

TOBACCO PRICES UP HERE TODAY



DUNN LEGION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY - The Membership Committee of the Dunn American Legion Post, under the leadership of Chairman Kie Hudson, is conducting an intensive drive for both new and old members.

Ervin Running; Hodges Says He's For Adlai

WINSTON-SALEM (AP) - North Carolina today had a major commitment to Adlai Stevenson for the Democratic presidential nomination and a candidate for senator in next May's Democratic primary.

These hazy points on the state's political outlook cleared suddenly after an unexpectedly exciting rally of Young Democrats here Saturday.

In a "report to the people" address at the rally, Gov. Luther H. Hodges announced he is casting his lot "right now" with the former Illinois governor.

But he emphasized he will support anyone the party nominates—forestalling any speculation that he might join some maverick Southern Democrats who have threatened to bolt if they don't like the nominee.

Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., talking to reporters after the rally, said he will be a candidate for re-election next year.

"As a matter of fact" he quipped, "I've unofficially been running ever since I first took office."

In still another important speech at the Forsyth County fairgrounds rally, Rep. Carl Durham (D-NC), vice chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, said the time has come for more atomic secrets to be unlocked for peaceful uses.

Veronica Lake, McCarthy Wed

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) - Veronica Lake, blond film and stage actress noted for her peek-a-boo hair style, left on a secret honeymoon with Joseph McCarthy, a New York music publisher and writer, today after a quiet wedding here.

Report Given On Recreation

Almost 24,000 participation in recreational activities conducted through the Dunn Recreation department was recorded last month. Among other things, that meant total revenue of \$1,920.48 for the department which is directed by Eugene Driver.

Figures from his office show that Dunn Pool gate receipts were \$1,034.70 with another \$508.50 coming.

44 Babies Poisoned Accidentally

TOKYO (AP) - A milk company today assumed "full responsibility" for the accidental poisoning of powdered milk which killed 44 infants and hospitalized 4,964 others.

A spokesman for the Morinaga company said an investigation had disclosed that arsenic was present in the sodium phosphate used as a stabilizer in one of its plants.

The company promised to pay indemnities for the dead and sick children.

The parents of 99 sick children in Onayama city banded together to take action against the company. They demanded that the company pay all hospital and medical bills and pay indemnities to parents for "physical and psychological losses."

Erwin Church Plans Revival

A ten days' evangelistic and revival campaign will be held at the Erwin Advent Christian Church, West C and South 15th Streets, September 7-18, 7:30 nightly.

The Rev. Mr. Richard C. Polk of Dunbar, West Virginia, will be the evangelist. The evangelist is a graduate of The New England School of Theology Brookline Mass. He received his A. B. Th. degree at Gordon College in Boston. He is as present taking extension courses at West Virginia State College.

He is widely known throughout the denomination in the pastoral field, having pastored churches in Maine, Idaho, New York, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. Also he is known through the East in the evangelistic field, having held evangelistic services in 12 states.

He has served as President of of Piedmont, A. C. Conference in western N. C. for two years; five years as President of The Virginia Conference; two years as President of the Appalachian Region; and seven years as Regional secretary.

He has carried on extensive radio ministry in Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina. From Covington, Virginia, he carried on "The Blessed Hope Broadcast" for four years. While conducting the campaign here the Rev. Mr. Polk will

Heavy Cotton Damage Feared

Rain in this area has already caused definite losses in the cotton crop and more will follow if the rains continue, cotton experts here have predicted.

Myers Tishman, former President of the Carolinas Ginners Association and a prominent local ginster, estimates that rain could take a fourth of the crop.

Confirming this view, County Agent Cliff Ammons said he "couldn't tell how far the losses would go but they would be up there a ways." Especially if the cotton stays wet.

A twenty-five percent loss would mean around \$640,000 in cotton losses in this county. That figure is based on a 400-pound per acre yield at a price of 32 cents per pound.

Last year's cotton production was under 1953 and this year's undoubtedly will be under 1954's.

Other crops affected by the rain include tobacco and corn. However, tobacco which showed up on the warehouse floors Thursday and Friday was not as damaged as might have been expected.

Falling more rain, cotton ginning should probably get well underway in the next few days.

Truman Branded As "Hate Monger"

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republicans flung "hate-monger" charges at Harry S. Truman today as the former President swung into Michigan with his "give-em-hell" speaking campaign.

Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall said the attack on President Eisenhower Saturday night was nothing but "name-calling" and "bunk."

He called the former president a "bitter, frustrated... hate-monger" who is trying to "smear" his successor out of disgruntled jealousy.

In a no-holds-barred speech at French Lick, Ind., Truman said the President has been guilty of "misrepresentation and demagoguery" ever since his election. He also charged that the President never misses a chance to "befuddle the issues."

