. That's the purpose of a balanced budget explained County Auditor B. Vason, Jr. who with commissioners has been busy for several weeks preparing budget requests to make fit with expected tax revenues.

Although the new budget total of \$1,110,428 is slightly higher than the \$1,112,065 called for last year, tax payers will pay five cents less on the hundred dollar valuation. Commissioners have fixed the tax rate at \$1.25 on the hundred dollar valuation, in contrast to the \$1.30 in effect during 1953-54.

Commissioner Worth Lee Byrd, county purchasing agent who made the motion to accept the budget, credited increase in operating expenses with making possible the reduction in the tax rate. In the new budget, commissioners provided ten dollar, month release (Continued On Page Two)

Schools Expect Enrollment Of Over A Million

RALEIGH (AP) — North Carolina's public schools face for the first time a possible enrollment of more than one million children in September.

Facilities are inadequate and the supply of qualified teachers far short for such an enrollment, authorities said today.

The record number of school children probably will result from an unexpected increase of some 53,700 students over enrollment estimates for the 1954-55 school year.

H. C. West, State Education Department statistician, said the Board of Education has noted from budget estimates an "unusual increase" of elementary students during the last school year. Budget requests submitted by city and county schools indicate that the increase may amount to 25,000 students, he said. The Southern Regional Educational Board has previously estimated an increase of 28,700 this September.

Nile F. Hunt, co-ordinator of teacher education, said the high enrollment is due to an increase of first graders following an upsurge in the number of births after World War II. The full impact of the high birth rate hit most of the nation's schools as was expected in the 1952-53 school year, but did not strike North Carolina until last year, he added.

Situation Difficult

Present estimates made by the regional board on figures furnished by the State Education Department show an expected enrollment of 983,000 children in September in comparison to an estimated enrollment of 955,000 last September. The more recent estimate places enrollment at 1,008,700.

Hunt said the situation is "difficult" but not "alarming." "We shall need each year for the next several years roughly 1,500 new elementary and 1,000 new white high school teachers, and this is a conservative estimate," he said.

However, Hunt added that he doesn't expect the supply of new teachers in September to be any greater than the 1,925 of last September, which was 582 less than the 2,517 needed as estimated by the department. There is no shortage of Negro teachers, he said.

Need More Classrooms

John L. Cameron, director of the division of school planning, said "it is safe to assume" that classroom needs this year will be similar to those in September 1953 when 7,783 new rooms were needed at a total cost of \$75,523,000. The cost of such facilities as auditoriums, gymnasiums and lunchrooms was estimated at \$118,270,000.

Cameron said his department has not completed reports on how many of the needs were met in the past year. To meet the cost of school year, the state has sold 20 million dollars in school construction bonds. Another 30 million dollars in bonds are to be sold at a time designated by the State Board of Education. Counties, at last report, had sold \$12,615,000 in school construction bonds. In addition, about 10 million dollars from local taxes are expected to go toward school construction.

The accident occurred three miles north of Fayetteville when the station wagon in which Mrs. Davis was riding collided head-on with a truck driven by Hollis Conner. (Continued On Page Three)

Mrs. Jessie Davis Injured In Wreck

Mrs. Jessie Davis of Dunn is in Highsmith Hospital at Fayetteville with a fractured pelvis and other injuries as the result of an accident on Highway 301 near Fayetteville with a fractured pelvis and other injuries as the result of an accident on Highway 301 near Fayetteville Tuesday night at 10:40 o'clock.

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Uzzle Gives Tax Figures

Dunn's City Manager A. B. Uzzle estimated today that the town will receive approximately \$123,985 in taxes this year. This estimate was made in the 1954-55 budget adopted yesterday by the City Council.

Figuring income of the town, Uzzle said that in addition to the taxes collected this year, the following income should be realized from back taxes: 1953 \$6,000; 1952, \$3,000; and 1951, \$1,000.

Besides taxes, the town will probably receive \$1,400 from tax penalties and cost, the City Manager added.

Total income from taxes was estimated in the budget at \$134,000. The income from this source was cut by an over-payment of \$2,500 in 1953-54 by Carolina Telephone (Continued On Page Two)



CAROL WILKINSON, 18, of St. Louis, who will represent Missouri in the "Miss America" pageant in Atlantic City, N. J., is shown cooling her feet in a pool after winning the state title. Carol sings, is 5 feet 4, weighs 110 and has a 38 bust, 35 hips and 23 waist. (Inset on page 4)

2,500 Honor Cohn At Dinner Party

NEW YORK (AP) — Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy said Wednesday night he would continue to draw on the "background and knowledge" of his former aide, Roy M. Cohn, in his fight against Communism.

The Wisconsin Republican spoke at a dinner in honor of Cohn, who resigned as counsel to McCarthy's Senate investigating subcommittee after the Army-McCarthy hearings.

"Roy thinks he has resigned," McCarthy said. "I want to tell Roy Cohn he has not and cannot ever resign as long as I am chairman of the committee. I will draw as heavily as I can on his background and knowledge of Communism."

