

Bass, Bracey Won't Run For Board Again

WEATHER

Continued colder today. Some warmer Tuesday.

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COLD KILLS 70; DAMAGES CROPS



EARLY SIGN OF SPRING—Temperatures rising to the high 70's in Memphis, Tenn., brought Mary Ellen Turner outdoors without her coat to pick blooming jonquils.

Bass Says He May Run For Mayor's Post

There will be two new faces on Dunn's city council after the municipal election on May 2.

Two of the incumbent commissioners, J. V. Bass in Ward No. II, and B. A. Bracey in Ward IV, announced definitely today that they will not seek re-election.

Both of them said their decision was definite and final.

Mr. Bass said, however, that he may be a candidate against Mayor Ralph E. Hanna for the town's No. 1 post.

"I definitely will not be a candidate for the board again," said Mr. Bass, local electrical contractor, as he was leaving to attend a hearing school in Wichita, Kansas. "If I run for any office, it will be for mayor."

Mr. Bass said a large number of people have offered him their support for the mayor's post. He indicated that he will have a definite announcement in about ten days.

MAYOR TO FILE FRIDAY
Mayor Hanna is expected to follow his usual custom of filing again on the day following the filing books open, which will be Friday. Mayor Hanna is completing his third term and there are (Continued On Page Five)



PEGGY BARFIELD

PATRICIA BYRD

PAT WARREN

Three More Enter Pageant

Three more contestants in the "Miss Dunn" beauty pageant were announced here today by Chairman Corky Crestini of the entries committee.

The big pageant, sponsored by Dunn Jaycees, will be held here on April 7 and 8 to determine who shall represent Dunn in the "Miss North Carolina" pageant to be held at Wilmington.

New entries are Peggy Ruth Barfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barfield of Dunn; Patricia Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Handy S. Warren of Erwin, and Patricia Ann Byrd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Byrd of Mamers.

Miss Barfield is a student at East Carolina College in Greenville, Miss Warren is a student at Greensboro College in Greensboro, and Miss Byrd is now a seventh grade teacher in the Goldsboro city schools.

REID NAMED JUDGE
Chairman Crestini also announced today that Jim Reid of Radio Station WPTF in Raleigh has been selected as one of the judges and has accepted.

Other judges will include: Miss Betty Jo Ring of Lexington, the current "Miss North Carolina" and Mrs. Thomas Medlin, the former Lulong Ogburn, "Miss North Carolina" of 1953. The other judges will be announced later.

This year's pageant will be the biggest and most colorful ever held (Continued On Page Eight)

Fifty Million Reported In Loss To Crops

By UNITED PRESS

Spring finally came up with some warm weather today, but it was too little and too late. The season's first disastrous week had claimed more than 70 lives and more than 50 million dollars in crop losses.

The savage young season still held parts of New England in a wintry grip following a mammoth snow storm which piled drifts 12 feet high in upper New York state, blocked roads, and stranded scores of motorists and skiers.

In the Southland, warming weather came too late to save multi-million dollar fruit crops.

Spring climaxed its week of destruction yesterday by sending a mammoth snow storm blowing through the lower St. Lawrence Valley into Canada.

Parts of upper New York got 20 inches of snow and some drifts were 12 feet high. A truck-car collision on a snowy highway near Booneville killed one man and the state throughway was closed for more than nine hours between Fullonville and Buffalo. Some automobiles were almost blown off the road.

New York City was raked with 55 mile-per-hour winds which tore off antennas, roofing and wires and sent trees crashing. The annual Greek Independence Day parade was slowed down. Two persons were injured.

The storm did not reach its peak, however, until it hit Canada. Canadian drifts were 20 feet deep, most Quebec and Ontario towns were isolated and five persons were killed in auto accidents.