He promised more of the same tonight when he delivers the main address in the climax of a three-day Democratic session on Mackinac Island, Mich.

It is the second of a series of speeches the former President has scheduled in the beginning of a Democratic drive to recapture the White House in 1956.

SEES IKE'S DEFEAT

At a news conference last night, he made it clear he thinks the Democrats can whip the President if he runs for re-election in 1956, that the President should not be immune to criticism for what his administration does, and that the present government is dominated by big business "starting with Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler took a swipe at Richard M. Nixon, calling him the "leaze popular" vice president in 35 or 40 years and describing his good-will tours as "malarky."

In a bristling counterattack last night, Hall called the Truman and

Benson To Pay Homage To Mule

Benson will pay its annual gallant tribute to the mule on Sept. 16 and 17, officials who will make this the biggest day ever (for mules) have been announced by General Chairman Mrs. Elizabeth Ferguson.

Mule Day is to start on the 16th with various contests. A parade will follow at 2 that afternoon. A drawing for cash prizes will also be held that day.

In the evening, there will be a senior beauty contest and street dance.

On Saturday, a Hillbilly show and a mammoth fireworks display

WEEKEND PARTY BROKEN UP

Benson Convicted Of Driving Drunk

A "blue ribbon" jury composed of several of Dunn's leading citizens late Friday afternoon convicted Leon L. Benson of driving drunk after deliberating less than 15 minutes in a hardly-fought case.

It was Benson's second conviction of driving drunk and City Judge H. Paul Strickland gave him a \$200 fine and suspended his driving license for a total of three years.

Arrest of Benson about 5 o'clock on the morning of August 7, Dunn police said, broke up what promised

to be a gay weekend party at White Lake.

City Policemen K. M. Fall and J. T. Southerland testified that they saw an automobile coming out of the Dickey Motors Parking lot and turn into Magnolia Avenue and start north.

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DISSATISFACTION - Harnett County farmers, angry over the administration of the federal tobacco compliance program, aired their grievances at a mass meeting held Friday night in the Lillington School House. Regulations that acreages comply to one hundredth of an acre of the allotment were branded as ridiculous and unenforceable. Tardiness in getting out notices of over production until after the tobacco was cured, and delay in mailing white sale cards drew many complaints.

Left to right on the platform were: Rep. Carson Gregory, A.S.C. committeeman Everett Barnes of Coats; Thurman Garris, the new county A.S.C. supervisor who was the government's single spokesman present; Staley Spence, Lillington, Route 1 farmer who helped organize the protest meeting; and James R. Spence, Lillington attorney, who presided. A portion of the approximately 700 farmers who attended can be seen in the background. (Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

Farmers Hold Protest Meet

By LOIS BYRD Record Staff Writer

Dissatisfaction with the manner in which the federal tobacco compliance program has been administered this season in Harnett County, simmering for several months, boiled over into a mass protest meeting Friday night in the Lillington school auditorium.

Approximately 700 farmers, representing all of the county's 13 townships, except Duke, were present to air their grievances. Words sometimes were bitter sometimes comical as farmer told of his entanglement in government red tape.

Majority of complaints stemmed from the fact that the measurement of tobacco acreage to see if the farmer has complied with his allotment has been delayed until after the leaf has been cured. Farmers notified to make disposition of overproduction have had to pull cured leaf from barns or pack-houses and watch it burn after paying expensive fuel and labor costs. Fees for a representative of the government to watch the disposition come from the farmer's pocket.

HIT INEXPERIENCE CRITICIZED

Farmers criticized the inexperienced

Judge Issues Capias For 15 Not Present

A two-weeks criminal term of Harnett Superior Court opened today in Lillington with Judge Malcolm Seawell of Lumberton presiding.

City Building Reported Up

New construction in Dunn, as reported on the Building Report for July and released from the office of the city manager, shows R. R. Raynor with two projects—one on South Washington Avenue, the other on North General Lee Avenue. The first was to be erected at a cost of \$10,000, the latter at \$5,000.

Other new construction reported in July: D. A. McLean, N. Wilmington Ave., \$3,000; Cameo Construction Co., W. Johnson St., \$150; A. G. Register, N. Wautauga Ave., \$8,000; Ellis R. Godwin, S. Wilmington, \$8,000; Mrs. Margaret A. Henry, N. Layton Ave., \$5,000; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Williams, N. Park Ave., \$5,000; and Mrs. W. P. Holt, W. Cumberland St., \$1,000.

Among additions and repairs listed were Silas Whittenton, 906 W. Carr St., \$2,000; Tom Shaw, E. Harnett St., \$4,000; T. Hodges, S. Magnolia Ave., \$2,000; and Mrs. Bertha Felton, S. Layton Ave., \$200.

