

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and quite warm today and tomorrow with scattered showers in upper 70s in mountains and 76 to 82 elsewhere.

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SABOTAGE CLAIMED IN PHONE STRIKE



IN A STATE OF SUSPENSE—Box-office booming Grace Kelly is off MGM's payroll—and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is on the spot. Winsome Grace, who knows her own mind, refused to work in "Jeremy Rodock" in which she was to costar with Spencer Tracy. So MGM suspended her, which means she's not only off their payroll, but she can't work for any other company. MGM's doubly on the spot because (1) Grace is a likely Oscar winner when the awards are made March 30. If she cops it she won't be any easier to cope with and (2) MGM can't wield the economic whip because her father is a multimillionaire.

Revision Of Federal Loan Units Urged

WASHINGTON (U)—The Hoover Commission recommended today that many of the government's 104 lending and insuring agencies be abolished or forced to support themselves under the free enterprise system.

These and other proposed actions, the commission said, would result eventually in return to the Treasury of capital funds totaling \$6,217,943,000. And, it added, they would forestall possible future Treasury investments totaling \$1,114,000,000.

In addition to such "reductions in the national debt," its overall recommendations ultimately, the commission said, would mean an annual saving of some 200 million dollars.

The 12-man commission, headed by former President Herbert Hoover, made its recommendation in another of a series of reports to Congress on government reorganization. This one covered all federal agencies making or guaranteeing loans.

CONTRIVERSY SURE
It said lending or guaranteeing loans "is a function which the government should undertake only when private enterprise cannot or will not perform the function and then only in furtherance of a justifiable governmental purpose."

Five members of the commission asserted from certain parts of the report, which appeared certain to stir up much controversy. Many of the majority's recommendations would affect directly government programs involving housing, farmers, veterans, and small business.

The report said the number of government lending, insuring, and guaranteeing agencies had grown in 42 years from none to 104.

Thomas Drives '55 Chevrolet To Win Race

FAYETTEVILLE (U)—Herb Thomas of Olivia, N. C., swept the lead at the 123rd lap and won the 150-lap late model stock car race here yesterday two laps ahead of Bob Welborn of Summerville, N. C.

The race over the short bank (Continued On Page Two)

Mrs. Jasper Surles Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Smithy Jane Surles, 75, of Dunn, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leslie Worley of Princeton, Route 1, early Monday morning while on a visit there.

Funeral services will be held at the Second Baptist Church in Dunn at an hour to be announced later. The Rev. E. C. Keller, pastor, and the Rev. Ernest P. Russell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery here. The body will lie in state at the church for one hour prior to the services.

Mrs. Surles was a native of Wayne County, daughter of the late Richard S. and Sarah Sutton Best. She moved to Dunn in 1944. She was a member of the Second Baptist Church and was active in other affairs.

Surviving are her husband, Jasper Surles of Dunn; three sons, Charlie W. Surles and Leslie Surles both of Dunn and Gurney Hood of Burgaw; two daughters, Mrs. K. M. Fall of Dunn and Mrs. Leslie Worley of Princeton, Route 1; also 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

LITTLE LIZ
The fellow who solves his parking finds that the parking meters and sales tax take care of them.

PIONEER VETERINARIAN DIES

Darden Services Set For Tuesday

Dr. Thomas E. Darden of Dunn, one of the oldest and best known veterinarians in this section of the State, died suddenly at his home here late Sunday afternoon. He suffered a heart attack and died almost instantly.

Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dunn. Father Vincent Stokes will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery here.

A recitation of the Rosary will be held Monday night at 8 o'clock at the home on North Wilson Avenue.

Dr. Darden, who had served for many years as Harnett County's rabies inspector, was a native of Sampson County, son of the late Thomas and Esther Godwin Darden. He was educated in the public schools of Sampson and attended college in Washington, D. C.

PRACTICED HERE 40 YEARS
He came to Dunn in 1914 and had been practicing veterinary medicine here since that time. He was one of the pioneers in the veterinary field in Eastern Carolina.

Dr. Darden was a member of the (Continued On Page Two)



DR. T. E. DARDEN

Morgan Considers Districting Bill

State Senator Robert B. Morgan of Harnett County said today that he has no intention of introducing a bill to abolish the system of electing county commissioners in Harnett County by districts.

