

Considerable cloudiness today. Somewhat cooler. Scattered light rain Thursday.

HODGES ASKS BIG TAX INCREASE



DUNN'S NEW MASONIC OFFICERS — The Dunn Masonic Lodge last night installed Master J. L. Thomas and other new officers for 1955. W. A. Hooks of Smithfield, extreme right, deputy grand district manager, conducted the rites. Left to right are, front row: Paul L. Strickland, Jr., trustee; Curtis E. Ennis, secretary; J. E. Williams, senior deacon; Master Thomas; N. M. Johnson, Jr., senior warden; back row, Retiring Master Earl Jones; H. A. Westbrook, junior steward; R. L. Cromartie, Jr., treasurer; Coy Bullock, chaplain; Nick Joseph, senior steward, and Mr. Hooks. (Daily Record Photo by Willie Biggs.)

County Board Faced With Wide Variety Of Requests

Roads and office space, not to mention uniforms for rural policemen and a night clerk for the sheriff's office, were on the list of wanted items when the county commissioners met Monday in their first session of the New Year.

At the same meeting the board fixed the term of all rural police at one year, with the term beginning the first Monday of each December. Rural police, employed by the commissioners, work under the direction of the Sheriff. Previously, no length of term had been fixed by the board.

Members present were Chairman L. A. Tart of Dunn, and Commissioners B. P. Ingram of Manners, J. E. Womble of Lillington, Bob Pate of Erwin and R. Glenn Johnson of Kipling. A day-long session had a pleasant break at noon when the board was invited to lunch by Commissioner Womble at his home.

Commissioners, beset by road problems, however, declined the invitation of Sixth District Highway Commissioner C. A. Hasty to go to Whiteville on January 5 for a district-wide meeting to consider road requests. Instead, commissioners suggested informally that any board member with a road request in his district would accompany petitioners and petitions to the area office in Fayetteville and confer with L. E. Whitfield, district engineer.

Chairman Tart pointed out that the Fayetteville office is more convenient for persons from this section. He suggested that an appointment, made in advance, would be hoped save time of the petitioners and highway officials alike.

ROADS APPROVED — Meantime, commissioners took favorable action on three road petitions, one for Upper Little River Township and two in Anderson Creek.

Colin Black of Upper Little River appeared to inquire about a petition first circulated around five years ago. It requests all-weather surface for a road measuring around five miles, but in three different sections. This road intersects Norrington Road, North of Upper Little River, and runs North two and seven-tenths of a mile to the Johnsonville Road, which it crosses and then runs South of the Johnsonville Road, then North for two and three tenths of a mile to the McDougald Road, crossing McDougald Road and North for one and four tenths of a mile, where it intersects...

He escaped with only minor bruises. Mr. Bass, well-known Dunn citizen and church leader, assumed full responsibility for the accident and was cited to court by Corporal Williamson on charges of falling to yield the right-of-way and making a turn without giving a signal.

Adams' automobile was a complete loss and damage to the truck was estimated at about \$250.

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Heavy Proposal Of \$52 Million Is Submitted

RALEIGH (AP) — Gov. Luther H. Hodges and the Advisory Budget Commission proposed new state taxes totaling \$52,063,004 in the next two years today to enable North Carolina to meet an estimated record general fund spending bill of \$425,325,663.

The heavy new tax proposals were placed before the General Assembly with a companion appropriations measure that represents an increase of \$27,705,082 over the current biennium.

Hodges emphasized the new taxes are necessary to maintain state services at their present level in view of burgeoning school enrollment, increased costs and declining state income. The appropriations measure does not include a penny for permanent improvements projects nor for matching funds for hospital construction.

Tobacco Tax — The revenue bill proposing the first substantial new state taxes in almost two decades provides: Tobacco taxes totaling \$8,945,000 a year from a two-cent per pack levy on cigarettes, a \$10 per thousand tax on cigars and 10 per cent of the sales price on smoking tobacco.

Soft drink taxes totaling \$7,125,000 a year from a 3-4 cent per crown tax on bottled drinks and an equivalent rate on fountain drinks.

Removal of the present \$15 single-article limit from the sales tax, designed to bring in \$7,250,000 a year, and elimination of the fleet owner provision from the sales tax statute to provide an estimated \$450,000 a year.

Additional liquor taxes to raise \$900,000 a year by increasing liquor tax from 8 1-2 to 10 cents.

An increase in insurance premium taxes for domestic companies from one per cent to the fore.

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RECONCILED—Exiled King Peter of Yugoslavia says he and his estranged wife, Alexandra, have agreed to a reconciliation. Peter filed divorce proceedings 14 months ago because of money difficulties, but a holiday meeting of the pair in Switzerland changed their minds.

