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OBSERVE BUSINESS ANNIVERSARY - M. F. Hodges, left, and his son Billy, will observe the 45th anniversary of the business of M. F. Hodges and Son tomorrow. Mr. Hodges this week reviewed much of the history of Dunn as he looked back

Ike Says Nation Now Showing Marked Economic Improvement

Economic Miracles Wrought In Change From War To Peace

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Eisenhower reported today there are "numerous signs of economic improvement" in the nation.

He listed a "tendency" toward diminishing unemployment, rising retail sales, a high rate of spending by business for capital expansion and improvement, a construction boom, reduction in inventories, and "great strength" in the stock market. "The level of business and consumer confidence in the economic future is high and improving," the President said in a mid-year statement on the economic situation. "PARAMOUNT FACT" about the national economy in mid-year is that the recent business decline has been halted, he said. The President noted that the Federal Reserve index of industrial production has moved in an "extremely narrow range" around 125 per cent of the 1947 - 49 average since March. "In view of this narrow range of fluctuation in total industrial production ran 8.1 per cent lower in the first half of this year than in 1953, he said, that this measured only factory and mine output. It omitted construction, which has been booming at record levels, agriculture, transportation, and personal services.

Fringed and Fancy



MARCE POLLARD makes an interesting beach scene as she poses on the sands at Daytona Beach, Fla. The fancy suit and the fringed capelet make nice icing for the cake. (International Spectator)

Terrible Touhy Back In Clink

CHICAGO (AP) - Roger (the Terrible) Touhy's attorney planned an appeal to the United States Supreme Court today to win back the ex-mobster's freedom. Touhy was put back behind bars yesterday only 49 hours after a federal judge freed him on grounds that he had been "framed" into 30 years' imprisonment. U. S. Appeals Court Judge Elmer J. Schackenberg ordered Touhy's re-imprisonment until a court rules on the State of Illinois' appeal of Touhy's release.

MOVE TO DUNN

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Lee who have been living in Raleigh, have taken an apartment with Mrs. Lee's mother, Mrs. Allen H. A. Lee. Mr. Lee will teach science in the Erwin Schools this year.

Harnett Negroes Demanding Desegregation In Schools

Harnett County Negro leaders today were demanding immediate action to end segregation in Harnett County's public schools. A formal demand has been filed with County Superintendent Glenn T. Proffitt by the Harnett County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The letter making the demand was endorsed by 96 or more Negro citizens of the county. A Harnett unit of the NAACP was formed only recently and is headed by W. M. Steele as president. Steele resides near Lillington, but is employed by The Carolinian, a Negro newspaper at Raleigh. IMMEDIATE ACTION The demand has been made for immediate action despite the fact that the United States Supreme Court has not yet completed its work in handing down a method or time limit for ending segregation in the schools. Superintendent Proffitt declined comment on the petition except to point out that there is nothing that can be done locally until the State Board of Education takes action and advises local and county

About Half Of Dunn's Budget Goes To Labor

Around \$179,785, or approximately 41 percent of Dunn's 1954-55 budget of \$437,000 will go for salaries, City Manager A. B. Uzzle estimated today. Broken down for understanding, this would mean that approximately 18 houses valued at \$10,000 each could be bought with the salary money paid out here during the coming year. The largest salaried department of the city's many functions is the public works division of the local government. Here workmen will receive \$37,067.44—or just short of enough to buy four \$10,000 homes. J. A. Bass, a lifetime employee of the town and superintendent of the Public Works Department, receives an annual salary of \$3,813, or \$317.75 a month. Other than Bass, the Public Works Department employs 14 regular employees with salaries running from \$3,517.80 for a dragline operator to \$1,778.40 for common laborer. Other salaries of the Public Works Department include: \$3,380 for a tractor operator; \$2,858.88 for a motor grader operator; \$2,246.40 for one truck driver and \$1,902.16 for another; \$2,246.40 for one laborer; \$1,778.40 for seven others; and \$4,500 for general street work under the Powell Bill.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Total, the Public Works Department's salaries cut about two percent out of the total budget of the town. City Manager Uzzle said today that the salaries of the laborers in the Public Works Department is about the same as similar towns of similar size as Dunn. He pointed out that the size of the department is not too small or too large for the work that has to be done here. As for the efficiency, the City Manager called the work of the department "good." They have a lot of street patching, curb and gutter laying, and similar work to do, Uzzle stated.

JELKE WEDS, SETTLES IN BRONX



ANNOT P. "MACKY" JELKE, 23, whose conviction for compulsory prostitution was recently upset, has reportedly been married to Sylvia Eder, 26, for six weeks. The couple are shown in a night club before Jelke's arrest, at which time Sylvia was with him. The duo and his bride have taken a four-room apartment in the Bronx, N. Y., while awaiting decision on an appeal of the conviction ruling. (International)

Policeman Indicted For Assaulting Man

Willie Malloy, Jr., Dunn Negro, yesterday issued a warrant against Policeman John Brockington charging him with assaulting him with a blackjack Sunday evening, August 8. The trial has been set for Wednesday, August 18.

