

WEATHER

Fair to partly cloudy and mild this afternoon. Increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight. Thursday cloudy and somewhat cooler with occasional rain.

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IKE THINKS HE'LL DECIDE THIS MONTH



A FATEFUL HALF-HOUR — What could be a fateful half hour in the history of Dunn occurred between 10:30 and 11 a. m. this morning as local spokesmen, headed by Mayor Ralph Hanna (extreme right) met with officials of the Atlantic Coast Line. Two of the three railroad men in this picture are vice presidents. L. S. Jeffords, center, with handkerchief in pocket, is vice president in charge of operations and on his right is J. M. Fields, vice president in charge of traffic. Next to Fields is Lee Williams, staff assist-

ant to Champ Davis, president of the Coast Line. Local men besides Hanna were, (from left) Nathan Johnson, Sr., Bob Hadley and Earl Mahone, Dunn's "Man of the Year" who headed a special delegation appointed by the Mayor to work up facts to present to the railroad. Not shown, but members of the Coast Line party, were J. R. McLendon, assistant general freight agent, and J. U. Rooker, trainmaster of Richmond District.

SOLO REPLIES TO OPONENT

Carlyle Seeks Fifth Term

Congressman F. Ertel Carlyle of Lumberton has made it official that he's a candidate for re-election to his fifth consecutive term.

He paid his filing fee yesterday, the same day that Former U. S. Senator Alton A. Lennon made it publicly known that he's running against Carlyle.

Both Carlyle's filing and Lennon's announcement were expected and came as no surprise to voters of the district.

Congressman Carlyle, who through seniority of service has gained positions on the important Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, made no formal statement in filing, but took the opportunity to crack back at a charge leveled against him by Lennon in letters sent out over the district.

Lennon had charged that Carlyle was negligent in failing to attend two Senate committee hearings held recently in Raleigh.

REPLIES TO CHARGE

"Those meetings," pointed out Carlyle when contacted in Washington, "were Senate meetings. I'm not in the Senate, of course. I attend the meetings I think I should attend."

"And I prefer," he added, "to take my advice from someone who has been more successful."

Mr. Carlyle had spent the weekend in the district to address a meeting and Chadbourne and stopped in Raleigh yesterday while enroute back to Washington to pay his filing fee.

Long ago he had said, "My hat is in the ring. It has been there since I first announced. I have never taken it out."

A hard fight is no novelty to the veteran colon. He has had tough scraps each election, but always won easily in the end.

Before his election to Congress eight years ago, Mr. Carlyle was solicitor of the Ninth District.



CONGRESSMAN F. ERTEL CARLYLE

DIED IN BED WITH PRETTY WIDOW

Sinful Priest May Be Denied Requiem

HERNANDO, Miss. (AP) — Roman Catholic officials debated today whether to permit requiem mass for a priest who died in bed with a pretty widow, both the victims of accidental asphyxiation.

The bodies of the Rev. Thomas J. Connolly, about 45, of Macon, Ill., and Mrs. Edward Minor, about 40, of Springfield, Ill., were found in a tourist court bedroom two days ago.

Sheriff W. A. White said the couple had checked in as "the Connollys". He said they were killed by gas escaping from a heater which had gone out.

In Springfield, Bishop William A. O'Connor confirmed that Connolly was pastor of St. Stanislaus Church in Macon and of a mission at Moweaqua, Ill.

Bishop O'Connor said high officials of the church were investigating circumstances to determine whether to deny requiem mass to Connolly as a "known sinner". He said the priest's parishioners were "surprised and shocked" at the circumstances of the death.

Dogs Created Equal - All Need Tags

Big dogs, little dogs and in-between dogs are equal before the law, Dog Warden Earl Wells pointed out today. All have to be listed for taxes.

Harmful dogs were supposed to have been listed for taxes by January 31, but the time has been extended to February 15.

The penalty for failure to list a dog, regardless of size, may be as high as \$50 per dog.

Warden Wells estimates there are (Continued On Page Seven)

Coast Line Would Bring Big Influx

World Prayer Day Is Set For Friday

NEW YORK (AP) — A Sioux Indian chief's prayer will follow the sun around the world when millions of Christians take part in World Day of Prayer on Friday, February 17.

