

Mostly fair in west and partly cloudy in east. Cooler today. Friday considerable cloudiness and little chance of occasional rain.

DEMOCRATS JOIN IKE ON TAX CUT



A CHARMING FELLOW—Serge Rubinstein was a man with a delightful personality and plenty of charm. He reportedly had so many girl friends—and so much money—that he hired a television repair company to do nothing but service and maintain the TV sets he gave to his girls friends. He's shown here with Pat Wray, one of his favorites, and Denis Morrison.

HE GET AROUND

Serge Rubinstein

This is third in a series of articles on Serge Rubinstein, the fabulous international financier, multi-millionaire, draft-dodger and cafe society playboy. Copyrighted 1955 by The New York Daily News.

By FLORABEL MUIR

Serge Rubinstein was a man who liked to be seen with pretty girls.

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

LITTLE NOTES ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

Dunn's two banks, The Commercial and First Citizens, are to be congratulated for the fine manner in which they are cooperating with citizens in helping finance the new Benjamin and Johns plant here.

Mrs. Hugh Prince, who has been in bed for two months with a heart ailment, is much improved although not yet able to be about.

Miss Polly Pope of Dunn will announce her engagement in The Daily Record tomorrow.

Norwood Clapp of Boston is the lucky man.

The Charlotte Observer recently had an article high in praise of Harnett Senator Robert Morgan.

Little Meda Lida Doffenmyre is just about the most rabid Perry Como fan in town.

Meda isn't two years old yet, but

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Honeymoon Of Ike, Congress Appears Over

WASHINGTON (AP) — The honeymoon of the Republican Eisenhower administration with the Democratic 84th Congress has gone "phhttt" and the unhappy parties are hiking for the divorce court.

Seven weeks ago today President Eisenhower was delivering to a genial Congress his annual message on the state of the nation and paused to utter a birthday greeting to and shake the hand of the venerable speaker Sam Rayburn, Mr. Democrat, himself.

The President carefully has been avoiding directly aggressive action against Democrats, millions of whom he hopes to entice into the Republican Party by 1956.

RAYBURN GAVE ASSIST

It is only a matter of days ago that President Eisenhower gently was rebuking the bubbly partisanship of Republican National Committee members assembled here with a reminder that the enemy of the republic is Russian Communism, not the Democratic Party.

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Defendant Not In Court; Died In Crash

A tragedy was recorded in few words yesterday in an entry made in Harnett Recorder's Court.

"Action abates due to death of defendant," the clerk wrote on a warrant charging David Ross Stewart, 26, of Broadway, Rt. 1 with speeding 95 miles an hour.

Ross, the record showed, was stopped by highway patrolmen on Monday, Feb. 14. On Wednesday, Feb. 16 Stewart was killed when his car overturned on the Johnsonville Road less than a mile from Lillington.

A Lillington Negro, Walter Tucker, was held for grand jury action following an inquest into the fatality. Stewart was alone at the time of the action but it was alleged that the Tucker car was chasing Stewart at the time of the accident.

Tucker posted bond of \$1,500 immediately.

Reynolds, Wife Abandon Yacht

MIAMI BEACH (AP) — Millionaire tobacco heir Richard J. Reynolds, his attractive wife and the skipper of their yacht abandoned the blazing craft five miles off Miami Beach early today and escaped safely to the Florida shore in a small boat.

The yacht caught fire near the end of a leisurely 170-mile cruise from Nassau. Had the accident occurred earlier on the voyage, the consequences could have been tragic.

Reynolds told the Coast Guard before his party checked into a hotel for rest that a gas leak apparently caused the fire to break out on his sleek 53-foot cruiser, Scarlett O'Hara.

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AREA REPRESENTATIVES

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CORN MAKES PLENTY OF SMOKE—Dunn firemen are shown here as they worked to extinguish the blaze of a truck load of corn which caught on fire yesterday afternoon at the corner of West Pearl and South Orange Ave. Secretary Howard Lee of the fire department said the 1952 Ford truck and trailer was owned by John West of Dunn, Route 4

and driven by Tommy McCausley. The truck was filled with corn on the stalk which had never been shucked. The fire was so hot aymings on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everette Doffenmyre nearby were burned. Mr. McCausley said his load apparently caught fire from a flying spark.

(Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

ALREADY UNDER SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Dunn Judge Refuses To Send Veteran Bootlegger To Roads

Robert Murphy, described by police as an old-time hardened bootlegger, was convicted of a new liquor charge in Dunn's city court after a long trial yesterday afternoon but despite his record and the fact that he was under a suspended sentence Judge H. Paul Strickland flatly refused to send him to the roads.

The veteran Dunn bootlegger walked out of the courtroom with his lawyers after paying a small fine of \$200 and costs and a suspended sentence.

City Solicitor J. Shepard Bryan, who fought a hard case and won, appealed to Judge Strickland to send Murphy to the roads, but the judge took a more lenient view and refused to do so.

Mr. Bryan pointed out that Murphy is already under a five-year suspended sentence given him in Superior Court after he appealed a Dunn conviction.

Judge Strickland pointed out that he had no right to put into effect the sentence given the Negro in the higher court, that such action would be up to the Superior Court.

Solicitor Bryan reminded, however that he had a right to send him to the roads in this case in view of his record and reputation, but Judge Strickland apparently did not feel moved to do so.

"I've heard enough," Solicitor (Continued on Page Six)

Eats Glass Sandwich For Jurors

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Atty Raymond G. Stanbury, defense counsel for a restaurant owned by screen star Esther Williams and her husband Ben Gage, won his case Wednesday by sprinkling bits of broken glass on a piece of bread and calmly munching the "sandwich."

