

STATE IS BLANKETED BY SNOW TODAY



THE KIDS ARE HAPPY—It was a happy time today as children in this section enjoyed one of the rare big snows which fall in this section. Mrs. Gale Johnson is shown here with a group of happy children in her yard—and she was enjoying the snowballing as much as they were. In the group are: Mrs. Johnson, Gale, Martha, Nathan, Moriah and Alec Johnson, and Donna Gammon. (Daily Record Photo.)

Secrecy Again Upheld By State Solons

RALEIGH (P) — The House of Representatives voted after a brief and heated debate today to adopt rules including a provision that would let every committee hold secret deliberating sessions on any bill before it.

House members voted 74 to 21 to adopt the 1953 rules as amended by addition of the secrecy provision and minor changes.

The vote came after Reps. John Umstead of Orange County and Roger Kiser of Scotland fought in vain to postpone action until tomorrow. Kiser also attempted to get ayes and noes recorded on the vote but Rep. George Uzzel, who was presiding, ruled that he made his call on the wrong motion.

Rep. Brantley Womble of Wake County, chairman of the Rules Committee, submitted the report recommending the rules. The contested amendment would give the chairman of any committee power to eject, on standing vote of the majority of members, any non-member of the committee from a deliberating session.

Umstead moved that action be postponed until tomorrow.

"There are certain things every member should know," he argued. "I don't think any of us is in a position to vote on this today."

Rep. William B. Rodman of Beaufort suggested that the reading clerk could re-read the proposed amendments and urged that the House go ahead and adopt them.

UMSTEAD ARGUES

Umstead countered. "The committees haven't been appointed and a situation couldn't possibly arise" before tomorrow in which the rules would be needed.

Rep. B. I. Satterfield of Person County, author of a bill introduced on the first day to repeal the 1953 Secrecy Act, said, "The whole constitutional right of democracy is involved here... the right of the people to know what transpires in committee."

Kiser asked for a recorded roll-call vote without a vote, but Umstead won a standing vote. He was rapped to order as he seethed "I want the people in favor of secrecy to stand up."

The standing vote put the blanket secrecy option into effect for all House committees.



LEAVING FOR ITALY—Mrs. James L. Lee of Dunn, Route 2, is shown here saying goodbye to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse James Lee before leaving on the train for New York, where she'll take a boat to join her husband, Sergeant Lee, in Udine, Italy. Going with her are her two sons, James Robert and Glenn Phillip Lee, also shown in the picture. They'll be gone for three years. (Daily Record Photo.)

Many Highways Blocked, Many Schools Close

RALEIGH (P) — A winter storm swirled across North Carolina early today dumping six to 10 inches of snow over the state, blocking highways and forcing schools to close.

"It's as close as we ever get to a blizzard," weather forecaster Bill Chappell said.

Shortly before noon snow was swirling in thick blasts over this area in such density that nearby office buildings were invisible. Forecasters predicted an additional two inches and the weather station at nearby Neuse, N. C., had eight inches on the ground by 7:30 a. m.

In just four hours six inches accumulated here, at Asheville and Hickory, Greensboro and Charlotte had four inches and Winston-Salem five by 7:30 a. m.

Heavy snow totaling eight to 10 inches blanketed most parts of the state but amounts were lighter in the coastal areas. Roads were impassable in the Raleigh-Durham, Greensboro and Asheville areas.

Between Raleigh and Durham a dozen large trailer-trucks were (Continued on Page Two)

Dorothy McGuire, Hubby Make Up

NEW YORK (P)—Dorothy McGuire, singer on the Arthur Godfrey television shows, announced today that she had been reconciled with her war hero husband.

"I have been reconciled with my husband John Henry Brown. I am anxious for us to resume our normal lives without all this publicity. We are entitled to our happiness and our privacy. I do want to say that this is my own decision and that both John and I are very happy."

Miss McGuire, at the end of her program this morning, was met by a battery of reporters. She was ready with a prepared statement, a smile, and no other comment. The statement said:

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Cooke Reported As Weaker Today

DURHAM, N. C. (P) — Duke University Hospital officials today considered another appeal for volunteer donors for blood needed in the fight to keep hemophilia patient Willie Cooke, 31, alive.

Cooke already has received a total of 257 pints of blood and plasma, 123 pints of whole blood and 134 pints of plasma. The hospital blood bank reported last night that it had enough volunteers to supply Cooke's needs until this morning but that more might be needed after that.

A hospital spokesman said Cooke's condition was unchanged and that he was still "very weak" and on the critical list.

