

+ WEATHER +

Partly cloudy and rather hot today and Saturday with evening scattered showers and evening thundershowers occurring mostly in the mountains and the south portion.

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THE GREAT GABLE—Fact & Fable

Colossal Screen Legend Still Champ At Box Office

(The first of a series of articles on what makes Clark Gable the greatest box office draw in Hollywood history — today as commanding and virile as ever. Copyright 1955 by the New York Daily News.)

By JESS STERN

CLARK GABLE, the idol of another generation of female movie-goers, is now thrilling their daughters — and granddaughters — and making more money than ever in doing it.

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CLARK GABLE

"Who," asked a TV celebrity of her 10-year-old daughter, "is your favorite movie star?"

"Why, Clark Gable, of course," the child replied. "Where in the world have you been?" movie critic Wanda Hale impatiently inquired of her daughter-in-law.

"Out with Clark Gable," the 26-year-oldster good-naturedly flipped back.

Even in his own backyard, the legend of the indestructible Gable lives on. When, after 23 years as king of MGM, the millionaire star transferred to the 20th Century-Fox lot, even 20th's celebrities stopped admiring themselves.

Extras, props, ordinary studio workers who wouldn't think of turning their heads for Gregory Peck, Victor Mature, Susan Hayward or any other star on the sets, crowded in to get a glimpse of the famous figure.

"You would have thought," a studio official drily observed, "that it was Darryl Zanuck (20th's boss) riding a white charger and passing out \$100 bills."

A QUARTER OF A CENTURY OF BOX OFFICE SUCCESS

Now that Gable, winding up his career at MGM last year, has made two pictures for 20th, from which he will earn at least a million dollars, interest in him has quickened at both the studio and the box office—where it really counts.

In 25 years he has become more than an outstanding screen personality. He has rubbed shoulders with royalty, discussed politics with Presidents, swapped stories with Hemingway.

He has always been a magnet for the ladies and his female admirers have come from the rich and the poor—Standard Oil's Millicent Rogers, Palm Beach's Dolly O'Brien, and Sophie Glutz of Oshkosh, Wis.

He has made millions in pictures and much of it has stuck to him. Despite three costly divorces, he guardedly acknowledges that he is comfortably fixed.

His 20-acre ranch in the San Fernando Valley, where he spent his three happiest years, with his third wife, the late Carole Lombard, is worth nearly a half million in the desert at Palm Springs, and if he never makes another dime he can retire in ease.

A recent shot of Gable relaxing at his San Fernando ranch.

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Over 400,000 Will Vote On Leaf Quota

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers who grow flue-cured tobacco will vote in a regional referendum tomorrow on whether to accept marketing quotas for their crop.

More than 400,000 farmers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Florida and Alabama are eligible to vote in the referendum ordered by the secretary of agriculture. The ballots will be counted by the state agricultural stabilization and conservation committee.

The growers will have three choices: For quotas for the 1956, 1957, and 1958 crops; for quotas for the 1956 crop only; or against quotas. To be effective, marketing quotas must be approved by two-thirds of the growers voting. In a similar referendum in 1952, growers favored marketing quotas for 1953, 1954, and 1955 by a 97.8 per cent vote. One per cent favored quotas for one year, and 1.2 per cent were against quotas. The total vote was 260,163.