The jury voted 9-3 against plaintiff Ward E. Willcutt, 42, an industrial engineer, asking \$51,239 damages for internal injuries suffered when he inadvertently swallowed bits of glass in a dish of ice cream at the cafe.

Stanbury downed four of the "sandwiches" to prove the plaintiff could not have been seriously injured.

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Federal Insurance Office Is Opened

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, an agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has opened an office in the county agricultural building at Lillington and has already started accepted applications for crop insurance on tobacco in Harnett.

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Democrats From Virginia Will Fight Reduction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven House Democrats broke ranks today and lined up with Republicans against the Democratic \$20 tax cut for everybody.

The Democrats, all from Virginia, publicly pledged their opposition to the tax-cutting move. Their action followed a caucus of GOP members at which all but "two or three" of the Republicans present promised to vote against the plan.

On the basis of the showing, GOP Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. (Mass) predicted the proposed tax cut — denounced by President Eisenhower as the height of fiscal "irresponsibility" — will be stricken from a package bill. The package bill provides for a one-year extension of corporation and excise sales taxes which are scheduled for reduction April 1.

PRELIMINARY TEST DUE

But Democrats remained confident of victory. They said the showdown vote in the House will come tomorrow. There might be a preliminary test vote late today.

There are 232 Democrats in the House, against 203 Republicans. The seven dissident Virginia Democrats issued a statement announcing they will vote against the proposed Democratic tax cut for the "same reason" they voted against the Republican tax reduction bill last year.

They said they considered both to be "fiscal irresponsibility in view of our continuing deficit spending and mounting federal debt."

The statement was issued by Reps. Howard W. Smith, J. Vaughan Gary, Burr P. Harrison, Porter Hardy, Jr., Watkins M. Abbott, Edward J. Robeson Jr., and William M. Tuck.

They thus aligned themselves with Chairman Harry F. Byrd (D-Va) of the Senate Finance Committee who has served notice he will oppose the tax-cutting plan in the Senate.

A bull sea elephant, by far the largest of the seals, may grow to a length of 20 feet and weigh as much as three tons. Its thick layer of blubber beneath the skin yields a valuable oil.

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Harnett Birthday Plans Shaping Up

Leslie H. Campbell, chairman of the Harnett County Centennial Committee today called for public support of celebration which should have "lasting and rich benefits to our county and its posterity."

In a letter mailed today to one hundred key persons throughout the county, the President of Campbell College called for frank expressions of the opinion of leaders in every community as to "whether this celebration is worth while and if the leaders are behind it."

In 1955 Harnett County marks the 100th anniversary of the formation of the county from what was then part of Cumberland. Preliminary plans for an appropriate celebration of the birthday event were in the talking stage as early as last year.

A temporary committee has been set up and consulted Sunday in Chapel Hill with Paul Green, Harnett County native and noted (Continued on Page Six)

Safety Projects Adopted At Erwin

The Erwin Safety Council, which will have combatting accidents as its chief goal, was organized at an enthusiastic meeting held Wednesday night at the Junior Order Hall in Erwin and attended by representatives of various organizations of the town and other public leaders.

Each of the sponsoring organizations will name one of its members and chairmen and the various chairmen will alternate in presiding at the meetings and in directing the program.

Among the first projects will be the organization of a school safety patrol, the erection of additional signs in the school area and widening of the street which runs in front of the schools.

John Bradley of the Junior Order presided over the meeting after his elected as chairman by that



NEW FIND—Gis-Saba, Hollywood's new Italian find, reportedly looks and talks like Ingrid Bergman. But she says, "How could I be Ingrid if I'm Gis?" She says to Daily "girls who have respect for their families, do not go with Gis."

Bill To Permit Driving At 15

RALEIGH (AP) — Fifteen-year-olds would be allowed permits to learn to drive under a measure introduced in the House of Representatives today.

Rep. E. M. O'Herron, Jr. of Mecklenburg introduced a measure making technical changes in the state driver's license act, including the permit provision. He said learner's permits would be issued only to 15-year-olds enrolled in driver training courses offered by public schools.

The law now provides for learner's permits to be issued at the age of 16 but also allows issuance of a regular operator's license to a qualified 16-year-old.

O'Herron explained "kids aren't interested in taking driver-training courses at the age of 16 when they can simply get a license and (Continued on Page Two)

Man Died In 1917; Funeral Sunday

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — "Brother Ed" Cochran died in 1917. His body was taken to a funeral home in Caruthersville, Mo., and remained there unclaimed for 38 years.

Next Sunday a Baptist minister will intone prayers, and strangers who never knew the forgotten Negro will sing hymns. Then Brother Ed will be buried.

Throughout two world wars Brother Ed's body was kept in a wooden casket. Sometimes the casket was propped against the wall of the funeral home.

His body was brought to Memphis by a surviving brother, Ezra Lee Cochran. Ezra Lee said his wife had "been after me to tend to it" for some time.

BODY WELL PRESERVED The subject of Brother Ed came up last Christmas in the Cochran household. His brother and sister (Continued on Page Two)



Some women give parties for the sole benefit of the ones they don't intend to invite.

+ Record Roundup +

STUNT NIGHT — The Junior Class of Central High School will sponsor Stunt Night, Talent show and King and Queen contest Friday, March 4 at 8:00 o'clock p.m. Admission will be 25 and 50 cents. Miss Becky Lee of Dunn will be a special guest for the evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

CAMELS WON'T GO — Campbell College's State Junior College 1955 basketball champions voted today not to try for a National Championship in Hutchinson, Kansas next month. After the team's victory in the finals of the tourney last Saturday night Coach Fred McCall of the Camels had indicated (Continued on page six)