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HAGERTY SAYS IKE STILL UNDECIDED



A SCOUT, MAYBE — Coach Jim Brown (left) was among the spectators who crowded into Carter Gymnasium at Campbell College for the county basketball tournament. Brown, who has been bucking a losing season, may have some reflective thoughts on the better players who turn up for the tourney. Though all schools in the tournament are small, they include some hot cage artists. (Daily Record Photo by Ted Crall)

Hodges Doubts Ike Will Seek Second Term

RALEIGH (AP) — Gov. Luther H. Hodges, admitting that "I seem to be in the minority," said today he still does not think that President Eisenhower will run for reelection.

"If there were a national or international disaster," Hodges said Mr. Eisenhower might decide to run again. But he said he thinks the President will not choose to do so.

"I think this is it. He has given the people the kind of philosophy that he thought was right," Hodges said.

Hodges told reporters that he has always thought "the President would not run in 1956, even before his heart attack."

Hodges refused comment about opposition to his own candidacy for the Democratic nomination in the May 26 primary.

He declined comment on the plans disclosed yesterday by perennial candidate Olla Ray Boyd to oppose Hodges.

"I just saw it in the papers, where I get most of my news," Hodges said.

He predicted there is a "good chance" for a Democrat to be elected to Congress in the 10th District "regardless of who runs on the national ticket." He said he feels the "strength of the party" will elect a Democrat in the 10th "if we have a good man to run."

Former State Conservation and Development Director Ben E. Douglas of Charlotte has said that either he or Charlotte attorney Paul Ervin will announce Saturday whether to seek the Democratic nomination to oppose Republican Representative Charles R. Jonas of Lincolnton.



IVY PREXY—The current "Ivy League" style revival of the old-fashioned cloth cap for men got a big boost when President Eisenhower appeared on the links of Glen Arvin Country Club, Thomasville, Ga., in this natty number.

Tries To Stem Reports Flying Thick And Fast

THOMASVILLE, Ga. (AP) — The White House today attempted vainly to stem the growing flood of reports that President Eisenhower was willing to run again.

Almost hourly, Mr. Eisenhower's press secretary, James C. Hagerty, was pelted with a fresh batch of published and broadcast reports that the President had reached a decision and would be a candidate for re-election.

These reports flowed in from the West Coast to New York, the bulk of them stemming from Washington sources.

Hagerty attempted to stand his ground, however, and continued to forecast that the first authoritative word from the President will be given to the American public and not to a few Republican leaders.

DENIES WORD FROM ADAMS — He also denied that Sherman Adams, the assistant to the President, had "passed the word" to GOP leaders that the President was a sure thing for re-election race.

"Has Sherman Adams passed such word?" Hagerty was asked late Wednesday.

"No, he hasn't and I've talked to Sherman Adams... He says he never made any such statement like that at all," Hagerty said.

GOP National Chairman Leonard W. Hall also was mentioned in the published reports as a source of the information that the President was willing to stand for re-election. Hagerty said he checked Adams by telephone, but not Hall. The press secretary felt that his province was the White House staff and not beyond.

"Has a decision of any sort been made?" Hagerty was asked.

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LIFELONG UNCONSCIOUSNESS—That's the possible fate of nine-year-old Michael Oates of Hamilton, Canada. Michael suffered serious brain injury in an auto accident in which his father was killed and his mother seriously injured. Brain specialists say Michael may live to be 60 years old—and never know it.

THEATRE EXECUTIVE MISSING SINCE 1953

Mrs. Stewart Sues 3 Insurance Firms

Mrs. Harriet Drake Stewart, wife of Worth Stewart, a Charlotte theatre executive missing since February 26, 1953, has filed suit in Mecklenburg Superior Court to collect \$45,000 worth of life insurance.

The Stewarts are former Dunn residents. It was in Dunn that he got his start which led to ownership of one of the largest theater chains in the South.

The Stewart Theatre in Dunn is named in honor of Mr. Stewart. Upstairs over the theatre is Dunn's Masonic lodge hall, which he equipped and donated to the local Masons at a cost of thousands of dollars.

DUNN NATIVE — Stewart, a native of Dunn, was reported missing shortly after he started a flight from Jacksonville, Fla. to Charlotte in his private plane.

He was president of the Stewart-Everette Theatres, Inc., which operates movie houses throughout the two Carolinas, including those in Dunn, Angier and Lillington.

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Boy Confesses Stabbing His Own Grandma

JACKSON, Mich. (AP)—A 16-year-old boy confessed stabbing his grandmother 22 times while she slept "because she was picking on me all the time."

Harold Lewis told police he decided to kill Mrs. Muriel Lewis "about a week ago" but put it off until he returned home early Monday from a church meeting.