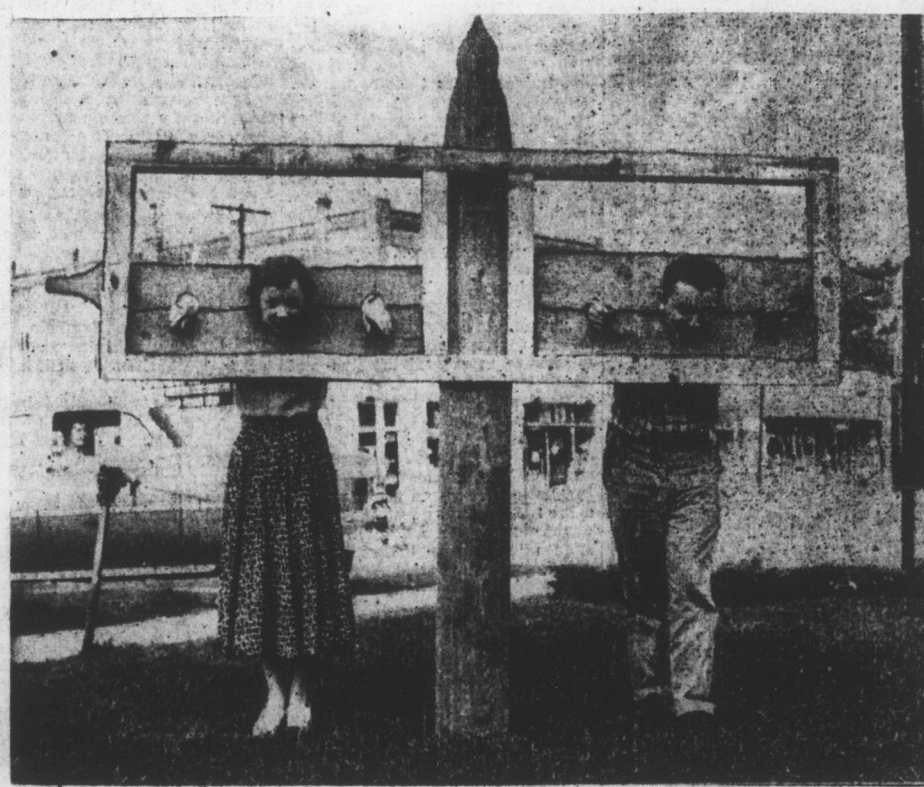
If quotas are approved, those growers who stay within their acreage allotment will be eligible for price support at 90 per cent of parity. Those who exceed their acreage allotment will be subject to a penalty of 75 per cent of the average market price of flue-cured tobacco for the preceding marketing year. This year the penalty was 30 cents a pound on flue-cured tobacco.

If quotas are not approved, they will not be in effect for the 1956 crop and no price support will be available.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson set the flue-cured tobacco national marketing quota on July 1 at 1,130,000,000 pounds for the 1956-57 marketing year, to be grown on 889,000 acres. This compares with 1,270,000,000 pounds for the 1955-56 marketing year grown on 1,007,100 acres allotted for 1955 is 12 per cent less than the 1955 acreage.

Farm law requires the secretary to proclaim marketing quotas each year after the total supply exceeds the reserve supply. As of July 1, the estimated total supply was 3,300,000,000 pounds and the reserve supply was 3,081,000,000.

Flue-cured tobacco is used principally for cigarette manufacture. About 65 per cent of the crop is used domestically and 35 per cent is exported.



THE PENALTY YOU PAY — This set of stocks has been set up on the courthouse square in Lillington as punishment for men of the county who shave without a permit and for ladies who use cosmetics without a permit. The permits are

being sold to help finance Harnett's centennial celebration. Two unidentified citizens are shown here paying the penalty. It's all in good fun and provides a lot of laughs. (Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

OPERATOR SKIPS BOND, FLEES

Sex Party Trial Delayed

Robert Porter, 31, of Erwin, alleged bawdy house operator, failed to show up for trial in Harnett Recorder's Court today and police authorities said they had information he has "skipped bond and left the State."

Trial of Miss Mary Belle McPhail, pretty 33-year-old Dunn beautician, who was arrested with Porter during a raid on the alleged drunken sex party, was postponed for two weeks to give officers a chance to apprehend Porter.

Miss McPhail, a petit brunette, was charged with bedding and cohabiting after Rural Police Officer Clarence Moore and B. E. Sturgill said they saw the shapely young woman cavorting in the nude with six men in the one room establishment operated by Porter in South Erwin.

The raid took place on Tuesday night, July 12.

A attorneys Duncan C. Wilson and Archie Taylor asked a continuance in Miss McPhail's case because of the death of her uncle, who was buried yesterday.

Police Officer Moore said members of Porter's family had told him he left the State a few days ago, headed toward Baltimore. Officers have sent out a pick-up order for Porter.

Apparently the five other men who were enjoying Miss McPhail's favors on the night of the raid have also "taken a powder"—at least from court. None of them showed up when the case was called.

Moore said they probably knew that Porter wouldn't be present so were waiting until he is apprehended to attend the trial.

The men, all expected to be called as State's witnesses, are: Robert Davis, 21, Earon Mason, 31, Bill Hall, 40, O'Dell Morrison, 29, and John Godwin, 20.