He also said he would like to hear an expression from more citizens before offering a bill which would require election of district commissioners by a vote of the entire county instead of by a vote of the various districts.

At present, the county is divided into five districts and one commissioner is elected from each district. Only the citizens of the district vote on the candidates in the primary.

However, the entire county votes on all five commissioners in the general election.

At their last meeting, members of the county board indicated they would be in favor of having commissioners elected on a county-wide basis instead of by the districts concerned. (Continued On Page Two)

+ Record Roundup +

TRIED IN JOHNSTON—Two residents of this section were tried and convicted at the last session of Johnston County Recorder's Court in Smithfield. Lloyd Busbee Pope, III, 17, of Dunn, was fined \$10 and costs for speeding, and Hubert Bell, Negro, of Benson, Route 1, was taxed with costs for driving without an operator's license.

FIRST CONTRIBUTOR—President Hubert Peay of the Dunn Jaycees reported today that Miss Clyde Bryan of Benson, Route 2 was the first contributor to the Jaycees' cemetery paving project.

Miss Bryan read that the Jaycees plan to pave all the driveways in Greenwood Cemetery and voluntarily sent in a donation of \$10. Jaycees will meet tonight at 7:30 at Westbrook Chevrolet Co.

SECOND DEGREE WORK—Dunn Masons will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock for work in the second degree. Secretary Curtis B. (Continued On Page Two)

Baldwin To Head Dunn Rotary Club

Lawrence G. (Lonnie) Baldwin, well-known Dunn business man has been elected president of the Dunn Rotary Club for the coming year.

He was elected at the annual organizational meeting of the club and succeeds Retiring President Herman Green. Under rules of the automatically becomes a member of the board of directors and vice president.

The club also reelected two directors and elected four new directors.

NEW DIRECTORS
Reelected to the board were: Baldwin and James Snipes. Elected as new directors were George Franklin Blalock, Rommie Williamson, and Dennis Strickland.

Big Cable Cut; Company Posts \$5,000 Reward

ATLANTA (U)—A nine-state strike of union telephone workers started today and the main Birmingham to New Orleans cable was severed in what a Southern Bell spokesman said was "deliberate sabotage."

The strike, scheduled to begin at 6 a.m. in the Southern Bell territory, put approximately 50,000 union telephone workers off the job. Picket lines were set up at many points two hours ahead of expiration of the old contract—last midnight. Contract negotiations have not broken off, however.

A Southern Bell spokesman said at Birmingham the company was offering a \$5,000 reward for persons responsible for the cable cut. Alabama State Manager W. A. Thompson said:

"We have no way of knowing how it was cut and we don't know who cut it. It was in connection with and following the strike. It was no accident as far as we can determine. It was deliberate sabotage."

Southern Bell said the cable was cut near Birmingham at 3:45 a.m. CST, severing all but one toll circuit. By 9:30 a.m. service had not been restored although the Birmingham (Continued on Page Eight)

Area Phones Not Affected

There will be no delays in the completion of long distance telephone calls within the operating territory of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, although work stoppages in the nine-state area of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company may cause slight delays on calls to and beyond that company's territory.

J. F. Havens, Vice President of the local company, disclosed today that since the majority of long distance calls originating in the Carolina Company's territory are handled all the way to their destination (Continued On Page Two)

William J. Allen Dies In Hospital

William Jefferson Allen, 49, of Dunn, Route 2, died Saturday night in McCain Hospital at McCain.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed, pending the arrival of a son, Bruce Allen, who is stationed with the Army in Germany.

Mr. Allen is the son of Mrs. Amelia Jane Allen and the late E. G. Allen of Dunn.

Surviving are his mother; his wife, Mrs. Bessie Hodges Allen of Dunn; one son, Bruce, in Germany; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Barefoot of Dunn, Route 2, and Miss Jean Allen of Dunn, Route 2; one brother, Garland Allen of Dunn, Route 2; two sisters, Mrs. Russell Hodges of Dunn, Route 5 and Mrs. S. Y. Weaver of Florida; also one grandchild.

JELKE'S LAWYERS CLAIM

Decent Young Girls Can't Be Sweet-Talked To Become Pro's

NEW YORK—Mickey Jelke's lawyers are going to rely heavily on the argument that "no decent woman can be sweet-talked into prostitution" in their efforts to acquit the young oleo heir of compulsory prostitution charges, they said yesterday.