"When I came home from the

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Light Docket Tried In Harnett Court

A very small number of cases were heard Tuesday in Harnett Recorder's Court which also was in session again today in Lillington.

Charles Leon McLamb, 30, Erwin was cited for driving after his operator's license had been revoked—allegedly a third offense. The warrant was amended to charge a second offense to which McLamb pled guilty. He was sentenced to 90 days on the roads, suspended

two years on condition he violates no motor vehicle law and pay \$200 fine and cost. McLamb apparently disliked the judgment because he took an appeal to superior court. Bond set at \$300.

JORDAN FINED \$200 — Charles T. Jordan, Dunn, Route 2, also was indicted for driving a car after his license had been suspended for an indefinite period. He submitted an appeal to superior court.

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Pretty Girls Sold For As High As \$1290

VERSAILLES, France — Officials in France's African colonies are investigating charges that Negro girls under 15 from their territories bring from \$70 to \$1,140 in Saudi Arabian slave markets.

The investigation has been requested by the Consultative Assembly of the French Union, which last week heard a first report on slave traffic in Africa.

Emmanuel is Graviere, reporter on social affairs, told the Assembly there was a flourishing slave traffic in men, women and children from French Equatorial Africa, French West Africa and the French Cameroons to Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

Hundreds of black French citizens are sold in Arabian slave markets every year, he said. A fit man brings about \$40, while a pretty girl is worth nearly three times as much.

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TANKER'S REAR WAS "WALL OF FLAME"

Fireman, Risking Life, Turns Valve On Burning Gas Truck

Possible tragedy was averted this morning through quick action by an alert truck driver who drove his burning tanker away from Lee's Truck Terminal, and a fireman who ran in under three streams of protective water to turn off the valve on the tanker which was letting gas run out.

The tanker was "a solid wall of flame" at the back said George Perry Lee of the Truck Terminal, an eye witness. One of the terminal's employees, Ed Smith, was burned at the outset of the fire and is in the hospital although Lee said his

burns are not believed to be too serious.

Howard M. Lee, fire department secretary-treasurer, asserted that the cause of the tanker's catering fire was probably a spark from an electric lug wrench being used by Smith. Driver Bob Jernigan of Terminal City Transport Co. of Wilmington had driven his truck up to the rear of the filling station and was unloading gasoline from the big truck's 6200 gallon belly when the fire broke out.

Jernigan hopped in the tanker and drove it away from the terminal but not before the terminal caught fire. George Perry Lee said the damage to the building was slight. Jernigan took the tanker out into a field to get it as far as possible from \$100,000 worth of buildings where he was.

At this point the fire department arrived and Fireman Vaughn Hutstaff volunteered to shut off the valve. Big hoses played crossing streams of water on him as he ran in. Afterwards, Hutstaff moved the truck to a different spot in the field since the ground at the foot

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UNION PREXY BACKS WAGE DEMAND

Says Workers Get 1950 Wages

Last Minute News Shorts

WASHINGTON — Individual House members seldom make top news. But Rep. Jesse Wolcott of Michigan, a Republican power in Congress of 25 years, did it today by announcing he will not seek re-election.

WASHINGTON — Chicago auto dealer testifies that Chicago Ford dealers were asked to raise \$50,000 to help elect Eisenhower.

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Students riot against government to protest deaths of 340 farmers in "black hole" suffocation and police gunfire.

THOMASVILLE, Ga. — Eisenhower puts himself to "tournament test" with 36 holes of golf in two days.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Negroes protest boycotters' arrest with mass prayer meeting; NAACP demands White House protection of defendants.

LONDON — Eden government refuses to promise reprieves for condemned criminals pending passage of new bill.

Hood Enters Race For Lt. Governor

RALEIGH (AP) — Gurney P. Hood of Raleigh, former state banking commissioner, filed today as a candidate for lieutenant governor in the May 26 Democratic primary, assuring a contest for the state's No. 2 post. It appeared likely the field will be crowded.

At least three or four other potential candidates were sitting on the fence today when Hood, apparently overlooked in advance speculation, paid his filing fee at the State Board of Elections.

Hood is a former state banking commissioner and is president and founder of the Hood System industrial banks.

State Senate President Luther E. Barnhardt of Concord was reported considering the race. The filing deadline is noon, March 16.

Two weeks ago Barnhardt said he had received many suggestions that he enter but said he had not given it "serious consideration" at that time.

In response to reports that Barnhardt now is going to make the race, he said only that he has no statement to make at this time. (Continued On Page Two)

Negotiations started today between representatives of the workers at Erwin Mills plants at Erwin and at Neuse who have called on the company for a boost in their present wages. The union requested a meeting earlier, and the company responded by setting up a meeting in Durham at the company offices for 2:30 this afternoon.

