

5 KILLED IN WHISKEY PLANT FIRE

Currin Leads Fight On Delayed Opening

Border Markets Ars Asking Later Date

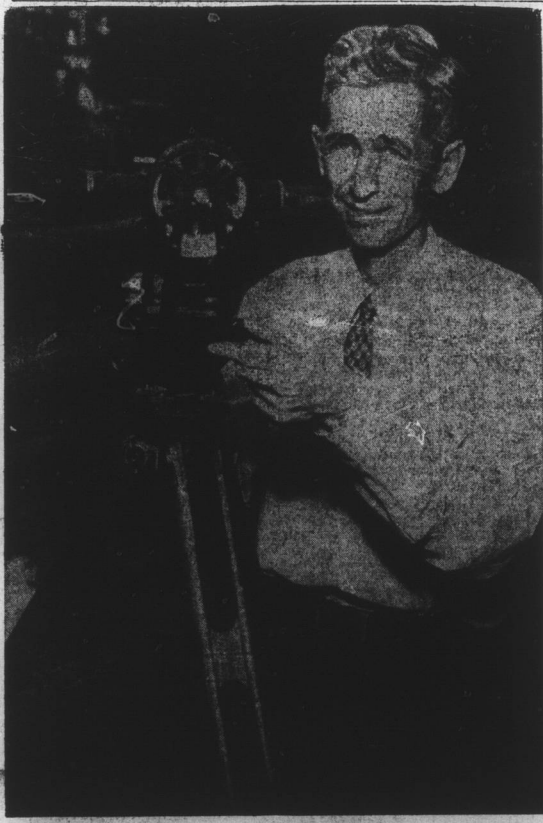
Buck Currin, prominent Dunn tobaccoist and chairman of a six-market committee which is opposing a delay in opening of the Eastern Belt, today expressed hope that no attempt will be made to delay the opening, tentatively set for August 17th.

He said that a delay in the opening could cause "great dissension and misunderstanding" and said six markets are anticipating withdrawing from the Bright Belt Warehouse Association if a delay results.

"Actually," said Currin, "a delay in the opening would automatically force us out of the association regardless of how badly we wanted to stay in."

Towns fighting the proposed delay are Dunn, Wallace, Clinton, Kingston, Goldsboro and Smithfield. They organized for the fight and named Currin as chairman at an earlier meeting.

Norman Shepard of Smithfield (Continued on Page Two)



SURVEYS STREET - Dunn's City Manager A. B. Uzzie is pictured above as he surveyed N. Orange Street yesterday during the widening project there. The street is being widened in front of the High School to 31 and a half feet. Uzzie is completing his second year with the town this month. (Daily Record Photo)

These Little Things By ROOPER ADAMS

NOTES AT RANDOM: SIGHS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cromartie have moved into their new home on North Orange Avenue... There had plenty of help, too... There were about a dozen cars parked out front... All the children and all the in-laws, along with friends, were out to help them... "How in the world could you get any work done with all that crowd in the way?" we asked Libby Ray... "That's the secret of it," she laughed. "Daddy loves for them to come, then he just stands around and watches them do the work..."

Speech Instructor Assigned Harnett

Children in Harnett County Negro Schools this Fall will benefit from the services of a trained speech correctionist. Beaman Kelley, county supervisor of instruction, said today that a new special education teacher, Mrs. Mildred B. Holloway of Raleigh, has been employed by the county board of education. The new teacher, who is a native of Shawtown near Lillington, was graduated from Shaw University in Raleigh. She also has taken special courses in speech correction at N. C. College in Durham where she was a pupil of Mrs. H. H. Boulware, outstanding speech teacher, who is a regular member of the St. Augustine College faculty in Raleigh.

4-County Ginners Will Gather Here

Cotton ginners from four counties will gather at the General Utility Company in Dunn Monday for an all-day ginning school to be conducted by manufacturers' representatives and State and Federal ginning specialists.

Plans for the meeting, sponsored by the Four-County Ginners Association, were announced here today by Harnett Farm Agent C. R. Ammons. Marvin Johnson of Smithfield is president of the association, comprised of the counties of Harnett, Johnston, Cumberland and Sampson.

The purpose of the school is to discuss the latest developments in ginning procedures, to give operators better instruction and help in turning out better samples.

TILGHMAN HOST Myres Tilghman of Dunn, owner of General Utility Company and president of the Carolina's Ginners Association, will be host to the group. J. C. Ferguson, ginning engineer, will be in charge.