Jelke's second trial, temporarily stymied for lack of jurors, resumes in General Session today, when 150 more blue ribbon veniremen will go to the Criminal Courts Building for questioning.

"The evidence adduced at the last trial proved no claim that 'compulsion' was used to make Pat Ward become a prostitute," George



NICE WORK, IF YOU CAN GET IT—Wearing a picturesque costume, the official guardian of the garters, of the Friends of Rabelais Society presents garters to three lovely Parisian ballerinas. The lucky fellow is unidentified, but the dancers are: Francine Colman, Collette Marchand and Tessa Beaumont.

Townsend Says Meg Has Not Decided

BRUSSELS, Belgium (U)—Group Capt. Peter Townsend said today he has no reason to believe that Princess Margaret has decided to marry him.

He held before him as he talked with reporters a dispatch in a London paper saying he was willing to accept exile with a certain lady if the situation should demand it.

"This statement implies that Princess Margaret has decided to marry me," he said, pointing to the dispatch.

"The Princess has made no such decision known to me nor have I any reason to believe she has made such a decision."

Townsend, wearing riding breeches, met reporters in front of his apartment. He said he would not answer questions but that he had a statement to make.

"You all know I described this alleged statement Saturday as pure invention and said it should be completely disregarded," he said. (Continued On Page Two)

Presbyterians Set Revival Meetings

Five Presbyterian Churches in Harnett County are among the 250 churches in the Synod of North Carolina holding simultaneous evangelistic services which begin next Sunday, March 20, and continue through Friday of next week.

This is a part of an Assembly-wide evangelistic effort being conducted in the sixteen Synods of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (South).

Presbyterian Churches in Harnett County participating in the evangelistic campaign are: Dunn, Erwin, Lillington, Olivia and Mt. Pisgah.

VISITING MINISTERS
Visiting ministers from the Synod of Virginia will preach in the Harnett County Churches. The Rev. David H. Burr, pastor of the First

Presbyterian Church of Charlottesville, Virginia, will preach in the Dunn Church. The Rev. G. A. Williams, of Ararat, Virginia, will preach in the Erwin Church. Preaching in Lillington will be the Rev. Frank L. Goodman, of Lock Willow, Virginia, at Olivia will be the Rev. P. Carey Adams, of Romney, W. Va., and at Mt. Pisgah, the Rev. G. O. Yount, of Petersburg, Virginia.

The officers and members of these Presbyterian Churches extend a cordial welcome to anyone who wishes to attend these preaching services.

Sen. Morgan Ready To Offer Tax Bill

RALEIGH (U)—Another bill increasing state income taxes may land in the State Senate tonight.

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

LETTUCE AND CELERY; PASSION IN A TRIAL

At the joint meeting of Dunn's book clubs Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Charles Highsmith, Sr. told the interesting story of how Dunn's oldest book club got its name. Back in those days (1910) when the club was formed, it seems, the hostesses always went in for real elaborate refreshments. Apparently, lettuce and celery were regarded as absolutely essential for the preparation of these refreshments. H. O. Mattox was the leading grocery back then and he received lettuce and celery by train only once a week on Thursdays. Since that was the day lettuce and celery was available, the members decided to meet on (Continued On Page Two)

Hanna Is Named Shrine Ambassador

Sudan Temple Potentate J. LeRoy Allen today announced the appointment of Mayor Ralph E. Hanna of Dunn as one of 21 Ambassadors, his personal representatives, to further the aims and activities of Shrinism in Eastern Carolina.

Mayor Hanna is president of the Dunn Shrine Club, is a member of the Oriental Band and has been active in the organization for years.

Aims and activities of Ambassadors are to see that everything possible is done for the Shrine's Crippled Children's Hospitals and the annual Orphanage Bowl Football Game for the Oxford and Methodist Orphanages as well as to promote the growth of Shrine Clubs and Sudan Temples.

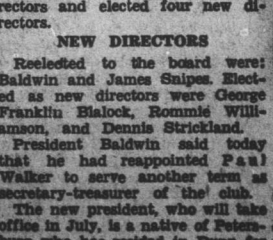
Last year, Mayor Hanna headed the drive for crippled children here.



AMBASSADOR HANNA



LITTLE LIZ
The fellow who solves his parking finds that the parking meters and sales tax take care of them.



LAWRENCE BALDWIN