The first service will be led by Queen Salote of the Tonga Islands near the International Dateline in mid-Pacific. The last service will be held in a recently built church on St. Lawrence Island, midway in the Bering Sea between Alaska and the Siberia Coast.

The day of prayer, sponsored by the United Church Women, a part of the National Council of Churches, will be observed in 134 nations. In the United States, 20,000 towns will participate. National radio networks will carry special programs or urge their affiliated stations to end the broadcasting day with the special prayer.

The service was prepared by American Indians from 16 tribes who are attending a training school for Indian Christian leaders in Arizona. They choose a prayer recited in early America by Chief Yellow Lark, a Sioux chief.

IN HOSPITAL

Friends of Mrs. Vesper McLaurin of Route 2, Dunn will be glad to know that her condition has improved although she is confined in the Dunn Hospital due to a fall at her home last week.

Expectant Mother Given Ride, Robbed

MIAMI (AP) — An expectant mother told police today how a man slipped into the back seat of her car and forced her to drive around for a 20-minute "night-mare" before robbing her of \$336 she had just withdrawn from a bank.

Mrs. Albert Fraga, 21, had left the bank and began to drive away from a parking lot with her 2-year-old daughter, Jan. She said that blocks, a voice from the rear seat after she had driven about 10 said "Don't turn your head. I've got a gun."

"I couldn't see him in the rear view mirror," she said. "He was crouching on the floor in back." Mrs. Fraga said at first she thought it might be a prank and

If the Atlantic Coast Line decided to settle its general offices in Dunn — and this is one of 40 towns being considered — it would mean an influx of 50,000 people.

L. S. Jeffords, vice-president and general manager of the railroad, headed a delegation which stopped in Dunn this morning for a conference with civic leaders headed by Mayor Ralph Hanna.

Mayor Hanna reported that Jeffords said the purpose of the whirlwind tour these officials are making of towns which have invited the railroad is to determine which of the cities could best stand the strain of such an influx.

"They want to see whether the town would bust aside at the seams," the Mayor said.

Questions about power facilities, schools and churches, water and sewer development, fire and police protection were thrown at local representatives by the Coast Line officers.

Whether there is room for expansion as far as housing is concerned, and what chances there are

RICH HEIR RULED INCOMPETENT AT DEATH

Thorne's Fiancee To Get \$350,000

CHICAGO (AP) — A bitter 19-month fight over the \$2 million estate of Montgomery Ward Thorne was settled today when a judge said the youth's "great fears" invalidated the will in which Thorne virtually cut off his mother in favor of his sweetheart only 10 days before he mysteriously died.

Judge Julius H. Miner approved the settlement granting the Montgomery Ward heir's sweetheart, Maureen Ragen, and her mother \$350,000. His mother, Mrs. Marion Thorne, gets the rest.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED

Thorne's body was found June 19, 1954, amid evidence of a sex and narcotics party. Both sides hinted he had met with foul play. Miner commented only that he "died under somewhat mysterious circumstances."

Miner set aside Thorne's second and last will which gave his mother and his aunt each one eighth of his estate. His sweetheart was to have received half and her mother one fourth.

Miner said Thorne, 19, was legally incompetent and that his will was not "a free and voluntary act."

HAD BETTER LAWYER

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Two lawyers arrested simultaneously on identical speeding charges defended each other before municipal Judge Lester O. Luce.

Attorney Daniel J. Bloomgarden was acquitted but attorney Dudley Gray was found guilty and fined \$10. Said Gray:

"I can only conclude that my colleague had a better lawyer."

Freakish Fire In Car Burns Benson Minister

Reverend Roy Campbell of Trinity Baptist Church near Benson is in Dunn Hospital as the result of a freakish fire in the interior of his car.

Rural Policeman A. W. O'Quinn and B. E. Sturgill arrived at Reid (Continued On Page Seven)

THROAT SLASHED WITH BUTCHER KNIFE

Nude Woman Found Slain By Maniac

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A neighbor found the slashed body of a naked woman in a small West Philadelphia apartment last night. She apparently was the victim of a sex maniac.

Homicide detectives said they believed the layer broke into the apartment because wood in the side doorway was splintered.

The body was on a daybed. The woman's throat had been slashed and a large kitchen knife was buried in her abdomen to the handle, the investigators reported.

