

Fair, very cold this afternoon and tonight. Slowly rising temperature Saturday.

Dunn Stores Open Until 9 Next Week Some Open Tonite-Sat

KEFAUVER FORMALLY ENTERS RACE



TAKING INTERMISSION — The Dunn Lions Club last night held a gala Ladies' Night Christmas party and dance at Johnson's Restaurant. Pictured here resting during intermission are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hemingway, left, and Mrs. Lewis Godwin, right. (Daily Record Photo.)

TRIED TO BLOW UP BIG DEPARTMENT STORE

Blind Peddler Admits \$50,000 Extort Plot

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A twice blinded peddler confessed last night he set off 12 sticks of dynamite in a crowded department store in a \$50,000 extortion plot against the store's president.

Clarence Peddicord of Vancouver, Wash., who became a national figure of sorts several years ago, admitted setting off the dynamite at the Meier and Frank Department Store, April 15, police said.

The explosion rocked the store while it was crowded with shoppers attending the weekly "Friday surprise" sale, and came just as Aaron Frank, store president, was reading the lengthy extortion note, crowded store was seriously injured. Only a few shoppers suffered minor cuts and bruises when they were struck by flying fragments.

Peddicord was arrested shortly afterwards and implicated his sister-in-law, Joy Kehler, 28, of Portland, police said. But news of the blind man's arrest was withheld until the woman was taken into custody early today.

EXTORTION NOTES Police said Peddicord was connected to the bombing by a mail fraud complaint made against him. Samples of his typewriter were sent to postal authorities, and a routine check showed the machine had been used to write the extortion note.

Peddicord and Miss Keller were held under \$75,000 bond under technical charges. Peddicord, 38, was blinded in 1938 when he was 19 years old by sulphur and ammonia fumes from a refrigerator explosion. The following year he applied for a position as chief high excruciator at Sing Sing prison.

He received nationwide news coverage in 1948 when he began hitchhiking to New York, with \$7 in his pocket, for an operation to restore his sight. When he had reached Detroit, Mich., a radio program paid his train fare the rest of the way.

Tragic Stroke of Fate Peddicord's operation was paid for by a Saratoga Springs, N. Y., businessman, Henry Karling. The operation, which consisted of transplanting a cornea in Peddicord's right eye, was a success. But he was blinded again by a tragic stroke of fate.

As the surgeon removed the bandages several weeks after the operation, "For an instant there was sunlight on the ceiling" but Peddicord jerked his head as the scissors descended "and darkness closed in and once more he was blind."

Police said money was the motive for the elaborate bomb plot. Peddicord tried his hand at a soft-drink concession, a magazine stand, selling hand-painted neckties and fireworks, but was unable to attain a steady income to support his wife and two young daughters.

French Bride Found Slain NEW YORK (AP) — Police searched today for a Negro handyman for questioning in the slaying of a young French war bride found dead in a negligee and a housecoat and sprawled in the doorway of her bathroom.

Detectives said the woman Mrs. Arlette Collins, 33, had apparently been killed by someone she knew and trusted. She died from a vicious cut across her throat.

Neighbors said the Negro handyman had been working in the apartment house where Mrs. Collins lived. He disappeared about the time the murder occurred yesterday afternoon.

The body was found by the victim's husband, Frank Collins when he returned home from work late last night. He called police his wife's slayer and a valuable diamond ring was found on the body.



LINDA DOESN'T LIKE BEING "OTHER WOMAN" — Lovely Linda Christian, shown here with her ex-husband, Tyrone Power, said in a court affidavit filed in Santa Monica, California today that she is "sick and tired" of being used as a "football" in the marital dispute between actor Edmund Purdom and his estranged wife, Anita. Court records showed that Miss Christian, central figure in the divorce battle, had filed an affidavit in an attempt to quash contempt proceedings against her. These grew out of her failure to appear for a deposition, hearing on October 15 regarding a trip she allegedly made with Purdom to Mexico in 1954.

Hound Dies Rabid; Owner Takes Shots

Yesterday a telegram was received in Dunn from the State Laboratory of Hygiene, Raleigh. It said: "Dog to which Elbert F. Thornton was exposed was mad as proven by mouse inoculation test."

This confirmed what Dog War-

den Earl Wells and Veterinarian Dr. E. Belmont Kittrell had decided earlier when Thornton's young hound was brought into the dog hospital here for treatment.

Wells kept the dog confined until it died, then sent the head to Raleigh for diagnostic tests there. While waiting for the laboratory's (Continued On Page Four)

Rich Young Prince May Find A Wife

NEW YORK (AP) — Prince Rainier III, handsome bachelor ruler of the principality of Monaco, admitted today he "might" find an American girl to take as a bride although he wasn't "actively" seeking a wife.

One of the world's most eligible bachelors, the 32-year-old ruler, of a 770-acre kingdom on the French Riviera arrived here aboard the liner United States for a visit that may last two months.

The tall, dark and mustachioed prince tried to make it plain to a large group of reporters that he was here only in the role of a tourist and had no romantic pursuits in mind. But the questions touched

mostly on romance. MIGHT FIND BRIDE "I am not actively seeking a wife," the prince said. "She has to have many qualities because I'm a horrible character."

Asked if he might, during his visit here, find an American girl to take as his bride, he replied only: "I might."

Asked whether he would be re- (Continued On Page Four)

Vigorous Campaign Is Pledged

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Estes Kefauver announced formally today that he is a candidate for the 1956 Democratic presidential nomination.