There was no mercy for Montreal early today as the temperature hit 10 below zero. In the province of Quebec, the area's biggest bus company cancelled all but six (Continued On Page Eight)

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

LITTLE NOTES ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

Sheriff Claude Moore reports the week end was the quietest since he took office. But the Sheriff didn't get much sleep during court week. The Junior-Senior banquet at Dunn High School will carry out the theme, "April in Paris." It should be real pretty. Rev. Ernest Russell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, is getting ready for his trip to the Baptist World Alliance and a visit to the Holy Lands in May. Paul L. Strickland is chairman of the committee raising finances for the trip. If you care to make a donation, send in your check to Paul L. Irvin Baer, Dunn attorney (Continued On Page Two)

Buie's Creek May Get A New Name

Harnett Representative Carson Gregory said today that he will introduce a bill in the legislature to make it possible for the name of the town of Buie's Creek, home of Campbell College, to be changed to Campbell, N. C.

He said the change had been suggested by a large number of people who had contacted him. The change in name would not only honor the Baptist Junior College, established more than 60 years ago, but would also pay tribute to the Campbell family.

Campbell College was founded by the late Dr. John Archibald Campbell and is now headed by his son, Leslie H. Campbell.

Rep. Gregory said he thought, however, that the people of the town ought to have the privilege of voting on the change in name before it is made. His bill will provide for such an election.

The problem, he said, is trying to find out just what area should be included and the office of the Attorney General is working on the (Continued On Page Two)

Harnett 3rd In Cotton Production

According to latest ginning figures released by the Bureau of the Census in Washington, Harnett County ranks third among all the counties of the State in the production of cotton.

The figures, which also gives those of last year, show that Harnett County ginned 21,140 bales of cotton in 1954, as compared with 23,041 in 1953.

Cleveland County is still the State's top producing cotton county, with 23,915 bales ginned in 1954, compared with 42,705 ginned in 1953. Cleveland's decline for the year was also greatest.

Sampson County was third, with 20,524 bales in 1954, as compared with 22,552 bales in 1953.

Halifax County was fourth, with 19,541 bales in 1954, as compared with 23,949 in the previous year.

Scotland County was fifth, with 19,247 bales in 1954 and 17,893 bales in 1953. Northampton County was sixth, with 18,602 bales in 1953 and 27,489 in 1954; Johnston County ranked seventh, with 18,388 bales in 1953 and 16,815 bales the previous year. Johnston was one of the few counties showing an increase last year.

Harnett's decrease last year was one of the smallest in the State.

Tobacco Plant Damage Light

As a record breaking cold wave spread over the South, Harnett County farmers had one bright spot in the weather picture.

County Agent C. R. Ammons (Continued On Page Seven)



Almost every one will lose a little Liz for a really reckless driver.

Smith Honored By N. Y. Life

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 25.—A. B. Smith, Jr., of 912 North Ellis Avenue, Dunn, has qualified as a member of the Top Club of the New York Life Insurance Company, Dudley Dowell, executive vice president of the company, announced today.

Mr. Dowell said that Smith also qualified to attend an educational conference in Washington, D. C., March 30-April 2.

The Top Club is composed of the top agents of New York Life which has a field force of over 5,200 full-time agents in 166 branch offices throughout the United States, Canada and Hawaii. Mr. Smith is attached to the Raleigh branch office.

Gregory Names 31 Justices Of Peace

Harnett Representative Carson Gregory has introduced a bill in the legislature providing for the appointment of 31 Harnett citizens as Justices of the Peace.

Most of these are already serving as magistrates either by appointment of the governor or by previous legislation.

Among those named by Rep. Gregory was his former opponent for the House seat, W. B. (Red) Williams of Angier, and former Constable Oscar Pearce of Dunn.

Four magistrates were named for Dunn, four for Erwin, five for Lil-

lington, Route 3, and four for Angier.

