

# HODGES TAX PLAN IS OPPOSED



DUNN BASS MEETS TENNESSEE BASS—Miss Georgia Bass of Dunn, attractive new member of the office staff of Congressman F. Ertel Carlyle in Washington, is shown here as Mr. Carlyle, right, introduces her to Congressman Ross Bass, left, new Democratic Congressman from Tennessee. The two were not able to establish definite kinship, however. Miss Bass is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bass of Dunn, Route 5. (Daily Record Photo by Seth Muse.)

## Benson Favors Naming Board On Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has proposed in "high places" that a presidential board be named to review the Eisenhower administration's federal employe security system, presently under bruising Democratic attack.

Benson has been badly mauled in the dispute involving Wolf Ladejnsky, a long-time government agriculture expert who was discharged on security grounds when his office was transferred from the State to the Agriculture Department. He had been secure enough for State Secretary John Foster Dulles.

Senate Democrats seized on this conflict in judgment by the two departments and promised a congressional investigation of the Ladejnsky case as part of an overall inquiry into the administration's security risk firings — what the Democrats derisively refer to as the "numbers game."

Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney (D-Okla.) of the Senate Civil Service Committee, said the Ladejnsky case "proves there is 'something wrong' with the administration's security program. Both he and Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D-SC), new chairman of the committee, said the case emphasizes the necessity of establishing uniform standards (Continued On Page Six)



ART WORKSHOP—Some of these clever papier mache' figures of people and animals, shown above in unfinished stage, already are in use in county schools to illustrate stories in English literature, projects in science or social studies. Fifty teachers from all parts of the county recently studied finger painting, crayon and water color, clay modeling and papier mache' sculpture at the 15 hours workshop in the Lillington library. Their instructor was Miss Lillian Nunn, representative of an art supply company. Classes were held for three nights.

Busy at this table were Mrs. Joe P. Smith Anderson Creek; Misses Alice McKenzie and Charlotte Taylor, Lillington; Miss Nunn, the teacher; Norwood E. Jones, principal, Boone Trail; and Mrs. C. E. Raiford Erwin. That long legged camel, right, and other figures later received a coat of paint. (Photo by T. M. Stewart)

## Defeat Is Seen On Plan To Add Tax On Tobacco

RALEIGH (AP) — Opposition to Gov. Luther H. Hodges' recommendations for a tax on tobacco, North Carolina's leading agricultural crop and principal industry, organized swiftly today in the ranks of the General Assembly.

Other points in Hodges' outline for heavy new levies to bring in \$52,063,004 in the next two years and the governor's endorsement of public school segregation action seemed to have won early approval that was nearly unanimous among the lawmakers.

Most significant of the Hodges-endorsed recommendations with regard to the segregation problem was a plan to give city and county school boards final authority in enrolling and assigning pupils to public schools. This plan, embodied in a bill that hit the Senate hopper less than an hour after Hodges' address, would, in effect, give North Carolina time to effect gradual integration.

Some legislative sources, predicting final approval of the idea, said its purpose would be to give the state as much time as necessary — for at least maintain segregation as long as the Supreme Court will allow.

The most immediate concern of the lawmakers was that posed by Hodges' call for new taxes to finance a record state spending bill of \$637,075,544 in the next biennium.

The proposed tobacco taxes, including a two-cent per pack tax on cigarettes, a one-cent tax on cigars and a 10 per cent tax on smoking tobacco brought protests. North Carolina is one of the seven states which does not tax tobacco.

House members began immediately a meeting as committee of the whole, unusual for opening week, and concentrated on a budget review in a manner that suggested no possible alternative to higher taxes would be overlooked.

OPPOSITION EXPRESSED Many senators, meanwhile, expressed opposition to a tobacco tax. Sen. Arthur W. Williamson of Columbus County said "since half of North Carolina's income is from tobacco, it would set a bad precedent to tax tobacco products."

Sen. Adam J. Whitley Jr. of Johnston County said "I think it will meet with a lot of opposition to attempt to tax a commodity which is the greatest source of income the farmer has."

Sen. Calvin Graves of Forsyth County said "it is my hope and belief that a more appropriate source of new revenue can and will be found so that it will not be necessary for the greatest tobacco state in the union to place a tax on tobacco."

Other comments: Rep. William B. Rodman of Washington, N. C. called the governor's message "as courageous an approach to the problems as could be presented."