Compared with other industries Erwin textile workers are living on 1950 wages claimed the president of Erwin local, Joseph I. Smith, who made an official statement yesterday through Union Manager Lacy Dawkins.

Smith, Dawkins said, has called union members to stand strongly behind the current demand on Erwin Mills management that they grant a wage increase to productive workers at Plants No. 2 and No. 5.

In announcing the determination of the union to seek a wage increase, Dawson stated that the high cost of living and pay raises in other industries fully justify a move by Erwin's textile workers to get a salary hike.

The union manager has not yet specified how much of a raise the local is seeking. He stated that the raise should be "substantial," and

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See Tonga The Chimp On Feb. 28

Ever hear an old-time circus spiel?

Dunn Shriners, headed by their president Paul Strickland, Jr., recently journeyed to Sanford for an advance look of the Miller Bros. circus which they are sponsoring here. And publicity-wise circus men gave them this:

"The elephants are coming... and the lions... and the chimpanzees and the clowns... lots and lots of clowns... and the callopie.

"The Circus—the Miller Brothers Indoor Circus, America's newest and greatest, finest and biggest, with a scintillating galaxy of Big Top stars is coming to entertain and amaze you at the Dunn Armory, Feb. 28, under the auspices of the Dunn Shriners. Proceeds will be used to help needy children.

"Direct from the animal wonderland of the Great Smokies will come Tonga, the adorable chimp, and her entourage of intriguing animal friends.

"With Tonga will be two tiny baby elephants as alike as two peas—only 14 inches high—just newly arrived from their native home in faraway India.

"Tonga and her entourage have amazed and delighted many thousands on all corners of the earth and at their winter wonderland home, Fort Weure Game Park at Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

"Something new is added to the fantasy of the old-fashioned circus with the blaring bands, the smells and roars of wild jungle beasts and the trumpeting of the elephants, the pounding of shod hoofs and the alley oop of the acrobats. All will be familiar sounds to the circus fans as will the ludicrous clowns and the multitude of other earthly miracles that give the circus its name.

"A two-hour show, an extravaganza with thrilling acts, displays and features, will include an aerial ballet—ultra-talented young ladies, comedy acts, aerial and bar performers, cloud swing thrillers, trapeze artist and many others. A galaxy of trained, super-educated ponies, an elephant performing on one foot only, these and many other features will be seen when Miller Bros. Indoor Circus comes to Dunn for one day only, Tuesday, Feb. 28."

Claimed Paul Strickland, Mayor Ralph Hanna and Jesse Capps, who previewed the show, "It's all true."

Federal Men Wreck Nine Harnett Stills

Federal ATU agents, assisted by Cumberland County law enforcement officers, smashed nine stills and charged two men with manufacturing whisky during raids Tuesday in Harnett County.

Officers destroyed a 280-gallon oil tank still in Anderson Creek township and arrested Mac McCoy, 15-year-old Negro of Route 1, Spring Lake at the site. McCoy was bound over to U. S. District Court in Raleigh under \$750 bond.

ATU agents, assisted by Cumberland and ABC officers and sheriff's deputies, destroyed three 300-gallon fermenting boxes, 500 gallons of whisky.

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+ Record Roundup +

MUSICAL VARIETIES — Mrs. Reta Whitenton announces that schedule of her radio program, "Musical Varieties" which is heard each afternoon Monday through Friday at 3:00. Monday—Mrs. Coy Lucas will play the piano; Tuesday—Mrs. Herbert Carter will sing accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Blanche Jackson; Wednesday—Gary Barefoot will render piano selections; Thursday—Vocal duets will be sung by Lib Lewis and Sarah Bland; Friday — Mrs. Ed Wade will sing accompanied by Mrs. Cohen Tart.

MARRIAGE LICENSE—The first marriage license issued since Feb. 10 was granted Feb. 22 from the office of the county register of deeds in Lillington to James Watson Norman, 23, of Broadway, Route 1, and Kathleen Mae Brown, 18, of Sanford, Route 2.

TALKS TO EDUCO CLUB—Mack Jernigan, Dunn attorney, spoke Monday night at the meeting of the Harnett County Educo Club which was held in the cafeteria of Benhaven School. President C. H. Hood presided. Jernigan spoke on a recent trip to Palestine and the Middle East, and illustrated his talk with colored slides.

Sen. Capehart Wants Some Contributions

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Homer Capehart (R-Ind.) hopes the Senate lobby investigation won't keep his friends from contributing to his political campaign.

During Senate debate yesterday, he said:

"I am a candidate for re-election and I welcome contributions. I hope my friends will not forget me. If anybody tries to bribe me, we'll settle the matter and not bother the U. S. Senate about it."



GURNEY P. HOOD