

443 DIE ON ROADS DURING WEEKEND



SHE'S IN THE AIR ABOUT IT—Not a bird, not a plane, it's Miriam Berrian coming in for a landing on the sands at Miami Beach, Fla. The energetic leap is Miriam's way of showing her joy at being in the sun near the sea.

Nixon Predicts President Will Run Again

DENVER (UP) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon forecasts a 1956 presidential race between President Eisenhower and one of three Democratic candidates — Adlai E. Stevenson, Gov. Averell Harriman of New York, or Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

Nixon expressed his views on the national political situation at a press conference after a top secret national security meeting with President Eisenhower. But he emphasized he did not discuss politics with the President.

Most Republican leaders, he said, are confident the President will run again and are basing their campaign plans on that assumption.

He predicted a "horse race" for the 1956 Democratic presidential nomination among Stevenson, the 1952 nominee, Harriman, and Kefauver. He discounted the tendency of "professional politicians" to underestimate the "down to earth vote-getting ability" of Kefauver.

Nixon told reporters he "never saw the President look better" than he looked yesterday. "I feel he is in tip-top shape both physically and mentally," he added.

He vice president admitted that the GOP may be in serious political trouble in the farm belt because of falling crop prices. But he said he is not pessimistic about it as some people think the Republicans should be.

He criticized Democratic "power" by saying that Democratic nominating conventions are "much less responsive to the people's will than those of the Republicans."

He flatly dismissed the controversy over Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy as a campaign issue in 1956 and predicted the GOP will win because it is "more unified than at any time since 1952."

Nixon's repudiation of McCarthy, his onetime committee-mate in the Senate, was the bluntest brushing aside the Wisconsin Republican has received to date from a top-ranking elected official of his own party.

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Principal Johnson also reported that four more teachers on hand there for the opening of the '55-'56 school session. "We had to some scouting to find rooms to put them in."

Harnett High Principal F. H. Ledbetter reported that enrollment there, in grades one through twelve is almost up to last year's total of 1027 already with more.

In Dunn grammar school, 562 students were reported the first day with more continuing to register this week. There were 514 in elementary grades and 362 high school students the first day in

the buildings at North Orange.

SAYS IT WILL MEAN MUCH TO DUNN

Mayor Endorses Record Edition

One of the biggest singing contests this part of the country has ever seen is going to take place Saturday, October 15, in the Dunn High School auditorium.

That's not all. The Daily Record is girding itself for the kind of edition which brings tears to the eyes of printers (who have to do the work).

It's all for the big birthday celebration which will start Harnett County off right—into its second century.

Mayor Ralph Hanna said this week that he was proud something besides dust was being kicked up in the preparation for the Centennial.

"I think a big issue relating to both past and present is going to have lots of interest for everyone around here," he said. "You can quote me on that."

"When that edition goes out of the state—and I know you have plans for that—it should show people that we're alive out here, and that we've got a lot to live up to."

Carl Fitchett, Jr., chairman of the Centennial committee for Dunn, announced today that he is getting good response from singing groups throughout Eastern North Carolina on the invitations that were sent them.

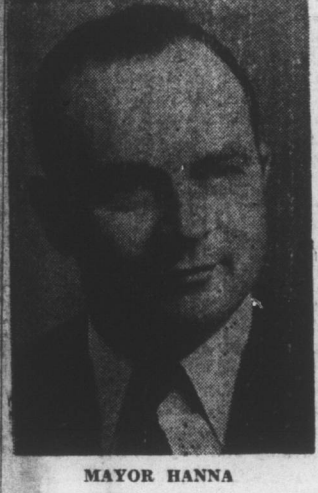
"We'll make an official statement about contestants later, but there's no doubt we're going to have a contest and a good one," he said.

The city council is considering a request to grant \$300 expenses to the Centennial committee for the singing, but it will take place regardless, said Fitchett.

"Our big worry will be where to put the audience," he said today. "It looks like we'll have to use the high school auditorium, but even if we cram them, it isn't going to hold more than about 900."

A special staff has been working on the Record's centennial edition for several weeks. Local merchants are joining in the effort to make it an impressive statement of Harnett County's past and present.

