

Official Says Board Member Wants Her Job

* WEATHER *

Fair to partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. High today 50 north-east and 60 southwest. Low tonight near 20's mountains and 30's elsewhere.

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CONGRESS FACES GRAVE PROBLEMS



FIRST UP IN '56 — The first baby born in Dunn in 1956 is described on the hospital marking slip as "Baby Girl Tart," but mother, daddy and friends will call her Debra Jean. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Tart of Benson. Nurse who solicitously raised the baby for her first look at the camera (which she didn't take) was Janie Belle Jackson, in charge of the maternity ward. Mrs. Jackson said the Tart's little girl was the first and only baby of the New Year to arrive up in yesterday. She came at 1:25 on New Year's Day, weighed six pounds, 13 ounces, at birth.

Welfare Chief Is Ready For Ouster Meeting

By TED CRAIL
Record Staff Writer
The chairman of the county commissioners, Lofton Tart of Dunn, said today that the commissioners definitely would sit in on the meeting of the welfare board tomorrow but that he doesn't believe they have any power to reverse the action which the board may take about Miss Wilma Williams.

Miss Williams, Superintendent of Public Welfare for Harnett County since 1942 and under fire from one quarter or another for an almost equally long time, is threatened with firing because she has refused to resign.

Thursday before New Year's she received a letter from the three-member board requesting that she resign and board members privately said they hoped it could all be managed without a large public fuss. Miss Williams fired back that she had no intention of resigning.

The Board and the superintendent will meet face to face at the regular January meeting tomorrow. Today Miss Williams charged that it is her information one of the members of the Welfare Board seeking to remove her from her position has himself been to the state department of welfare to determine if he would qualify for the Superintendent's job which she holds.

Chairman Tart said he could not give any opinion on the split which has arisen between Miss Williams and the board. His only comment (Continued On Page Four)



GETS NEW LICENSE — G. G. Barefoot of Route 2, Benson, was on hand at Dennis Cadillac-Olds, in Dunn, early this morning to be one of the first to get a new state license tag. He is seen here trying it on for size on the family flivver. His old license hasn't been removed yet. The tags went on sale early today; city tags are on sale, too, at the city hall.

'55 REVIEWED; '56 PREVIEWED

Statesmen Bumble, Cokes Get Bigger

By TED CRAIL
Record Staff Writer
New Year's reminds us, in the words of A. E. Housman, that "the world, it is the old world yet." People are still kicking off from the effects of bootleg liquor. The statesmen and diplomats, in their massive wisdom and great humanity, continue to bumble into situations in which thousands of people needlessly lose their lives.

Is anything really better, this 1956, than it was in the years that have gone before?

Well, Coca-Cola has come out with a bigger bottle. We haven't seen much of it in Dunn yet, but presumably it is on the way. George Gobel, the rookie TV sensation, has yielded some of the limelight to Phil Silvers, an old-timer who finally found the range. Ike is well, Peron is blue, Truman is still full of pepper, Kefauver hasn't been photographed in a coonskin hat in months.

I would say the world is better. (Continued on Page Two)

Bank Of Former Treasurer Robbed

RICHLAND, Kan. (P) — Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark Gray, former treasurer of the United States, was held prisoner for about an hour last night by three men who forced her to open the vault at the bank which she heads here.



By HOOVER ADAMS

Officers said the bandits obtained approximately \$2,000 from the Richland State Bank, of which Mrs. Gray is president, and an additional \$700 from the general store operated by Mrs. Gray and her husband, Andrew J. Gray.

Mrs. Gray told a reporter the men did not threaten her life. Composed, but with tension in her voice, she turned back all other questions.

Officers said the three men, armed with pistols, appeared at the Gray home and left Gray bound and gagged while Mrs. Gray accompanied them to the bank. She later was released unharmed, and the men fled in the Gray's station wagon. It was found abandoned near here later.

Three men said to answer the general description of the bandits were arrested early today at El Dorado, Kan., and Mrs. Gray rushed there in an attempt to identify them.

However, Mrs. Gray said they were not the bandits and they were released. El Dorado police reported.

RALEIGH (P) — State officials have promised action to implement recommendations made in a report on long-range hurricane and disaster rehabilitation steps.