The lanky Tennessean told a crowded news conference he again will wage a "vigorous campaign" for the highest office in the land, even though he failed to win his party's nomination in 1952.

Kefauver said in a prepared statement that he will fight for the nomination in "a number of state primaries . . . as many as I can." The statement did not identify these primaries.

THIRD HAT IN RING Kefauver is the third Democrat to announce formally for the party's 1956 nomination. The others are Adlai E. Stevenson, the 1952 standard bearer, and Gov. Frank J. Lausche of Ohio who announced this week that he will enter Ohio's presidential primary as a favorite son candidate. Gov. Averell Harriman of New York also has announced that his name will be placed in nomination but insists he is not an "active" candidate.

Kefauver pledged in his nomination statement that, as a candidate, he will "seek to maintain the spirit of unity which now permeates our party."

But he added that he will, as in the past, attempt "to advance the forward-looking progressive traditions of the Democratic Party which characterized the administration of President Truman." (Continued On Page Four)

Trigger Burke To Get Juice

NEW YORK (AP) — Elmer (Trigger) Burke, 38-year-old hoodlum convicted of murdering a pal in a barroom brawl, was sentenced today to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison during the week of Jan. 23.

It was mandatory for Judge John A. Mullen to pronounce the death sentence since the jury which convicted Burke two weeks ago of the 1952 slaying of Edward (Poohy) Walsh failed to recommend mercy.

Burke, who broke out of a Boston prison more than a year ago while being held on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, was captured near Charleston, S. C. last August.

Dressed in a rumpled brown suit and white shirt without tie he appeared pale and tense as Mullen pronounced sentence. Asked if he had anything to say, he made a long attack on the police, the court and he jury which convicted him. (Continued On Page Eight)

Dear Santa!

Dear Santa Claus, I am nine years old and in the fourth grade. For Christmas I want a cooking set, a tea set and a cowboy suit.

My little brother, Jimmie, who is four years old wants a cowboy suit, a Roy Rogers ranch, a road grader with shovel and a moving van. We will leave you something good to eat on the table.

Yours truly, Jimmie Tart Route two, Dunn.



Senator Estes Kefauver

CITY COUNCIL MEETS

Matthews' "Island" Must Join City

Dallas Matthews, who learned today that his house is an "island" because other property surrounding him on North General Lee Avenue is inside the city limits while his home is not, said he'll be happy to join the city.

The city council last night ordered that Matthews be given 90 days notice that he must apply to come inside the city or have water and sewer service cut off.

Two amendments were made by the board last night to city ordinances in order to prevent islands from development. The first amendment said City Manager A. B. Uzzle, Jr., provides that by January 2 anybody outside the city limits whose property adjoins the city limits must apply to come inside the city at the same time as they apply for water and sewer service.

The second amendment designed to take care of the existing case, provided for a 90-day notice to current "islanders."

City Manager Uzzle said he thought nobody should object strongly to the first amendment because "it's cheaper inside than out." The only cost of joining the (Continued On Page Eight)

Teenaged Carolers Sing Sunday

Teenagers from all over town, and every church denomination, are invited to take part in a big caroling session sponsored by the Dunn Christian Youth Council.

The Council's president, Ercum Kirby, reported this morning that the annual caroling will take place Sunday night and will be followed by hot chocolate and other refreshments as a way of working out the chill of tromping the streets.

Every teenager who wants to take part should be on hand by 8:30 p. m. when the group will begin its rounds of the hospital, some (Continued On Page Three)

Christian Church Plans Carol Event

The Rev. Jack M. Daniell, pastor of the Hood Memorial Christian Church here, announced today that the choirs of the church will combine for a Christmas Carol Festival at the church on Sunday evening, December 18th at 7:30 p.m.

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

PAUL, LIB, PARAKEETS AND A REAL STAG PARTY

Mrs. H. Paul Strickland says the Christmas party held by Dunn's Eastern Star chapter this year was unusually enjoyable and a very pretty affair. These ladies always do things right. The Dunn Post Office will be open all day Saturday for your convenience. So let's get those Christmas cards in the mail. The new Amoco Service Station at Lillington is giving away, among other prizes, a (Continued On Page Four)

NO RESOLUTION — ACTION LEFT UP TO COMMITTEE

Wake Forest Grads Discuss Squabble

Wake Forest alumni of this area met last night to discuss the currently hot issue of what should be done about President Harold Tribble, who is threatened with ousting.

According to the local group's secretary-treasurer Abe Elmore, everyone stayed cool under the collar like the college graduates they are. Many of Harnett's most distinguished citizens, who have continued to follow Wake Forest affairs since graduation, were on hand for the meeting.

Elmore reported that there was little of the emotionalism in last night's discussion that has marked the debate at Wake Forest, where some students recently burned the president in effigy.

An investigation is now underway at the college, and the committee (Continued on Page Eight)



FIRST ENCOUNTERS — Thy Sherree Stewart, daughter of Attorney and Mrs. D. K. Stewart of Dunn, had her first meeting on Thursday with a gentleman whose frosty beard and rosy face immediately establishes his identity. Sherree, not noticeably impressed, squirmed in Daddy's arms. Older children, who were not too old, were rapt by the spectacle of Santa strolling Dunn streets just like he was home folks. (Daily Record Photo by Ted Crull)