Kelley said he and Miss Willa Mae Jeffries, Negro supervisor, were hopeful that the new teacher can organize a speech training program on a county basis. But he pointed out that probably the first thing the speech correctionist will do will be to check all first grade pupils, and possibly second graders for speech disorders as well as speech defects. The new instructor also will be used to instruct and counsel other teachers, since 90 children is the number recommended by the special education division of the State Department of Instruction as suitable for one instructor. It is considered advisable in speech work that the teacher meet with the children twice a week.

Big Textile Companies Being Merged

NEW YORK (UP)—A three-way merger of American Woolen Co., Textron, Inc., and Robbins Mills, Inc., into a giant new textile firm moved a step closer today.

Such a consolidation would form a highly diversified company with both sales and assets of around 200 million dollars. It would produce wool, cotton and synthetic fabrics.

Groundwork for the three-way merger was laid yesterday when American Woolen directors at a special meeting here approved two proposals designed to effect the consolidation.

The proposals, which will be submitted to American Woolen stockholders, call for the purchase of Textron's 41 per cent stock interest in Robbins Mills and the acquisition of Textron's textile properties, all located in the South.

This is the second big three-way textile deal to hit Wall Street within a month. In July, Burlington Mills Corp., the world's largest textile concern, acquired control of Pacific Mills, Inc., and Goodall-Sanford, Inc.

Woolen directors also voted to organize a new sales firm to merchandise the fabrics turned out by the proposed new company. The selling organization will be headed by Robert L. Huffines Jr., president of Textron.

Meadow School To Get Annex

The Johnston County Board of Education has approved of a four-classroom addition, and renovation of the gymnasium at Meadow School, according to an announcement by Superintendent of Schools Evander S. Simpson.

The Board made the recommendation this week after a delegation from the large Johnston County School appeared on behalf of the additions. Speaking for the school were, Principal G. W. Harriett, G. O. Johnson, A. B. Hood, Golden Tart, and Wilbur E. Parker.

The Meadow delegation requested that the gym be renovated and two dressing rooms, a concession stand, a classroom, storage room, and office for the coach be added to the wooden building now being used.

The County Board felt that addition of a room to the wooden building would not meet the approval of the State, so voted for the renovations without the room for the building. However, the four-classroom addition is expected to make up for the requested room on the gym.

Man Is Electrocuted At Benson Today

Ralph Page, 40 year old electrician for the Town of Benson, was killed instantly this morning around 10:30 while working on power lines on Morgan Street in the town's residential area.

Working with him at the time of the accident were Carroll Byrd, who was in charge; Eugene West, and Jethro Parker. Byrd stated that Page was working on a pole when he struck a live wire and fell into some other wires. He was stuck on the wires and current had to be cut before he was removed.

By the time he was taken from the wires, Page was dead, Byrd said. Dr. S. A. Duncan pronounced the town employee dead shortly after 10:30.

A city employee said today that Page had been in the service of the town 20 to 25 years and was considered an excellent worker. The body was taken to Rose Funeral Home in Benson where arrangements for burial were in complete this afternoon. He is survived by his wife and two youthful sons.

ERWIN MASONS TO MEET—The Neill S. Stewart Masonic Lodge at Erwin will hold an emergent communication Friday night at 7:30 at the lodge. It was announced today by Master Johnny J. Moore. There will be work in the Master's Degree.



WPTF'S BILL JACKSON HERE - Bill Jackson, who conducts the popular BJ Show on WPTF each morning, paid Dunn a visit yesterday. He's shown here at Parker's Seed and Feed Store with Johnnie Parker, left, owner of the firm, and Paul C. Hood, center, prominent Dunn druggist and one of Jackson's most ardent fans. Thousands throughout the Dunn area hear Jackson every morning. He's one of the State's most popular disc jockeys. (Daily Record Photo.)

Sen. Ervin Appointed To Weigh McCarthy Charges

WASHINGTON (UP)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon today named a six-man committee evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats to weigh charges against Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy.

Members are: Republicans: Sens. Arthur V. Watkins of Utah, Frank Carlson of Kansas and Francis Case of South Dakota.

Democrats: Sens. Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado, John C. Stennis of Mississippi and Sam J. Ervin Jr. of North Carolina.

The special six-man committee was set up Monday by the Senate to study and report before congressional adjournment on the resolution by Sen. Ralph E. Flanders (R-Vt) to censure McCarthy.

The group also will consider lists of specific charges against the Wisconsin Republican filed by Flanders and Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark) and Wayne Morse (Ind-Ore).

Chosen by Leaders The six Senators were understood to have been selected by Republican and Democratic leadership in part on the basis of the fact that they have not taken strong stands on the McCarthy issue.

Fulbright, one of McCarthy's sternest Senate critics, arose immediately after the committee names were read in the Senate and asked GOP Leader William F. Knowland to outline the "functions and purpose" of the special committee.