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## These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

### MRS. GODWIN, SHIRLEY COL. RAFF, OTHER NOTES

Mrs. R. L. Godwin had a good idea of getting rid of Christmas trees. She suggested that the town hold a big city-wide bonfire on New Year's Eve with community singing, etc. Mrs. Godwin has been living in Dunn a long time and is well versed on the history of the town. Mrs. Mack Hodges says her church circle nearly always has a good attendance. Jack Rollins has joined the ranks of the well-dressed men who wear charcoal grey suits and pink shirts. "but it took a lot of nerve," said Jack. "The newest mambo craze is 'Mambo Marilyn Monroe'." We knew it had to come sooner or later. Two Dunn youths, Paul White, Jr., and Pat Walker, will appear on a new television panel show, "The Younger Set," Monday afternoon at 5:30 over the new Chapel Hill station. At least two new business firms will open in Dunn within the next 90 days. Shirley Hinson says she doesn't gossip and refuses to listen to people who do. Now there's a girl among girls for you! Lincoln (Continued On Page Two)

## Committee Picked On Committees

Officers and directors of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting here last night, began working on plans for the new year's activities and a committee was named to revise the list of standing committees and to name members of each.

Retiring President Grover C. Henderson opened the meeting, held at Johnson's Restaurant, introduced the new members of the board and then turned the meeting over to the new president, Emmett C. Aldredge.

President Aldredge named Frank Belote as chairman of the committee on committees and this group will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock to revise the list and to name the new committee members.

Other members of the committee are: Guyton Smith, John Snipes, Mrs. Beulah Heflin and Johnnie Purdie.

Manager Ed Carroll has proposed that a Program of Work Committee be named to plan certain specific projects for the year instead of having too many projects.

"I have noticed," said Carroll, "that when a chamber or any other organization tries to do too many things sometimes none of them are done well. I think it would be best for us to set up a specific program of action and then accomplish it."

The committee on committees will have the power to eliminate or add whatever committees it sees fit.

The finance, audit and budget (Continued on page six)

## Negro Singer Hits Peak At Met Tonight

NEW YORK (AP)—Singer Marian Anderson reaches "the high point" of her 29-year career tonight when she becomes the first Negro to sing a leading role with the Metropolitan Opera Company.

The famous contralto will appear as the old fortune teller in Verdi's "Masked Ball."

"This is something I've had in mind for a long time," Miss Anderson said. "It's a tremendously wonderful thing for me. This is the high point of my career."

Miss Anderson feels her opera debut will mean much to other Negro artists.

"With opera, regardless of race, no one wants to aspire to the Met unless he or she is very serious about it. But the wonderful thing is to know that it was there for you to attain, if you were worthy of it."

## Cotton Maid Makes Visit To New York

NEW YORK (AP)—De Lois Faulkner, the new Maid of Cotton, stood wistfully beside the ice skating rink in Central Park on her first morning here and said, "Oh, how I wish I could ice skate."

The 20-year-old beauty from Sallisaw, Okla., who was chosen 1955 Maid of Cotton in Memphis three days ago, can look down on the skating rink from her 15th floor (Continued on page six)

## Sheppard Drops His Motion; Attorneys Will Appeal Case

CLEVELAND, O. (AP) — Attorneys for convicted wife-killer Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard today withdrew their claim that "newly-discovered evidence" entitled the 31-year-old osteopath to a new trial.

The action cancelled a hearing scheduled for tomorrow morning before Common Pleas Judge Edward Blythin, and paved the way for Dr. Sheppard to be sent to (Continued On Page Two)

## Bitter Political Wrangling Begins

WASHINGTON (AP)—Bitter political partisanship is beginning to crackle like storm lightning around the Capitol dome, and this harmony session of the new 84th Congress is not yet a week old.

It has been limited, so far, mostly to angry protests by Speaker Sam Rayburn (Tex) and other Democrats against recent Republican campaign tactics. They specifically complain of Vice President Richard M. Nixon and of President Eisenhower's endorsement of Nixon's campaign efforts.

But there is more to come. Some of it will be within the Republican party, too, because Mr. Eisenhower took the ball around the left end of the Republican line when he addressed the joint session of Congress Thursday. Half a dozen Democrats remarked on that, although it is not their intention to permit a Republican President to get much if any credit for policies (Continued On Page Two)

## Mother Of Sheppard Ends Life

CLEVELAND, O. (AP)—Mrs. Richard A. Sheppard, Sr., the mother of convicted wife-slayer Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard now in jail for the July 4 murder of his wife, was found dead today in the home of another of her sons. Police said she committed suicide. (Continued on Page Two)

## Bogart, Rogers Get Roles In Shooting

NEWPORT, Calif. (AP)—Film tough Guy Humphrey Bogart and movie cowboy Roy Rogers played minor roles in a real-life shooting at this plush beach resort in which a mysterious rifleman wounded two persons.