Miss McPhail, whom officers said led them a merry chase around the room in her birthday clothes before they could persuade her to get dressed for the trip to jail, reportedly was suffering other woes as a result of her part in the sex fiasco.

LICENSE SUSPENDED
Mrs. Ralph E. Hanna, wife of Dunn's mayor and head of Eastern Carolina beauticians, disclosed that she had revoked Miss McPhail's license as a beauty operator for six months as a result of the raid and the ensuing publicity, which she pointed out reflected no credit on the profession.

Miss McPhail was not employed. (Continued on Page Six)

750 Baptised By Witnesses

NEW YORK (AP) — The Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses reaches a high point today with the mass baptism of some 750 new members at a Bronx swimming pool.

More than 30,000 members of the religious group were expected to brave the heat again today for their third daily gathering in Yankee Stadium following the baptism. The five-day assembly ends Sunday when some 50,000 Witnesses are expected to attend the final gathering.

President To Leave Geneva Before 3 Sat.

GENEVA (AP) — President Eisenhower's proposal to trade arms secrets with Russia threw the smooth-running schedule of the Big Four summit conference out of kilter today, apparently because the Russians needed more time to think it over.

The meeting of heads of government opened an hour after its scheduled 4 p. m. starting time. It had been delayed to give the Big Four foreign ministers more time to complete their report to the summit.

The ministers met twice in advance of the summit meeting and once recessed briefly while Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov returned to his delegation's headquarters for consultations.

Time was running out for the summit talks. President Eisenhower has announced his intention to leave Geneva by 3 p. m. tomorrow.

PAY-OFF STAGE NEARS

Western observers believed today's session was approaching the pay-off stage.

Russia must give its reaction and answer to the President's bold secret-swapping plan today, or at latest tomorrow.

And the Soviets, if they have any surprises to spring or concrete, new proposals to make, must work them within the next 24 hours.

The only inkling of the Russian position came indirectly from Molotov.

He was described as believing the Geneva conference has achieved "positive results" which will lead to more fruitful East-West contacts in the future.

Molotov's appraisal was said to have been given privately to Count Massimo Magistrati, head of the political section of the Italian Foreign Office who is here as an observer.

French Premier Edgar Faure submitted to today's session a three-point world disarmament plan to implement President Eisenhower's revolutionary "open shutter" proposal.

Faure handed the conferees a detailed scheme for eliminating the threat of war through raising living standards of world populations. He would use savings from military budgets for "a world development fund."

Culbreth Is Renamed By City Council

E. B. Culbreth, prominent Dunn insurance man, civic and religious leader, last night was reappointed to the Dunn Planning Board for another term.

Mr. Culbreth was first appointed in January of 1953 as one of the original members of the planning board and members of the council had high praises for his services.

He was recommended for reappointment by Chairman Earl McD. Westbrook and his associates on the board. Other members of the board are: C. W. Bannerman, Gene Johnson and Myra W. Tighman.

Mr. Culbreth had expressed a desire to retire but agreed to serve for a while longer.

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Actress Eve Miller Tries To End Life

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Hospital authorities said film actress Eve Miller is in critical condition today with a self-inflicted abdominal knife wound that resulted from an argument with her fiancé over marriage.

Police said the raven-haired actress was rushed yesterday to North Hollywood Receiving Hospital for emergency treatment, then was taken to General Hospital where she underwent four hours of surgery.

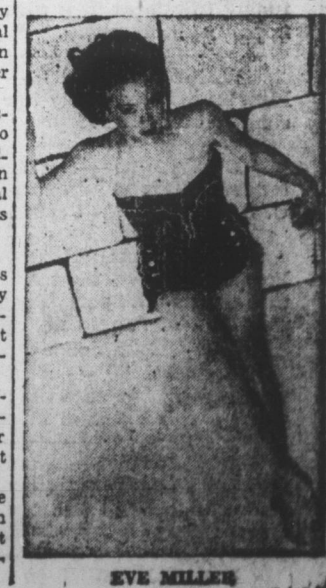
THRUST KNIFE INTO BODY

According to police, the actress thrust a paring knife into her body after her fiancé, actor Glase Lohman, 31, told her he could not marry her until he was "financially able."

Lohman, who said he was engaged in stage play work, told police he and Miss Miller had their lover's quarrel in her apartment early yesterday.