About 2,500 persons attended the dinner for Cohn, who was a central figure in the Army-McCarthy hearings. He was accused of putting pressure on the Army to put special favors for Pvt. G. David Schine, drafted former consultant to the subcommittee.

CALLS COHN "VICTIM" McCarthy said that his former aide was "one of the many victims of the fight against Communism."

"But Roy will never be a victim of anything," McCarthy added. "He has too much good old American guts."

Farouk Is Unhappy; Outshined By Muggs

ROME (AP)—Former King Farouk of Egypt left a swank nightclub today to avoid having his picture taken with J. Fred Muggs, the chimpanzee.

"It is better that I go," Farouk said. Muggs, on a touring vacation from his television shows, had been invited by the management of the Belvedere Nightclub for dinner and a look at the floor show.

Hardly had two oriental belly-dancers started swaying on the club's marbled floor before cameramen arrived to photograph the brawny chimp.

Then the photographers noted Farouk, his blonde girl friend, Irma Capucci Minutolo, and his bodyguards were sitting right behind Muggs' ringside table.

GOT ANNOYED

Farouk had been annoyed because Muggs was getting more attention.

Then, as a matter of courtesy, a photographer approached Farouk and informed him the picture would be taken and used to be surprised when the flashbulbs popped. Farouk did not seem to mind the explosion of the flashbulbs, but he balked when informed he would be part of the picture.

Farouk, Irma and the bodyguards returned about two hours later but took a table far away from Muggs.

Muggs was not invited by the ex-royal slight. He had sprawled wearily on his hairy back and fallen asleep.

Notes Returned; But U. S. Will Press Matter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Red China has rejected two American protests based on airplane clashes — in which a British airliner and two Red fighters were downed — over the South China Sea. But this government will continue to press the matter.

State Department press officer Henry Snyder, who announced the rejection today, said the matter "will not be permitted to rest there." He would not give any details as to future American action.

Minutes after Snyder first told newsmen of the rejection, he held a second brief news conference to announce that the two American notes had been physically returned by the Chinese — an unusually brusque action in diplomacy.

The notes were originally delivered to Chinese Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Chang Han-fu in Peiping by British Charge d'Affaires Humphrey Trevelyan. This channel was used by the United States since it does not have diplomatic relations with Red China.

Reds Add Insult

Later yesterday in Peiping, a Chinese official handed the two aide memos notes to a member of Mr. Trevelyan's staff, saying that Mr. Trevelyan had forgotten to take them with him," Snyder said.

This Chinese gesture was regarded in diplomatic quarters as adding a deliberately intended insult to the previous verbal rejections of the U. S. protests voiced by the Chinese Foreign Office official to Trevelyan.

Chinese Communist fighter planes last Friday shot down a British Cathay Pacific commercial airliner over the high seas off Hainan Island.

Ten persons, including three Americans, died in the airliner. Eight others were plucked from the sea in a daring rescue carried out by U. S. planes.

Officers Get Three Stills

Three submarine liquor stills, 1,900 gallons of beer, three condensers, and 50 gallons of white liquor were captured with two white men this morning by Harnett County's five rural police in one of the largest raids made in the county in several months.

Officer C. E. Moore said this afternoon that the still was taken just off Highway 40 between Coats and Benson.

Arrested at the operation were Wallace W. Moore, 18-year-old white youth of Benson and James Johnson, 16-year-old youth.

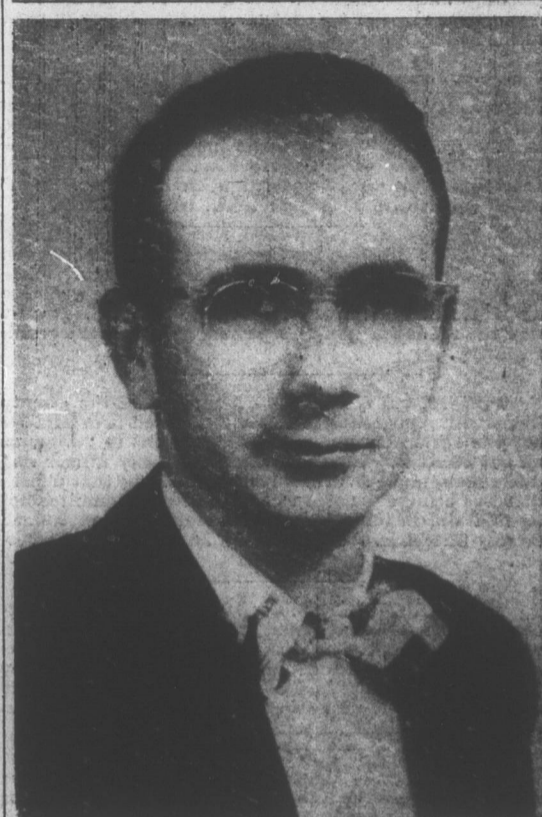
After discovering the stills, the five rural police secured a search warrant and searched the property of Felo Lee, on the road just in front of the still, and took 78 half gallon jars of white liquor.