FBI Agent's Case Transferred Today

Harnett Judge M. O. Lee of Lillington Wednesday morning signed an order transferring to U. S. District Court the case of FBI Agent Robert B. Hurley of Fayetteville, charged with an alleged false arrest and assault on an alleged Harnett draft-dodger.

The U. S. district attorney filed a motion on December 21 asking removal of the case, but Judge Lee postponed a ruling until today pending arguments on the motion.

In the meantime, Federal Judge Don Gilliam issued an order restraining Harnett court officials from assuming jurisdiction over the case.

The order was served on Judge Lee and County Solicitor Neil McK. Ross. The restraining order could not be served on Court Clerk Elizabeth Matthews since it had been improperly made out against "Court Clerk Robert Morgan," who went out of office last month.

Hurley had been arrested on a warrant sworn out by Larkins Nichols Grissman, 26, of Broadway, Route 1, who charges the FBI agent tried to arrest him without a warrant and assaulted him with a pistol.

NO ARGUMENTS — Attorney Herbert F. Sewell of Carthage, representing Grissman as private prosecutor, indicated on Dec. 21 that he would oppose removal of the case to Federal Court, but today consented to removal of the case without oral argument.

The FBI said the case against Grissman for draft-dodging and the case against the officer would be (Continued On Page Four)

Campbell Rites Held Tuesday

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Franklin Presbyterian Church on Salisbury, Rt. 1 for Luther Ramsey Campbell, 60, brother of Locke Campbell of Dunn.

Mr. Campbell died Sunday at Rowan Memorial Hospital in Salisbury. He had been in declining health for the past six weeks and seriously ill since Saturday.

For the past nine years, Mr. Campbell had been associated with the Hedrick Motor Company of Salisbury. Prior to that he was with other automobile firms in Salisbury. He was active in civic, social and religious affairs of the county.

Officiating at the funeral were the Rev. K. E. Pollock and the Rev. L. B. Metts. Burial was in the (Continued On Page Two)

Husband Of Mambo Queen Is Arrested

NEW YORK (AP) — The elusive Norman V. Nusser, husband of the "Mambo Queen of America" and object of a coast-to-coast search as a \$250,000 burglar, was arrested in a Greenwich Village bar last night as he calmly sipped a glass of beer.

Eight detectives seized the dapper, 30-year-old former mental patient while he waited in the bar for a rendezvous with his nightclub dancer wife Mercedes, 33, known in the trade as "Conchita Lopez, the Mambo Queen of America."

ONE KILLED, 3 HURT — ANDERSON, S. C. (AP) — C. Langdon Cheves, 2, vice-president of Daniel Construction Construction Co. of Greenville, was instantly killed and three companions were injured last night in a traffic accident 16 miles north of here.

Congress Convenes; Democrats In Seat

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democrats took over command of Congress today with a prayer and a pledge to cooperate with Republican President Eisenhower in the two crucial years that lie ahead.

Harmony was in the air as the 84th Congress convened at noon with the traditional opening-day formalities. No legislative business was transacted.

Four hours before the Senate and House were gavelled to order, legislators joined President Eisenhower and Cabinet members at the National Presbyterian Church and prayed for divine guidance for the new Congress.

The change of command—from Republican to Democratic—was the highlight of this opening day. It was the first time since the Republican-controlled 80th Congress of 1946-48 that the political party which controlled the White House was not in power in Congress.

Rep. Sam Rayburn of Texas took over a familiar job in the House-speaker.

JOHNSON PLEDGE — A Republican — Vice President Richard M. Nixon—called the Senate to order, but it was the Democrats who were in control with Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas as majority leader and Sen. Walter F. George of Georgia as new Senate president pro tempore.

Johnson has pledged that the Democrats will follow a policy of supporting the President when they think he is right and opposing him when they think he is wrong. But (Continued On Page Two)

Dunn To Be Host To Rotary Forum

The Dunn Rotary Club on April 15 will play host to an Inter-City Forum of Rotary International, it was announced today by President Herman P. Green.

District Rotary Governor Ralph Wellons of Pembroke and representatives from Rotary International in Chicago will be present to lead the forum.

President Green said the forum will be attended by Rotarians from five visiting Rotary clubs, Lillington, Fayetteville, Roseboro, Clinton and Mount Olive.

The meeting will be held at 8:30 o'clock in the General Lee Banquet Hall of Johnson's Restaurant here.

President Green said today that the names of speakers who will appear here representing Rotary International have not yet been announced. They will be assigned to the meeting at an early date by the Chicago headquarters of the worldwide civic organization.

Local committees to handle arrangements for the meeting will be announced later.

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Dunn Post Office Is Still Growing

Business at the Dunn Post Office is still increasing, Assistant Postmaster Charles Lee reported this morning.

Postal receipts here for 1954 totaled \$87,682.53, as compared with \$86,122.58 in 1953. This is a net increase of \$1,559.95.