Lohman said he tried to persuade Miss Miller to keep calm, but when she started to leave her apartment she ran into the kitchen and exclaimed:

"You will be sorry, because you will find me dead in the morning."



EVE MILLER

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

MOVIE VISITOR, EVERETTE AND OTHER LITTLE NOTES

Lash La Rue whose ability to act and to crack a whip landed him among the western greats of movie land, was a visitor in Dunn for a few hours yesterday afternoon.... Now on a personal appearance tour, he stopped in Dunn to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crabtree.... He's a cousin of Mr. Crabtree and the two families have visited back and forth for years.... While here, he staged a clever lash demonstration.

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Two Given Prison Terms In Harnett

Prison terms were imposed yesterday in Harnett Recorder's Court on two defendants as a variety of cases were tried.

William Allen, convicted of non-support of his wife and three children drew a 12 months road term. James Roosevelt Banks, Kipling Negro who entered a guilty plea to driving without an operator's license was sentenced to four months on the roads.

In other decisions, Paul McLean, Lillington, Route 3, entered a plea of guilty to illegal possession of whiskey. He was handed a six months road term, suspended two years on condition he pay a \$50 fine and costs.

Cyrus Bowman Carter, Erwin,

Route 1, submitted to the charge of driving drunk and failure to stop for stop sign. Judgment was continued on payment of \$25 fine and costs.

George Mangum, Negro, of Lillington was acquitted of the charge of driving after his license had been revoked. Robert Morgan represented the defendant.

Arthur Dean was found guilty of issuing a worthless check and was sentenced to four months on the roads. This was suspended on condition he make good the check given to J. R. Griffin by payments of \$15 weekly, and pay court costs.

Bad check charges against Dossie Moore, Lillington, Route 3, were dismissed.

John Dennis Starling, Fayetteville, Route 5, tendered a guilty plea to speeding 60 miles an hour, and was fined five dollars and costs.

PARKER CONVICTED

Bruce Parker, Lillington, Route 3 was found guilty of assault on a female, but judgment was continued in order to give the defendant opportunity for medical and psychiatric observation. Parker was accused of striking Mary Parker with a chair and running her away from her home.

Uia C. Burch, Negro of Bunn, level, Route 1, first charged with assault with a deadly weapon on Shep Hammond, submitted as guilty to the lesser offense of trespass. He was ordered to pay the costs.

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+ Record Roundup +

MUSICAL VARIETIES — Mrs. Reta Whittenton announced the schedule for her "Musical Varieties" radio program for next week: Monday - Mrs. Whittenton will give an organ program; Tuesday - Mrs. K. M. Wood and son, Benny, will sing duets; Wednesday - A vocal trio featuring Carolyn Miles, Linda Lou Godwin and Judy Jernigan; Thursday - Lib Lewis will be the vocalist accompanied by Patricia Johnson; Friday - Piano duets and trios featuring Patricia Dawson, Joyce McMillen, Ida Sue Jackson, Earnestine Johnson, and Olive Grey Herring. The

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Johnson Defends Action On Banks

County Commissioner R. Glenn Johnson of Kipling, who earlier this morning cast the deciding vote which took funds away from the First Citizens Bank in Dunn and named the Bank of Lillington at Lillington as the county depository today issued a statement to the press defending his action.

Mr. Johnson well-known merchant, denied charges that he had let a handful of people influence his vote and said he was influenced "only by facts obtained from an unimpaired source."

Attorney Henry C. Strickland of Angier, representing citizens of the district from which Mr. Johnson was elected severely criticized Johnson for his action at the time and said he had failed to carry out the wishes of the people of the district. Strickland said Johnson admitted himself that 80 per cent of the people of the district and county

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GLENN JOHNSON

Lillington Club Hears Jack Riley

The use of electricity has increased more than two and a half times within the past 10 years and even more phenomenal growth is anticipated within the next decade.

Such was the prediction here last night by Jack Riley, publicity director for Carolina Power & Light Company, in a talk before the Lillington Rotary Club.

Riley stated that electric consumption in the area served by Carolina Power & Light Company totaled almost three and a half

billion kilowatt hours last year, compared with slightly more than one and a quarter billion in 1946.

The average residential consumer used 3,627 kilowatt hours last year, compared with just 1,873 in 1946. This average, which is almost 50 per cent above the national average, is indicative of

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