Record Roundup

LEGION MEETS — Dunn legionnaires are being called to a meeting Thursday night at Johnson's Restaurant, 7:30 p. m. Adjutant L. R. Norris urges all members of the local post to attend, says, "Come very important business will come up."

CHIN WOUND — David Earl Easton, 12, of Wade, Route 1, is being treated in Highsmith Hospital for injuries received when a steak cutter hit him. He received chin cuts, a puncture wound in the thigh. (Continued On Page Four)

Snack Bar For Poor Republicans

CHICAGO (P) — Republican leaders today announced accommodations for GOP members who can't afford to pay \$100 a plate at a "Solute to Eisenhower" dinner Jan. 20.

A snack bar will be set up in the balcony with prices cut to \$12.50 a person.

341 Killed On Highways

By UNITED PRESS
Holiday traffic deaths set a record for a three-day New Year's celebration, but an all-out safety campaign saved 70 lives.

The United Press count from 6 p. m. Friday until midnight last night showed that 341 persons died in traffic accidents. There were 66 deaths in fires, 12 in plane crashes, and 66 in miscellaneous accidents for an overall holiday death toll of 485.

The traffic death count topped the record of 330 fatalities set during the three-day, 1955 New Year's holiday.

But it wasn't close to the 420 predicted by the National Safety Council, which would have set an all-time record of 631 set during "Black Christmas" week end just one week ago.

The Safety Council estimated that the final New Year's death tally would stop at about 290. That meant a saving of 70 lives which the council had previously written off.

The council credited three factors for the saving of lives:

1. An unprecedented national traffic crackdown involving a small army of policemen, National Guardsmen and even planes. They had orders to enforce all laws to the limit in order to prevent another massacre.
2. Wide publicity given to the "Black Christmas" slaughter by press, radio, and television.
3. A refreshing demonstration of safe and sane driving by holiday motorists.

BARN TAKES FIRE
Small damage resulted from one of the first fires of the New Year. A barn caught fire at 602 Townsend St. behind a home owned and occupied by Annie Elliott, a negro.

The fire department's secretary-treasurer said the cause of the fire was grass fire in back. Twenty-five volunteer firemen answered the alarm at 9:10 p. m. yesterday; they were back 25 minutes later.

Political Air Hangs Heavier At Opening

WASHINGTON (P) — The second session of the Democratic-controlled 84th Congress opened today in holiday mood but with election-year politics already beginning to simmer.

Gavel calling the lawmakers to order were banged promptly at noon EST by veteran Speaker Sam Rayburn in the House and by Vice President Richard M. Nixon in the Senate. Chaplains prayed, the rolls were called, and Congress again was ready for business.

Not much besides routine was on the opening day agenda. This was just as well, since members milled in the aisles, shaking hands and exchanging greetings, almost precluding the transaction of business.

The good feeling, as always at the start of a session, was bipartisan. The exclamations of pleasure and well-wishing were in apparent disregard of party lines.

This seemed unlikely to last. The political charges and counter charges of a presidential and congressional election year already were beginning to sound, and were sure to get steadily louder.

AWAIT IKE'S MESSAGE
House members lost no time in starting to draw the honoree bills on some of the issues that will be fought steadily between now and election day. Senators, by custom, don't introduce bills until after the President's State of the Union message.

The message will be heard by clerks on Thursday rather than delivered personally by the President, who is recuperating from his heart attack at Key West, Fla.

Both chambers planned to recess after today's brief sessions until Thursday.



HAS TOURIST COURT — J. L. Ayers moved here from Greenville, where he gave up a business interest, to take over Ma's Kitchen and Tourist Court on the Fayetteville Highway. Yesterday Ayers was outside looking at his grounds as he laid plans for putting up more outside lighting, to attract the steady stream of traffic up and down.

Heslip Is Ordered Returned For Trial

Edsel Heslip, Detroit Negro, who has spent more than a year fighting extradition to North Carolina to stand trial for the murder of Private Sammy Long, Negro soldier stationed at Fort Bragg has been ordered returned to Harnett County.

However, there were indications that it may be a month or two before Heslip actually arrives in Harnett County, as his attorneys make a last ditch fight to prevent his return.