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MAYOR HANNA

"Kismet" Fires Actress

LONDON — Joan Diener, 24-year-old New York actress, who has made London gasp with her gold-painted voluptuous body in the musical "Kismet," was fired from the cast today.

Joan disappeared a week ago. Today she flew into London with her mother and sister and said she had been on the Riviera visiting an aunt.

She walked up to the theatre this afternoon saying she was ready to go on for the matinee.

Stage boss Bars Way Stage director Tommy Hayes (Continued On Page Six)

Total Of 592 Violent Deaths Are Recorded

By UNITED PRESS

Traffic deaths during three-day Labor Day holiday apparently stopped short of an all-time record, but safety experts today called it a "tragic toll."

The death count surged past the 400 predicted by the National Safety Council and threatened to surpass the record of 453 fatalities set during Labor Day in 1951.

But motorists apparently heeded the pleas of police and safety experts during the holiday's waning hours. The death rate slackened and it appeared that the record would not be passed.

A United Press count from 6 p. m. Friday until the end of Labor Day at midnight showed 443 traffic deaths across the nation. Drownings killed 73, plane crashes 12, and miscellaneous accidents 66 for an overall total of 592.

A Safety Council spokesman estimated that the count would stop at between 435 and 440 after all reports of deaths in outlying areas have been tabulated.

But he said "there's very little satisfaction in knowing we stopped just short of an all-time record. The toll went far past our expectations and it's not much to be proud of."



HERB DOES IT AGAIN — Pictured here is Harnett's own Herb Thomas, who won the Darlington 500 stock car race yesterday at Darlington, S. C. for the third time. Thomas drove his Chevrolet an average of 92.281 miles per hour. With the trophy, which he now keeps permanently, goes about \$7,000 in prize money. See story on sports page.

Ground Observers On Three-Day Alert

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

FATHER MAC; PEGGY GETS GREY; HOWARD, ETC. ETC

Father Francis McCarthy of Philadelphia writes from Pittsburgh that there are plenty of good charcoal-broiled steaks up in that country. Sends his regards to all the people of Dunn... We still miss Father Mac something awful... Speaking of charcoal steaks, the Steak House in Raleigh is a popular spot with Dunn folks... Among those from here putting away big ones at the Steak House Sunday night were Jan Aycock and her new boyfriend, A. T. Johnson of Benson... Her other beau, Corbett Hartley, poor fellow, won't like that... He'll probably swear off steaks and eat nothing but pork chops from now on... Frankie Sinatra is doing all right—made the cover of both Look Magazine and Time last issue... J. P. Lee's new Texaco service station is one of the prettiest and most modern to be found anywhere... J. P. is doing a big business, too... We ran into Mrs. Bill Bryan buying groceries out at the A & P yesterday afternoon... As usual, we had to kid her a little... We always enjoy teasing Peggy because she can't stand to be teased... She always (Continued On Page Six)

Ground observers of Dunn are joining in the three-day alert, called Operation Early Summer, which began for 230 posts in North Carolina and others throughout the Southeastern states at 8:30 a. m. this morning.

Corby Cretini, chief of the local ground observers, said this will be a real test. He expects his group, which includes four wings and about 40 observers all together, to come through it just fine.

Watchers here range in age from twelve on up and all are volunteers. The observation tower itself has been built and maintained through contributions.

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Godwin Lions, Ladies To Hear Jernigan

Mack Jernigan, who recently returned from a trip to the Holy Land, will be the featured speaker at a Ladies Meeting of the Godwin Lions Club, Wednesday night at 8 p. m.

The meeting will be in the community building at Godwin. Wallace Warren, president, urges everyone to attend.

Paul Muni To Get Operation Today

NEW YORK (UP)—Veteran actor Paul Muni undergoes eye surgery today for an ailment that forced him to withdraw from the hit Broadway play, "Inherit the Wind." It was reported Muni would lose his left eye in the operation. Specialists who examined Muni after he left the play last week reported that he had a tumor of the eye.