MORE GRIEF FOR DR. SAM

Dr. Sheppard's Father Is Dead

CLEVELAND, Ohio (P) — Dr. Richard A. Sheppard, 65, died heartbroken and tired of living Tuesday night within a month of the murder conviction of his youngest son and the suicide of his wife.

The head of the Sheppard family died in Bay View Hospital which he founded after World War II for the medical practice of his three osteopath sons and himself.

His death followed an attack of pleurisy which sent him to bed on Dec. 20, the day before his son, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, was convicted of second degree murder for the slaying of his wife.

Dr. Sam received the news of his father's death at his cell in Cuyahoga County jail.

"He was very upset," Jailer Mike Ucello said. "He cried and was very shaken by it."

Dr. Sam was transferred immediately to a special observation cell as a precaution against a possible attempt at suicide. Jailers said it was a routine procedure, that Sheppard never had shown any indication he might try to take his own life.

Policeman Jerry Kedrienski, who (Continued on Page Two)

Baby-Selling Ring Being Rounded Up

MIAMI BEACH (P) — Police today held a 35-year old Miami Beach woman wanted for questioning in Brooklyn, N. Y., by a grand jury probing an alleged seven-state baby-selling ring with headquarters in New York.

Officers said Miriam Michaelson, arrested on a technical charge of disorderly conduct, may be the Florida "finger" for the ring. She was held pending arrival of a New York policewoman who will return her to Brooklyn.

Policeman Jerry Kedrienski, who (Continued on Page Four)

NO WINDBAGS, NOTHING BORING

That Chamber Banquet Will Start On Time, End On Time

Manager Ed Carroll of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce has come up with a new and unique plan that may revolutionize banquet programs of the future and will surely delight the hearts of all who attend these functions.

The chamber official made it plain today — very plain — and crystal clear.

Dunn's annual Chamber of Commerce banquet on Friday night is going to start on time, will be interesting and entertaining, and it's also going to end on time.

There'll be no toastmaster, he emphasized, there's no place on the program for windbags, needless words or glory-seeking show-offs.

"One of the big troubles in getting people to attend these banquets," explained the popular chamber manager today, "is that they have a reputation for never ending on time and the people get bored."

"But, brother," he said, "this one is going to be different and I'm not just spoofing."

"After all," he added, "this program is not for the chamber officials, not for a few, but is for the information and entertainment of

HENDERSON HAPPY

Chamber President Grover C. Henderson is delighted. He's a man of few words (he also doesn't care for too many words from other folks) and he loves one-minute speeches.

As far as Carroll and Henderson are concerned the audience will have a perfect right to stand up and boo anybody on the program who exceeds his time limit by so much as half a second.

BRING YOUR EGGS

They're polite, polished gentlemen and they didn't say so, but indicated that it's even all right with them if the folks bring along (Continued on Page Two)

ACTIVITIES CURTAILED

Season's First Heavy Snow Covers County

Harnett County today was blanketed by its first big snow of the year and many activities were curtailed by the wintry blast.

The rain and sleet started last night and when citizens awoke this morning they found the ground covered.

Harnett Superintendent Glenn Profit ordered schools closed for the day because of dangerous roads. He said this afternoon the schools definitely would be closed also on Thursday and possibly Friday. A decision on Friday will not be made until later.

MOTORISTS WARNED

Corporal Rommie Williamson of the State Highway Patrol, Sheriff Claude Moore and Police Chief Alton Cobb today joined in urging citizens to keep off the highways except for absolutely essential travel.

They said no serious accidents have been reported, although a number of minor accidents were recorded.

Roger Sexton of Lillington, highway maintenance chief for Harnett, reported at noon today that all main highways of the county—15A, 210, 421, 301 and 40—are open for travel. He got crews out of bed at 2 o'clock this morning to start work on clearing. Rural roads will (Continued on Page Two)

Men Getting Father And Gals Slimmer

AMES, Iowa (P) — American men are getting fatter and the ladies are getting slimmer, an expert on obesity said.

Perhaps that's because the nation's males don't have to cram themselves into Dior creations or tight-fitting skirts, Dr. James M. Hundley said Tuesday.

Hundley, who is chief biochemist of the Public Health Service at Bethesda, Md., spoke before the first conference on weight control ever held in the United States.

About 200 experts on over-eating and obesity are gathered here for a three-day conference at Iowa State College.

FIVE POUNDS EACH

Hundley told the experts that "Men now are about five pounds (Continued on Page Two)

Church Merger Is Defeated

RICHMOND, Va. (P)—Southern Presbyterians have blocked a third attempt since 1917 to merge the three branches of the church.

Leaders of the Presbyterian Church of the United States Southern, in which the defeating votes were cast yesterday said they had expected the outcome. The present attempt was begun in 1937.