Mr. Lee pointed out that the increase, although small, continues a steady pattern of growth shown by the Dunn Post Office. He said the Dunn office has shown an increase each year for the past 12 years.

Commissioners, appearing to like this idea, suggested that County (Continued On Page Two)

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

LITTLE NOTES ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

A number of Dunn Rotarians are making plans to attend the Golden Anniversary convention of Rotary International at its birthplace in Chicago this summer. President Eisenhower has been invited as one of the speakers. The Dunn club is also expected to send representatives to Lenoir on January 31 to help welcome International President Herbert B. Taylor on his visit to North Carolina. It will be the first time a president of Rotary International has visited the State in a number of years. Maude Lee was a sad, sad gal today. Maude, who runs things for Tit Tart out at Tart Coal and Oil Co., was real proud of her growing aquarium but for some reason or other many of the fish, snails and other water creatures have been dying. She was lamenting the demise of her ocean family yesterday morning when we dropped by her office. She figures the cold weather must have killed them. But it really shouldn't get that cold in the office of a fuel concern, should it? Earl Jernigan, back from the Orange Bowl game, brought home copies of The Miami Daily News, which had big sections devoted to color photos of the Orange Bowl parade, game and other festivities. "Who said Miami is full of beautiful wimmin?" asked Earl. He said he saw more old folks than pretty girls. In fact, he added, the latter were noticeably scarce. And Paul Hester says he found Miami has developed into a beautiful dream city. He reports that (Continued On Page Two)

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Sheriff Asks Funds For Extra Services

The people of Harnett County like to have their sheriff's office open on a 24 hour basis and are willing to pay for this service.

That was what new Harnett County Sheriff Claude R. Moore told the county commissioners on Monday. The sheriff said his decision to make good on a campaign promise to keep the office open at all times has met with popular response.

"I even venture to say that over half the people of the county would sign a petition to keep this service," said Moore. And he added he thought the public is willing to pay for efficient law enforcement.

"If you gentlemen can see fit to get the money we could use a night clerk," Moore told the commissioners. He pointed out that with only

four rural policemen at present, two men are on night duty and two on day with the sheriff. In order to answer the two-way radio it is necessary that one of the policemen serving on night side remain constantly in the office.

Moore said he had mentioned the matter to Mayor Joel Layton, Jr. of Lillington of using a combined clerk for both the county seat town and the county. However, he said Mayor Layton said he would not make any discussion of the matter without first talking to the Lillington Town Board.

Commissioners, appearing to like this idea, suggested that County (Continued On Page Two)

+ Record Roundup

MORE TV SETS — The number of television sets in Harnett County is growing rapidly. As of October 29, 3,504 of Harnett's 11,800 families had television sets, and all dealers of the county reported heavy sales during the Christmas season.

DIRECTORS TO MEET — Members of the board of directors of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight at 7 o'clock. It will be the first meeting since the

General Assembly Convenes; Billy Byrd Is Given Post

RALEIGH, N. C. (AP) — The 1955 General Assembly convened here today and the House of Representatives was scheduled to get an immediate briefing on problems of the session ahead.

Rep. Larry I. Moore of Wilson told members of the Democratic caucus after his nomination as speaker last night he planned to scan the way ahead immediately after formal organization of the lower chamber.

"I'd like tomorrow sometime to outline some of the things I feel face us," Moore said. He said in an interview recently that the paramount issues before the session are those of financing and North Carolina's position in regard to public school segregation.

Secretary of State Thad Eure was scheduled to convene the Senate at 11 a. m. and the House at noon, presiding until members of each chamber were sworn in and elected their presiding officers.

BILLY BYRD NAMED — Sen. Luther E. Barnhardt of Cabarrus county was scheduled to become president of the Senate, having won unanimous nomination last night at the caucus of the Democrats who hold all but one Senate seat. The caucus also nominated unanimously Dr. Paul E. Jones of Pitt County as grandnephew of the late Sen. B. Ray Byrd of Sanford as principal clerk, William H. Byrd of Lillington as reading clerk and Herman Scott of Chatham County as sergeant at arms.

Moore was nominated unanimously by the Democrats who control all but 10 House seats. Also

nominated unanimously were Mrs. Annie E. Cooper of Raleigh as principal clerk, Billy Arthur of Chapel Hill as reading clerk and C. Wayland Sprull of Bertie County as sergeant at arms.

House Republicans, meeting with GOP Sen. E. C. Brock of Davie County, named Rep. Paul Fisher of Transylvania County as House minority leader. They decided not to nominate candidates for either House or Senate offices, pending election of the Democratic nominees.

Gov. Luther H. Hodges is scheduled to address a joint session tomorrow combining his "state of the state" speech and his budget message. At the same time, a thick budget volume and the appropriations and revenue bills will be presented to the legislature. (Continued on page two)