LITTLE LIZ



Lucille Says Wives Should Spoil Hubby

NEW YORK (UP) — Lucille Vogeler, who says "there is nothing more invigorating than climbing a tree," moves out on a limb today.

The blonde, blue-eyed wife of Robert Vogeler, the American businessman who was jailed by Red Hungary for 17 months, debuts today as a regular panelist on CBS radio's five-a-week show, "Make Up Your Mind."

College Offers Night Courses

BUIE'S CREEK — Campbell College announced today its regular night business classes for the coming school year. Registration and classes will begin Monday, September 19, 7:00 P.M. in the Kivett Building on the college campus. Registration will be accepted until October 3. Classes will meet each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights for two semesters. Three hours of college credit may be earned by qualified students for satisfactorily completed work.

+ Record Roundup +

LIONS TO HONOR LADIES — Ladies' night is coming up for the Lions of Dunn, who will have a special meeting for this purpose on Thursday night, September 8. It will convene at Johnson's Restaurant in Dunn at 7 o'clock.

Wells Appointed As Dog Warden

Earl Wells, popular Dunn resident, today was appointed as county dog warden by the Harnett County Board of Commissioners.

This is a newly-created office in Harnett and Mr. Wells was selected over a list of other applicants.

Now employed by Strickland's Auto Service, Mr. Wells will begin his new duties on Monday.

Jeff Jackson At Marine Station

Thomas (Jeff) Jackson of Dunn has enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps and is now taking his boot training at the Parris Island, S. C. Marine base.

Mr. Jackson is the son of Assistant Postmaster and Mrs. Tommy Jackson, well-known Dunn residents.

He graduated from Dunn High School during the summer and then enlisted in the service.

High Waters Leave 11 Children Dead

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (UP) — Tropical storm Gladys spent its waning strength in the interior of Mexico today and South Texas apparently was spared a repeat of the disastrous 1954 floods.

But heavy rains on the fringe areas of Gladys caused flooding and high tides that left at least 11 children dead — nine in Mexico City and two in Texas. A party of 12 Texans at a hunting lodge near San Rafael, Mexico, on the coast, was marooned by high water and their fate was not known.

The Brownsville weather bureau said early today that Gladys had veered from a northwesterly direction to a south-southwest one and had passed over Tampico on the eastern Mexico coast.

Winds near the center of the storm had diminished from 70 to 50 m. p. h. and Brownsville forecaster Oliver Newton said it "lessened considerably" the chances of flooding in the Laredo-Del Rio area of Texas. Weatherman said the storm now apparently will beat itself out against the mountains of interior Mexico.

Girl Burns At Nude Pix; Fires House

NEW YORK — Alice Florito, 20, was in a telephone booth in a Brooklyn candy store and she was talking to her former boyfriend, Albert Dinally, 25.

"Do you still claim you haven't got those nude pictures of me?" asked Alice.

"Yes," said Albert. "I haven't got them."

"Well, if you did have them, you darned well haven't got them anymore," said Alice. "I just set fire to your house."

"There was a pause, then Albert spoke, 'I don't believe you,' he said.

Equipped for Sound "Then listen," said Alice. She opened the door of the booth and extended the phone receiver toward the door of the store. In came the roar of fire engines and (Continued on Page Six)

HERB HAD IT IN HIS HEART

Leave It To Your Heart, Advises Herb On Racing

Slightly before race time at Darlington, a neatly turned out brunette who looks like a Gibson girl brought up to date, asked Herb Thomas whether he advised young boys to go into racing.

His answer was no. Then Herb thought it over for a minute. "Well," he said, "it depends on if it's in your heart."

The third time yesterday while 60,000 watched, must have had it in his heart.

Herb, who won the big race for his heart, Grease-besmeared at the finish, he still managed an ear-to-ear grin. Maybe the \$6,000

and five kids, and I never find to do the things I want because I'm too busy racing.

"But I still love it," Tim finished third.

Ordinary, Norma is on the advertising staff of the Daily Record but just for this race she turned reporter—and when the race was over, she was as dirty as any of the drivers.

"I'll be washing it out for a week," she said. Norma was admitted to the pits to interview drivers and somehow never left during the race. (Continued On Page Six)