Rogers reportedly with within about 50 yards of the gunfire yesterday when the gunman, believed by police to be either a maniac or narcotics addict, sprayed the harbor front with bullets from a 22 caliber rifle.

Bogart and Rogers were at the home of Roger Cunningham, owner of the Club Casa Del Mar of Santa Monica, when the shooting occurred and they joined police in a manhunt along the waterfront.

Ernest Cantu, 27, was shot in the right knee and right arm as he stood on the beach of Bay Island, and Phillip Kilmer, 19, was wounded in the left hip. Both were reported in good condition at a hospital. Neither could give a reason for the shooting.

Police said Cantu was working on Bogart's yacht when he was hit while Kilmer was shot as he was rowing a boat to Rogers' yacht.

## Famous Airborne Hero Will Address Dunn Lions Club

Colonel Edson D. Raff, famed airborne hero of World War II, and one of the nation's pioneer paratroopers, will address the Dunn Lions Club Thursday night.

Plans for the meeting, to be held at 7 o'clock in the General Lee Room at Johnson's Restaurant, were announced today by President Frank Belote.

Colonel Raff, one of the Army's most colorful figures, noted combat veteran and author, is now commanding officer of the Psychological Warfare Center at Fort Bragg. He was secured as speaker for the program by Mrs. William C. Lee of Dunn, widow of the late General Bill Lee, with whom Colonel Raff served in organizing America's first airborne army.

Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Raff will be special guests of the club for this meeting.

LED FIRST ASSAULT Colonel Raff first attained fame in World War II when he commanded the first American paratroopers ever used in combat. He led the parachute invasion on the Germans at Sicily. This was the first time American soldiers launched an offensive in World War II.

At that time, Colonel Raff, a West Point graduate, was the youngest man in the history of the American

Army to attain the rank of full Colonel as a ground officer.

Colonel Raff went on to command troops in the invasion of Normandy on D-Day, and he later commanded the famed 50th Parachute Infantry Regiment in the bitter Battle of the Bulge and in the historic jump across the Rhine.

In addition to the honors and decorations bestowed upon him by the American government, Colonel Raff three times was decorated by the French government. He was twice presented the French Croix de Guerre by the French and later was awarded the coveted French Legion of Honor.

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## + Record Roundup

OPEN HOUSE — The Advent Church in Erwin is having an Open House Saturday afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock at the parsonage. This will honor the Rev. and Mrs. I. Clyde Sheppard, who are moving to Jacksonville to make their home. The public is invited.

NEW DEPUTY — Daniel B. Griggs of Bunnlevel took his oath January 4 as deputy sheriff on a fee basis. Griggs is a television repair serviceman employed in Lillington. Other new deputies recently added to the sheriff's department are Lemuel C. Gregory, Jr., of Angier

who was sworn in on December 14, and H. L. Ennis who took his oath on Dec. 22.

REGISTER OF DEEDS REPORT — Mrs. Inez Harrington, county register of deeds, in her monthly report made this week to the county commissioners said receipts for December totaled \$996.85. These fees were collected for the recording of various kinds of legal documents. No charges were made for registration of eight discharges for service men. (Continued On Page Two)

The year 1955 should be a good food year for the nation's consumers, with supplies plentiful, prices steady, and continued improvement in quality and service, Ralph W. Burger, president of A & P Food Stores, said today.

"During 1954," Mr. Burger said, "the food industry achieved substantial improvement in its products and services and at the same time the cost of food to consumers came down. Although it is difficult to anticipate what will happen to food supplies and prices in advance of any growing season, the outlook is for another good year in 1955." Among important changes which

made for generally lower consumer costs in 1954, the A & P president noted, were the facts that coffee prices dropped below \$1 per pound during the fall and that meat prices continued to decline for the third straight year. In addition, prices for butter and eggs were down substantially from the preceding year.

"If we are to continue the progress of the past year, however, we must make real efforts to narrow the spread between farm and retail prices. Today, with many of the food industry's fixed expenses still on the rise, we must seek money-saving efficiencies along the farm-

to-market route if we are to achieve better income for producers and lower prices for consumers."

"This is especially true in the case of food surpluses which must be moved into consumption at a price that will insure an adequate return to the producer as well as attractive prices to consumers."

Mr. Burger said that the food industry itself had a good year in 1954, with sales exceeding even the banner year of 1953.

"We must remember, however, that sales gains are only desirable," he cautioned, "when they are the (Continued On Page Six)

## President Of A & P Company Sees Good Year For Business