The vote by 34 of the denomination's 85 presbyteries stood at 10 for the merger and 24 against—two more than the number needed to kill the proposal. The denomination has 750,000 members.

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America Northern with 2,500,000 members, and the United Presbyterian Church of North America Midwest and Pennsylvania with 250,000 members, both had approved the merger.

TOO LIBERAL FOR SOUTH

But the Southerners, whose church split from the Northern branch in 1861 at the start of the Civil War, traditionally consider the Northern church too liberal in theology and social outlook.

Dr. James Ross McCain, president (Continued on Page Two)

Col. Brown To Head New AF Squadron

Lieutenant Colonel Jack O. Brown of Dunn has been named commander of the 4021 Air Base Squadron at Abilene Air Force Base at Abilene, Texas, it was announced today by the Army.

The young hero of World War II, veteran of overseas service in both the European and Pacific theatres of operations, has been serving as Eighth Air Force liaison officer at Carswell Air Base in Fort Worth, Texas.

This new unit to be headed by the Dunn officer will be the first squadron for the Abilene Air Force Base, a new installation.

Orders for the organization calls for 20 officers, 181 airmen and 48 civilians. Colonel Brown is already in Abilene working on the organization.

Colonel Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown, prominent Dunn residents. His father is Eastern Carolina sales manager for The Mebane Company, manufacturer of the Kingsdown line of mattresses.

Although still young, Colonel Brown is a veteran in service with the Air Force and entered about the beginning of World War II.

He rose rapidly through the ranks and has won scores of decorations and citations for his outstanding service.

+ Record Roundup +

GOOD CROWDS — The revival now in progress at the Glad Tidings Church in Dunn is drawing good crowds, Rev. Robert E. Palmer, pastor, said today. Evangelist Tom Snipes is conducting the revival. Services will be held each night this week and next, except on Saturdays, at 7:30 o'clock. Prayer services are held at 7 nightly.

SMITH'S FATHER, THE late Bob Smith, committed suicide about 20 years ago. He was a brother of Mrs. A. B. Adams of Dunn.

WASHINGTON (P) — The United States today barred Russians from photographing or sketching U. S. military installations, seaports, power plants, and other strategic facilities.

local band director. Herbert L. Carter of the East Carolina Department of Music will direct the band clinic here.

TO INCORPORATE — Dunn Legionnaires will meet Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the Legion building on West Broad Street to discuss plans for the 1955 Legion Fair and to discuss incorporation of the fair. Legionnaire Hubert Garland said today. Mr. Garland said it will be an important business session and that every member of the post should be present. (Continued on Page Eight)

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

SURPRISE WEDDING

Pennsylvania's new Democratic Governor George Michael Leader has a good friend in Dunn.

Turk Lewis, well-known local resident, served with Governor Leader aboard the Aircraft Carrier Randolph CB15 in the Pacific during World War II.

As a matter of fact, they served in the same office aboard the big carrier and became close friends.

"I know George just about as well as I know my own brother," declared Turk yesterday.

But the two had lost track of each other until Turk read in The Record that Leader had been in Record that Leader had been installed as governor. He's the third Pennsylvania since the Civil War.

Turk wanted to make sure that it was his old friend he was reading about so he came by The Record office and asked to see a picture of him.

"That's George all right," said Turk, "and it's a good picture of him, too." Leader looks just a little like Phil Silvers, the actor, and also wears those big horn rimmed glasses.

Turk had a picture made aboard the aircraft carrier showing him and Leader together.

The Dunn man was mighty happy about the success of his old Navy buddy and he left The Record and headed straight for the Western Union office to send him a telegram of congratulations. He's also planning to visit the Governor in the near future.

BIRTHDAYS: Celebrating birthdays today are: Marvin L. Herman, Lillie Hodges, Lawrence Parrish, and W. H. Twyford, Sr.

THINGAMAJIGS: Joseph O'Dell Jackson and Thelma Grace Ivey of

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New Hearing Date Set In Slaying

new date — Monday, January 31 — has been set for extradition hearing set for a 23-year-old wife and her charge with the murder of her husband in Harnett December 14.

Detroit police authorities and the Governor's office in Lansing advised Harnett Sheriff Claude R. Moore today that the hearing has been reset for the 31st. It was originally set for Jan. 10 but a mix-up forced postponement.

The woman, Dorothy Long and her boy friend, Edsel Heaslip, 30,

both of Detroit, are being held in jail and fighting extradition back to North Carolina and Harnett, where they will be put on trial for their lives in the brutal slaying of Pfc. Samuel Long, 21-year-old soldier who was stationed at Fort Bragg.

They are fighting extradition de- (Continued on Page Two)