The select committee was appointed upon the advice of Knowland and Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson.

The Senate resolution setting up the six-man "jury" authorized the committee to hold hearings and to issue subpoenas or take other steps.

Building Off Here In July Building in Dunn hit a low of \$24,500 last month, one of the lightest months of this year according to City Building Inspector John E. Norris.

Of the \$24,500, \$3,000 was for additions and repairs, and new structures totaled \$21,500. L. A. Tart, N. Orange, \$10,000 home; Receiving permits to build were: R. L. Cromartie, Jr., N. Orange, addition, \$1,500; J. B. Rouse, Jr., Erwin Road, \$5,000; Mrs. Lillian Adley Hood, N. Layton Avenue, \$1,500 repairs and additions; Pope and Nixon, N. Magnolia Avenue, \$2,000, new warehouse; J. C. Storey, W. Edgerton Street, \$4,500.

Flumbing permits were issued to James McDougle, N. King Avenue; E. G. Wann, Townsend Street; Billy Welton, Jackson Heights; Ernest Wagman, E. Broad Street; Don Toon, Jonesboro Road; and Jessie Smith, N. King Avenue.

CASABLANCA, Morocco (UP)—Police reported today five Arabs have been killed in the past 34 hours and five others have been wounded in clashes between Arabs and Berber tribesmen in the Moroccan religious center of Fez.

38 Injured, Damages At Five Million

PEKIN, Ill. (UP)—A tremendous fire raged out of control in a whiskey plant today with five men presumed dead, 38 injured and 5 million dollars worth of property destroyed.

The flames threatened to ignite other buildings in the city's industrial district. There are four large plants in the area on the Illinois River.

The fire, which started early yesterday, and destroyed 5 million gallons of whiskey, much of it of choice grade. The whiskey was stored in 100,000 fifty-gallon barrels at the American Distilling Co. plant.

The body of one distillery employee was recovered after an explosion late last night. Four others were listed today as missing and presumed dead.

Fire Chief Roy C. Weinheimer warned today that the flaming cauldron might touch off an explosion in a starch storage building, owned by Corn Products Co., two blocks from the distilling plant. "There's always danger of a dust explosion in such a warehouse," he said.

Firemen Ordered Back Weinheimer ordered his men far back from the danger zone. "It's all we can do," he said.

"There's another warehouse whiskey aging warehouse loaded with barreled whiskey only 50 feet from the fire, another one 50 feet from that and a building loaded with 190 proof raw alcohol only 65 feet from the flames.

"We're afraid any one of them might go next."

The whiskey destroyed was stored in three warehouses and a bottling plant consumed by the fire.

In addition, the huge plant includes four other rackhouses, two more bottling houses, the alcohol storage building, the mill and still.

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Number Of TV Sets More Than Doubles

The number of television sets in Dunn has increased more than 61 per cent, or from 249 to 401, during the past 12 months, a survey completed here yesterday indicated.

John E. Norris, city building inspector, said the survey was made with the assistance of Kenneth West to determine who has installed sets during the past 12 months without permission.

The last city wide survey of TV sets made August 31, 1953, showed 249 sets. The increase to 401 this year indicates that 152 sets were sold from August, 1953 to August, 1954.

At this rate, local businessmen sold an average of 12 and two-thirds sets each month. Figured at an average cost of \$350, the TV business here brought in an estimated \$53,400 for 12 months.

City Council will hear a report on illegal installation of antennas at a session Thursday evening. Norris said today that he has not yet completed counting the illegal installations.

Godwin Shooting Case Is Delayed

Three cases involving the triangle affair between Pat Godwin, Tom Chase, and Godwin's estranged wife over the weekend, were continued until Monday this morning in Dunn Recorders Court.

Attorney D. E. Stewart made a motion that the two cases in which Godwin is charged with assault be continued until Monday or Thursday of next week. Chase objected to continuing the cases, as did Solicitor J. Shepard Bryan, but Judge E. Paul Strickland said he was continuing the cases since Attorney Stewart had not had time to talk to the witnesses in the case. Godwin was charged in one warrant with assaulting his estranged wife with a shot gun, and in another with assaulting Chase who is reported to be keeping company with Mrs. Godwin.

+ Record Roundup +

CITY COUNCIL MEET—Dunn's City Council will meet tonight for a session of regular business. A large number of items are scheduled for discussion.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT—The local Fire Department reported seven fires in May, eight in June, and 11 in July. The July calls cost the town a total of \$488, or an average of 45¢ per call, exclusive of wear and tear on the equipment.

LEGION MEETING—The Dunn Legion Post 59 will meet tonight at the hut on W. Broad Street at 7:30.