Sheriff Claude R. Moore, whose speedy investigation of the murder linked Heslip and Long's 22-year-old wife with the crime of last December a year ago, has been notified by Marvin G. Lane, Chief of Detectives for the City of Detroit that a writ of habeas corpus, invoked in behalf of Heslip, has been dismissed. On December 19 in Wayne County Circuit Court, Judge Miles Culehan dismissed the writ, and ordered Heslip, now held in Detroit, returned to North Carolina for trial.

Bank Robbed Of \$18,000

VIDALIA, Ga. (P) — Three well-organized bandits, armed and faked, abducted a bank president from his home last night and forced him to open the vault of the Vidalia Banking Co. which they robbed of \$18,000 in cash and checks.

The three highwaymen came to the home of banker Gilbert Gibson about 10:30 p. m. Monday after the family had retired. When Gibson answered the doorbell they told him "this is a stickup" and forced their way into the house.

After binding Gibson's wife and two children, the bandits forced Gibson to drive his own car to the bank, open up and take them to the vault. They made no effort to get into an inner safe where Gibson said at least \$50,000 was secured. That safe was locked with a time device.

The men scooped up about \$14,000 in currency and other \$4,000 worth of checks from tellers' boxes in the vault.

Gibson was returned to his home unharmed and was bound and gagged. The thieves left in the banker's car but abandoned it about five miles from town.

W. C. Handy, 82, Critically Ill

NEW YORK (P) — W. C. Handy, 82, the "father of the blue" was critically ill in a Harlem hospital today.

Handy, who wrote "Memphis Blues," "Beale Street Blues" and the classic, "St. Louis Blues," was admitted to Sydenham Hospital Saturday.

Meanwhile, Detroit police authorities report that Dorothy Long, young wife of the dead man, testified at the lengthy habeas corpus hearing. They said that they have assurance from Dorothy and her parents, that she will testify at the Heslip trial in North Carolina.

The woman has confessed her part in the crime, and implicated her lover, Heslip. Criminal action against the Long woman was dismissed in the Recorder's Court of (Continued on Page Two)

He Saw Three Games At Once

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (P) — Evan Fellman solved the problem that often perplexes television football fans when more than one good game is on at the same time.

Fellman stacked up three television sets, one on top of the other, to watch the Orange, Cotton and Sugar Bowl football games. He used a radio for the sound and tuned in the game that at the time seemed most exciting.

Marlowe May Have Written Shakespeare

CHICHESTER, England (P) — A party of literary sleuths will next week in search of papers proving the works of William Shakespeare actually were written by Christopher Marlowe.

Calvin Hoffman, American author of a book espousing the "Marlowe wrote Shakespeare" theory, is expected to fly here for the opening of his theory. (Continued on Page Three)

SHE COMES UNDONE

It Couldn't Happen To Shapelier Gal

LONDON (P) — Well, it finally happened to one of those girls with a strapless, low-cut evening gown.

The girl was Anita Ekberg, the bosomy Swedish actress. The scene was London's Berkeley Hotel. The time was New Year's Eve.

The mishap was reported by London Daily Sketch Correspondent Simon Ward who described himself as an eyewitness.

Balloons were popping, champagne corks zooming as she reached the hotel for dinner," he said.

"And then it happened. As she walked through the foyer . . . zip! . . . ping!

"The stitches of her \$280 black velvet dress — it had a plunging neckline and was tight to the knees with a froth of tulle to her shapely ankles — had snapped.

"She flung her arms around her body to hold it up — and dived 20 paces for an ante-room."

Ward said his wife followed Anita and gave this report:

"Under it (the gown) was just Anita . . ."



1 Dead, 86 Jailed In Strike Violence

COLUMBUS, Ohio (P) — One man died and 86 strikers were arrested today when violence flared during a mass demonstration of strikers at the local Westinghouse plant.

Sheriff's deputies reported 74 men and 12 women were jailed. Cars of workers attempting to enter the plant were smashed and at least seven persons suffered injuries during the uprising staged by some 2,000 members of the International Union of Electrical Workers.

Troy Tadlock, 27, of Grove City, Ohio, died during the demonstration. There were no marks on his body, officials said, indicating he died of natural causes.

The 86 strikers who were arrested were held in the bullpen of the Franklin County jail on charges of inciting a riot. Company attorneys said charges of contempt of court probably would be filed later.

All available police and deputies were sent to the scene.

Company officials charged the (Continued On Page Four)