The two youths were charged with possession of illegal liquor for the purpose of sale.

Officer Moore stated that the path back of Lee's home led to the still, but there was no way of being sure it was his operation.

In addition to the three large submarine stills, the operation had condensers, barrels, and other machinery for full operation. The 50 gallons of white liquor had just recently been run, Moore stated.

Assisting in the raid were B. E. Sturgill, A. W. O'Quinn, Wade Stewart, J. E. Byrd and Moore.



REV. JACK M. DANIEL

Georgia Minister Accepts Pastorate

The Rev. Jack M. Daniel, pastor of the First Christian Church at Marietta, Ga. has accepted the pastorate of the Hood Memorial Christian Church of Dunn and will assume his duties here September 15.

Dr. George Cuthrell who became pastor of the local church January 1, 1945, will retire September 1. The Cuthrells will still make their home in Dunn. During his term here, Dr. Cuthrell has served for several terms as president of the local Ministerial Association. He resigned from that position last year and was given high praise by other ministers here.

Rev. Daniel was born in Oconee County, Georgia, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Daniel of Bogart, Ga. He attended public school at Bogart and graduated valedictorian in 1944.

ACC GRADUATE

After attending the University of Georgia for one year, Rev. Daniel transferred to Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, where he was graduated with honors in 1947, receiving the A. B. degree. He then attended College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., and was graduated in 1950 with a B. D. degree.

Rev. Daniel became pastor of the First Christian Church of Marietta in July, 1950, when the congregation was only one year old. Since then, the membership has grown from 77 to 207.

In Marietta Rev. Daniel has been active in the Ministerial Association, served as vice president in 1953, president in 1954; and also served on the Board of Trustees of the Southern Christian Home, Atlanta, Ga. He has also served on (Continued on page eight)

Slayer Falls In Love On Death Row

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (UP) — Convict author Caryl Chessman, awaiting death in the San Quentin Prison gas chamber Friday, has formed a romantic attachment in his last hours for a young Los Angeles divorcee.

Chessman reluctantly disclosed that the woman who "means a great deal to me" is Mrs. Frances Couturier, 23, a brown-haired mother of two, who has been visiting him in Death Row at San Quentin once a month.

Wednesday she was allowed a special one-hour meeting with the man she met through correspondence.

Mrs. Couturier wrote letters for Chessman's father to his son when she was the elder Chessman's housekeeper. Finally she began making visits to the prison.

Would Go Straight Chessman revealed his attachment to Mrs. Couturier while telling reporters what he would do if he gets a reprieve.

"I'd never be in trouble again. I'm reasonably sure," he said. (Continued on Page Eight)

Woman Bound Over On Forgery Charge

Geraldine McDowell, 21-year-old Negro woman, was bound over to Harnett County Superior Court under a \$300 bond today in Recorder's Court on a charge of forgery.

The woman was picked up Tuesday of this week after she attempted to cash a \$48 check on the account of Harvey T. Hinson at the First Citizens Bank of Dunn. Geraldine took the stand in Recorder's Court today and admitted attempting to cash the check. However, she told the judge that she "intended to pay it back."

"I just needed \$48 to pay some debts," she explained to Judge H. Paul Strickland.

The attempt forgery was discovered when the check was presented for payment, and the woman taken into custody soon after leaving the bank by Dunn police. While talking to Earl Mahone, vice president of the bank, Geraldine suddenly began coughing and explained that she was sick and had to go outside. Later she left the bank but was followed by E. M. Whitehead until she was arrested by the local police.

Other cases docketed in court here today included: Marshall G. Barrow, reading (Continued on Page Eight)

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POSTPONED—Dr. Oscar Pearce, Dunn dentist, and Dr. Belmont E. Hittell, local veterinarian, said today that the operation on "Charlie" a baboon who has two infected teeth, had been postponed until Friday night. The operation had been scheduled for last night.

TAX REVENUE — Dunn's share of the State Intangible taxes will be \$4,521.09 according to an announcement released by Raleigh yesterday. Harnett County's share of the fund will be \$13,748.21 the announcement stated. Other areas towns and the amounts listed to them included: Apple, \$13,375; Coats, \$29,149; and Lillington, \$17,123. Johnston County received \$84,223.25 while Cumberland County's share of the fund was \$2,282.25 and Scotland was \$17,242.25. Benson received a total of \$27,225.

Sparrows Look In On Dunn's Court

Dunn Recorder's Court had two uninvited guests this morning. No one even issued a copias for them — they just flew in.

While Judge H. Paul Strickland attempted to administer justice, a pair of sparrows fluttered back and forth across the court room. Occasionally they pitched over his forehead and peered down.

Both guests remained after court was over and flew back and forth across the high ceiling of the room.