

Scattered showers and warmer this afternoon and in east portion early tonight, followed by clearing and colder late tonight. Thursday generally fair and moderately cold.

HEARING ON REDS COMES TO A CLOSE



SHE WANTS THAT TRIP TO EUROPE — Clara Lee has been a Checker at the Piggy Wiggly store in Dunn for something over half a year. When two other Checkers here, and hundreds across the nation, she has entered a contest intended to...

GOP Is Facing Its Best Outlook In Thirty Years

WASHINGTON (AP) — It will be Eisenhower-and-Nixon again for the Republicans under the most favorable GOP presidential campaign conditions in nearly 30 years.

The effort sparked by non-professional politicians to bounce Vice President Richard M. Nixon from the 1956 ticket faded with New Hampshire preferential primary returns.

That balloting was not for a vice presidential choice at all. Thousands of New Hampshire Republican voters, however, wrote in Nixon's name as their favorite for veep. There are 13 preferential primaries still to come. Many of them are likely to follow New Hampshire's lead in a Nixon vote of confidence.

President Eisenhower made it practically official at his news conference Wednesday after New Hampshire returns were in. He said no one could drive a wedge between himself and his younger friend. The President said he would be happy to have him on the ticket again.

"NO GREATER REWARD" Several hours later, Nixon said in a statement that "There could be no greater reward for a man in public life than to have the President speak of him so generously as he has of my work on several occasions in the past three years."

"All I can say is that I shall try to continue day by day to do the best job I can in behalf of the Eisenhower administration."

Within a span of two weeks the Republican ticket has shaped up to a baffling double question mark to a team which won easily in 1952. The race relations dispute cleaving the Democratic Party attained in the same time a bitterness raising doubts that the party can avoid a substantial bolt in this presidential year.

Mr. Eisenhower enters the pre-convention primary period at a (Continued on Page Two)



Smith Keeps Up Sales Record

Mr. A. B. Smith, Jr. of 912 North Ellis Avenue, Dunn, has qualified as a member of the 1955 Top Club of the New York Life Insurance Company, according to Mr. Erwin T. Ridgeway, Jr., general manager of the company's Raleigh branch.

Membership in the Top Club is based on 1955 sales records and is composed of the most successful agents of New York Life, which has a field force of 5,500 full-time agents in 179 branch offices throughout the United States, Canada and Hawaii.

Mr. Ridgeway said that Mr. Smith also has qualified to attend an educational conference in Palm Beach, Florida, March 13-16.

John A. Park Dies At Age 70

RALEIGH, N. C. (AP) — John A. Park, editor and publisher of the Raleigh Times for 44 years, died early today in his sleep at his home here. He was 70 years old.

Park had been in declining health for seven months prior to the sale of the Times to the News and Observer Publishing Co. last June. His illness forced him to retire from his long journalism career. (Continued on Page Two)

Probers Declare Reds Not Too Successful Here

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (AP) — The general agreement today in the wake of hearings by the House Un-American activities committee was that the Communist party had not been too successful in North Carolina.

Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.), chairman of the committee which concluded three days of hearings yesterday, said the operation of the party in this state was typical of other areas.

"But the leadership here is not as good as elsewhere due to the fact that the party has relied too much on alleged intellectuals instead of tough politicians," he said. "Rep. Edwin Willis (D-La.) said committee investigations in other areas had been more fruitful than in North Carolina."

"This is due, in part, to the fact that Communists have made more concerted efforts in other areas," he said. "The third member of the congressional committee, Rep. Bernard Kearney (R-NY), said 'we've gotten rid of some of the rotten eggs' in North Carolina."

Walter said the hearings also served to alert the state as to the scope of communist activities and their methods of operation.

"To be forewarned is to be forearmed," he said. "The committee ended its hearings on a dramatic note by proclaimed he served as an FBI undercover man for three years as a Communist."

Odus Reavis, 31, of Winston-Salem, was the only witness to testify on the final day of the probe and his role as a counterparty came as a surprise. He had been mentioned Monday by another FBI counterparty, Charles Childs of High Point, as a known Communist.

Council Topics Set For Tonight

The city council of Dunn will meet this evening. City Manager A. B. Uzzle, Jr., will ask for permission to clear weeds and overgrown lots with city equipment, in cases where the owners don't. Cost will then be added to the owner's tax bill.

The street layout in the William S. Wellons portion of the Fleischmann development, which is near West Morris Circle and Cole Street, will again come up for discussion. A number of small difficulties have arisen over this layout, which first was presented to the council about three months ago.