On motion of Prosecuting Attorney Charles Guy, Judge H. Paul Strickland today set the Brockington trial on the same day which Malloy is due to face trial for drunkenness, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct. Malloy has requested a trial by jury. Malloy has charged Officer Brockington with assaulting him with a blackjack with intent to kill, and inflicting serious bodily harm. (Continued on Page Two)

Ike Prevents Atomic Strike

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (AP) - President Eisenhower won a last-minute Taft-Hartley injunction that halted 4,500 atomic production workers from going on strike today at plants here and at Paducah, Ky. U. S. District Judge Robert L. Taylor granted the injunction Wednesday night at nearby Knoxville a few hours after the President said an atomic plant was one place where the government cannot possibly tolerate a strike. Officials of the CIO Gas, Coke and Chemical union immediately called off the strike that had been set for today. Justice Department attorneys won the injunction soon after some 3,500 CIO workers here voted to join about 1,000 fellow union members who agreed earlier to strike today at the Paducah, Ky., plant.

ONE CONFESSES Travis Ferguson, a former policeman who admitted he participated in 41 burglaries netting an estimated \$50,000, was held in county jail today. (Continued on Page Two)

3-Year-Old Child Kidnaped, Raped

STANFIELD, Ariz. (AP) - Pinal County authorities had only one slender clue to go on today in their search for a man who kidnaped and raped a three-year-old girl Tuesday night. Bobbie Holliday, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holliday, was stolen from her bed about 11:30 p.m., assaulted, then left wandering in a cotton camp two miles from her home here. She was found asleep on a bench in front of a cabin at 5 a.m. yesterday.

Police Director Paul L. Singer said 23 policemen were known to have taken a part in the burglaries which netted the thieves some \$50,000. Already charged with burglary and grand larceny were traffic officers E. Frank Estes, 29, and Nathan E. Smith, 30 and R. G. Luttrell, 24, a former policeman who resigned a few months ago while under investigation. Officer Herbert O. Black, 28, was charged with possession of stolen property.

Movie Colony Hit By Polio

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Health officers today found an epidemic outbreak of infantile paralysis that covered sprawling Los Angeles County and has touched the wealthy motion picture colony. Celia was taken to orthopedic hospital. Physicians there attempted to restore use and shape of her twisted arms and legs to an eye that had been blinded by beatings with a hose. A trust fund was arranged to handle public contributions to aid the child. The 9-year-old daughter of film star Maureen O'Sullivan and director John Farrow was among the 300 persons stricken in the county.

Mack Hodges, Dunn's Oldest Merchant, Has Anniversary

M. F. Hodges, the last remaining Dunn merchant who established business here almost half century ago, will celebrate his 45th anniversary of community service tomorrow - Friday 13.

He now operates M. F. Hodges and Son Grocery and meat market on W. Broad Street. This week Mr. Hodges began to review his business development over the past 45 years, and also stopped to note that Dunn has grown some too during that time. August 13, 1909: M. F. Hodges, a young man of 25 took a few resources and moved into a wood building 18 by 20 feet on W. Broad Street. The first building in which he operated was located where Louis Baer now runs a modern department store, and was owned by John W. Thornton. JUST A DREAM THEN Forty-five years ago Dunn was just a dream for a big future, Hodges can remember. There were only five brick stores in the entire town. After two years in the Thornton building, the modest little market moved to the "City Market." And what is now the local police station was then the store stalls, for Hodges located in the same building now owned by the city. Here he remained eight years and saw even more growth. The next few years were spent in business on Broad Street, again in a wooden building located where E. and W. Restaurant is now. From the wooden building, he moved across the street to a location where E. Baer now operates, and from this location he moved to a building located where the Smith Optical Shop is now.

These Little Things

By ROOVER ADAMS  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MANAGER, Carroll says both chamber and city officials are favorable to the idea of conducting a special census in Dunn. Clinton has just completed its recount and picked up 2,587 from the 1950 census. Clinton's population is now 7,001. Dunn will no doubt show a bigger gain than that. The 1950 census gives us only 6300. Most people figure Dunn's population now to be at least 8,000. The new census would be in line with Ed's new growing town in Dunn. "Fastest growing town in the State." Becky Lee is all set to reign over the AAU diving and swimming meet at Raleigh Friday and Saturday nights. J. E. Womble, the new county commissioner, was a visitor in The Record office the other day. Says the new hog market at Lillington is doing well. Mr. Womble is a mighty busy man, has a lot of varied business interests. Doris Day's new record, "Anyone Can Fall In Love" is catching on. G. T. Statist says he's all ready for the opening of Erwin's schools.

BIRTHDAYS: Today is the birthday of Mrs. J. O. West, whose husband had a birthday just eight days ago. Eastwood Turlington, Sexton Lee, Rosaline Smith and Kenneth Neighbors.

THINGAMAJIGS: Willard Nixon says he got quite a kick out of (Continued on Page Two)

Mother Given 64 Years For Beating Her Child

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