Plumbing inspections for the month of July were made of property belonging to C. E. Warren, W. Cumberland St., C. T. Latimer, W. Pearsall St., W. S. Wellons, S. Wilmington Ave., and T. H. Her-ring, 600 S. King Avenue.

It was the first time in the memory of practicing attorneys that a criminal term has been held in August instead of the customary first week in September.

It is also Judge Seawell's first term as a presiding judge in Harnett.

A former district solicitor, Judge Seawell is a son of the late Associate Justice A. A. F. Seawell of the State Supreme Court.

"I am happy to be in Harnett," said Judge Seawell, "and to renew old acquaintances. I can readily

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Red Cross Seeks Hurricane Funds

Hurricane Diane left its mark on the New England states and now the Red Cross is raising \$8,000,000 to try and erase some of those marks.

The Dunn-Erwin chapter's quota in this emergency campaign is \$400. Every Red Cross chapter across the nation will join in the effort to raise the total as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Floods which followed the Hurricane wreaked great devastation throughout the affected areas. Citizens of this county are requested

Farmers Are Pleased With Prices Received

Looks like that real tough market in tobacco is starting to break.

Sales were well up this morning, and E. L. Dudley of the Big Four warehouse declared, "Everybody's happy. I'm happy, the farmers are happy."

The Export and Imperial Tobacco Companies, neither of which had buyers here for the opening of the market last week, were "on the market strong," said Dudley.

Average price for a hundred pounds at the Big Four warehouse will run well into the fifties, he estimated. At the Planters warehouse, it was estimated that the day's average per hundred pounds would be about \$53—well up from first day sales when the average at the two warehouses varied from \$48.71.

Besides the presence of new buyers the rise in the market was attributed to "good tobacco—less of it damaged than before."

Tobacco men had noted earlier that good tobacco was bringing a fair price on the market, but damaged stock was well down from the price it might have brought in other years.

Today's prices did not go up through any lack of tobacco. Both warehouses reported plenty of the golden leaf on their floors.

County Court Sessions Set

The top heavy docket of Harnett Superior Court will not affect the Harnett Recorder's Court.

Judge M. O. Lee said today that the lower court will meet twice weekly all of September in spite of the busy schedule of the Superior Court.

"Now that we have a separate clerk and separate office," the Judge said, "we will continue business as usual. We can not permit the court to get four weeks behind in its work."

The problem is where to hold court as the courtroom in Lillington will be occupied next week and most of September. However, Judge Lee said he thought that arrangements could be made to use county agriculture building or the Lillington Town Hall.

3 Children Die; 10 Hurt In Explosion

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - An artillery shell exploded in the midst of a group of children gathered around a small fire last night, killing three of them and injuring 10 other persons, two critically.

Zelma Morales, 4, was dead on arrival at El Paso General Hospital. Two other children, George Valdez, 5, and Ricardo Lujan, 10, died shortly after reaching the hospital.

Doctors worked to save the lives of Ramon Ramirez, 8, and an adult, Mrs. Thomas Venezuela, 43. Both of Ramon's legs were blown off, and Mrs. Venezuela was believed to have caught a shell fragment in the chest.

Seven other children and 22-year-old Amado Rivera were seriously injured, most of them suffering from burns.

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REUNION HELD - Decedents of the late Joseph M. Langdon attended the seventh annual reunion held Sunday at the Goodwill Home Demonstration community building near Angier Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Langdon of Angier were hosts and hostess for the occasion.

CLEAN UP DAY - The Dunn High School Student Council will have their annual clean up day on Tuesday August 30. All standing committee chairmen and officers are requested to meet at the school at 9 a.m. Any other students wishing to help in the clean up campaign are urged to attend also.

Capias Issued For Porter; Poker Players Fined \$100

By TED CRAIL Record Staff Writer

Forty-three-year-old Ben Gilbert Porter was expected to answer charges of operating a gambling house and possessing narcotics.

When he failed to appear, Judge H. Paul Strickland issued a capias for his arrest and police said he would be taken in on sight.

It was rumored that Porter boarded a plane in Raleigh yesterday morning, but his present whereabouts are unknown.

JUDGE, LAWYER, DISAGREE

Defense Attorney Everette L. Doffermyre told The Daily Record after court adjourned this morning that Porter was not supposed to be in court, that his case had been continued until Thursday

morning.

Porter today but assumed he would be in court Thursday morning for trial.

PLANNED TO ENTER HOSPITAL

Earlier in a talk with Daily Record, Porter had said that he was going to "take the cure."

Long before the raid, he said, he had made reservations to enter Westbrook Sanatorium in Richmond today.

To The Record, he denied the gambling house charge, saying that that it was a friendly game in his home. "I thought everybody knew about it," he said. "It was no secret. It was no different from all the other poker games going on here every night."

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