A pillow covered her face. Detectives said the woman, a blonde, apparently had been dead from three to five days. Letters in the three-room flat bore the name of Miss Daise Canon. An identification card found under the bed was made out to a Delma Cannon, age (Continued On Page Seven)

Lucy Discloses She Got Warning Calls

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Atherine Lucy disclosed today that she received two warnings to get out of town or suffer the consequences following her expulsion as the first Negro student at the University of Alabama.

The 26-year-old Negro's attorney, Arthur Shores, announced meanwhile that he is ready to go to court again after tomorrow if the university continues its refusal to re-admit the coed.

Miss Lucy attended classes for three days at the Tuscaloosa campus on orders of the federal court but was expelled following riotous disorders.

Shores said at a joint press conference that he feels the Alabama trustees' reliance on their police powers to keep her away "will not hold up in federal court." He said the courts have always held that police powers "must give way to constitutional rights."

The university authorities appeared to be firm in their determination to refuse the re-admission at least for the present.

DEALERS HOLD MEETING IN DUNN

Electrical Appliance Sales Break All Records In Area

Electrical appliance sales broke all previous records in the Dunn trade area in 1955. This record was announced at the annual Electrical Appliance Dealers meeting sponsored by Carolina Power and Light Company here last night.

The 100 appliance dealers who attended the meeting were told by H. G. Isley, General Sales Manager of Carolina Power & Light Co., that they practically doubled the sales quotas set for the Dunn area last year.

He continued by saying, "The favorable factors for the economic growth appears so deeply entrenched that we prophesy uninterrupted prosperity throughout and beyond 1956."

INTERESTED IN VALUE

Mr. Isley warned the group that a nationwide trend indicates that the home owners are becoming interested in what the electrical appliances will do for their homes and not the actual selling price of the equipment. "Any electrical dealer who sells price alone, can expect a very rough time in 1956," he said.

Howard Hicks, Residential and Rural Sales Manager for CP&L, also addressed the group and told the dealers that in 1956 their dollar volume is expected to be \$2,780,000. He said, "In every count in the Dunn trade area, the trend to all-electrical homes becomes more obvious each month."

"Out of every 100 homes in Dunn there are 87 electric ranges, 54 electric water heaters, 21 home freezers and practically every home has at least one or more electric refrigerators."

After his address, Mr. Hicks gave all of the dealers a copy of the Carolina Power & Light yearbook for Electrical Dealers which covers sales quotas and the sales programs for 1956. The general sales theme in 1956 is "LIVE BETTER ELECTRICALLY."

Concedes Russia May Be Ahead With Missiles

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower told a news conference today he thinks he will be able to announce his decision on a second term by the end of this month.

He was asked a series of questions about the possible availability of Chief Justice Earl Warren as a Republican presidential candidate. He said there were many ways Warren could be a candidate and the chief justice would encounter no opposition from the President.

He said, however, that he did not think it would be appropriate for him, in case he decides not to run again, to ask any other Republican to make the race.

To do so, the President said, would imply that he could win the election for another man.

Other news highlights of the meeting with reporters:

1. The recent riots involving a Negro student at the University of Alabama are deplorable.

2. He conceded that Russia might be ahead of this country in some aspects of the development of guided missiles, but he thought the United States is ahead in other areas. He said he thought this country's guided missile program represents the best possible effort of American scientists.

3. He has not yet completed his reply to the latest letter from Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin. He wants to continue the exchange of correspondence on the theory that this country should never take the position of blocking any available avenue to peace, no matter how tiny.

4. He will do everything within his constitutional powers to prevent an outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East.

5. As far as he knows, his brother-in-law, Milton Eisenhower, president of Pennsylvania State University, has no political ambitions.

Shortly after the President walked into the news conference room where 238 reporters were waiting, he was asked flatly whether he would announce his re-election before March 1.

TRUST OWN FEELINGS

He said he had always avoided setting a fixed date, but that he thought by the end of February he would have enough information on which to base a decision.

The President spoke slowly and with what appeared to be deep sincerity as he said he thought he would trust his own feelings more than a decision by his doctors.

He will undergo an extensive physical checkup Feb. 13-14 to determine the extent of his recovery from the heart attack which he suffered Sept. 24.

He was asked whether, in timing his announcement of his decision, he would take into consideration the possible impact on the stock market.

He replied first by saying he did not understand why the stock market dropped so abruptly when he suffered his coronary thrombosis. (Continued On Page Seven)