THOSE APPOINTED
Following is the list of appointees:

W. E. Lassiter, Bunnlevel, Route 1; George F. Owens, George W. Williams, O. R. Pearce, and A. E. Adams, all of Dunn; G. L. Cameron of Olivis; D. E. Holder, J. S. McLean, E. B. Holder, Douglas McRae, and Ernest Darroch, all of Lillington, Route 3; G. L. Cameron of Olivis.

C. E. Denning, A. T. Brown, N. I. (Continued On Page Two)

Jelke's Lawyers Open His Defense

NEW YORK, UP—The defense in the Jelke vice trial today opened its campaign to prove that the state's star witnesses were prostitutes long before and long after they met the young oleo heir.

Big Circus To Be On TV Tuesday

NEW YORK (UP)—Almost anyone will go out of his way to accommodate the demands of television in order to appear on it, but not tigers.

That's why you won't see the strippers Tuesday night when the NBC network gives the country its first-time-over television look at part of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus as it is set up in Madison Square Garden for the start of another season. The official opening of the (Continued On Page Four)

Mrs. Ruby Hood's Father Succumbs

W. L. Johnson, 82, of Harrell, N. C., father of Mrs. Henry D. Hood of Dunn died Sunday night at his home. He had been seriously ill for the past few days.

Funeral services will be Tuesday (Continued On Page Five)

HARNETT HOST TO POSTMASTERS

Mrs. Hubert Byrd Elected To Post Of State Director

By LOIS BYRD
Record Staff Writer

Postmasters of the Seventh Congressional District, holding their annual meeting at Bunnlevel, elected new district officers, endorsed Tracy Moore of Greensboro as a candidate for president of the National Postmasters Association, and heard Secretary of State Thad Eure warn in the principal address that the public is going to demand more, not less, from all types of government employees.

The dinner meeting, which was held in the church fellowship hall, attracted delegates from the seven-county area, which includes Bladen, Brunswick, Cumberland, Columbus, Harnett, Robeson and New Hanover. Mrs. Lucille Morgan Byrd, Bunnlevel postmistress, and retiring district chairman, presided over the meeting.

OTHER OFFICERS
Postmasters elected Charles Burke, Wilmington postmaster, as new district chairman to succeed

Mrs. Byrd. The Bunnlevel woman, in turn, was elevated to the post of State Director of the N. C. Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters. Howard Pace of Spring Lake was named secretary-treasurer. The slate of officers was recommended by a nominating committee headed by Berdis Stone of St. Pauls.

Moore, the Greensboro postmaster, is now national vice president of the postmasters association of the U.S.A. and is a candidate for (Continued On Page Two)

Sheriff Is Praised By Solicitor Hooks

District Solicitor Jack Hooks, ending a week's prosecution of a heavy criminal docket in Harnett Superior Court tossed some verbal bouquets late Friday toward the county's new sheriff, Claude Moore.

"I just want to say publicly," the commented Hooks in the courtroom, "that when I came here in January I was dealing with a critical situation. Sheriff Bill Salmon had been a fine officer. For the first time since I became solicitor I was working with a new sheriff in Harnett County. I found that Sheriff Moore was willing, but not experienced. But the progress and improvement he has shown in his office since that time, is nothing short of amazing. If they make them any better in this State I haven't met them.

CITES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

"Since I became a prosecuting officer, I never have seen a criminal term when more business has been accomplished. Your county law enforcement department with its five rural policemen is noticeably efficient. I now see, and I know the people soon will see, that this man is able to correlate and direct these fine law enforcement officers. I know they will be forever grateful for Sheriff Moore's service. I, for one, already am."

Then the solicitor also praised Judge Grover A. Martin's cooperation in removing so many cases from the docket.

"Mr. Solicitor" smiled the Judge. "You have tempered my share in

this praise with the fine speech for Mr. Moore, but I appreciate the words, too."

The judge then thanked the jurors whom he had kept overtime to around 2:30 p.m. without lunch. "I have no quarrel," said Judge Martin, "now or at any time with jurors, certainly not with this fine group."

SHERIFF MOORE