The public utilities committee of the council is expected to give a report on ways of preventing the recurrence of loss of delinquent water bills.

The council will also consider a request by the management of the new Porter's restaurant that a parking meter be removed.

They Weren't Wed Then, But Will Be

NEW YORK — Resolving some of the confusion over their status that arose last Aug. 27 when she took an overdose of sleeping pills, Melinda Markey, 22-year-old daughter of movie actress Joan Bennett, obtained a marriage license with TV actor... at the Municipal Building yesterday.

At the time of Melinda's bout with the shut-eye pills, Hayden identified himself to police as her husband and said they had a quarrel in their apartment at 320 E. 42nd St. Previously Hayden had been married to Carol Ann Beery, adopted daughter of the late Wallace Beery; they were divorced in California Feb. 18 of last year. Hayden had said he and Melinda were married in Mexico.

They gave their addresses yesterday as 221 E. 66th St. No wedding date was announced.



GOING HOME TO DIE — Cancer-doomed Mrs. Antonia Manders, 27, of Sudbury, Ont., smiles as her 18-month-old son, William, and her husband, Corneles, 28, visit her in sick bay after she was brought aboard the liner SS Masdam at Hoboken, N.J. When doctors told her of multiple cancer growths, Mrs. Manders asked to go home to Uden, Holland, so she could spend her remaining days on her native soil.

Dunn Store Owner Opposing Barden

RALEIGH (AP) — A New Bern jeweler entered the 3rd District congressional race today to oppose Rep. Graham A. Barden in a surprise fight that will give the state at least five primary contests for Congress.

The new candidate is James Oscar Simpkins, 33, a state director of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce and New Bern's "Young Man of the Year" in 1955.

Rep. Charles R. Jonas (R-NC) filed as an official GOP candidate in the 10th District today. Jonas was elected in 1952 and re-elected in 1954. Former Charlotte Mayor Ben E. Douglas has announced that he will seek the nomination as a Democratic candidate.

It had been believed that former State Sen. James H. Pou Bailey of Raleigh might file today as a candidate to oppose Rep. Harold D. Cooley. But it was reported that Bailey had decided against the race. The filing deadline is tomorrow.

A race for governor was guaranteed yesterday when Thomas B. Sawyer of Charlotte, former state senator and a radio station executive, filed to oppose Gov. Luther H. Hodges on a pro-segregation platform.

Thorough Officers Make Find At Wreck

When a train ran into an empty car, stalled on the railroad tracks in front of the Four Oaks Negro Elementary School, it set off an investigation which has put two Johnston County men in trouble.

Highway Patrolman T. L. Bullard was the first officer to arrive on the scene. He found that the car had run off the narrow drive over the tracks and stalled. He also found evidence of liquor in the car.

22-YEAR-OLD BRIDE OF NINE MONTHS

Pretty Coed Raped, Then Burned Alive

ALVA, Okla. (AP) — A preliminary autopsy report showed today that an attractive 22-year-old coed was burned alive in her automobile, apparently after a savage sex attack.

Woods County Atty. H. D. Pot's said further chemical tests would be needed to confirm that the cremated victim, Mrs. Mildred Ann Reynolds, was raped. But surface appearances indicated she was.

Mrs. Reynolds, married only nine months, was the wife of R. D. Reynolds, a high school basketball coach at nearby Avard, Okla. She was attending Northwestern State College and was driving home Tuesday when attacked. Investigators said someone crowded Mrs. Reynolds' automobile off a country road and caused it to smash into a tree. Plaster casts were made of the second vehicle's tire tracks. Tall, dry grass was smashed flat near where her car was found, indicating a fierce struggle took place. (Continued on Page Two)

These Little Things

LITTLE NOTES ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

Sexton Lee tipped us off to the fact that Mrs. Jim Cromartie is a second cousin of E. C. Daniel, Jr., the fiancé of Margaret Truman. Mrs. Cromartie prior to her marriage was Geraldine Daniel. She recalls that she used to see E. C. often at family reunions. And Sexton's big brother, Howard M. served with Daniel on The Daily Tar Heel staff at UNC. Tom Sawyer, the white supremacy candidate for governor, is a close friend of Paul Hester of Dunn. Sawyer, then a State Senator, spoke at a rally held in Dunn a few years ago in favor of a State bonus for veterans. The Sures Company's big anniversary sale got off to a whopping big start this morning. Abe and Jimmy are really giving bargains. They will give you a free refrigerator just for buying an electric range. Many other super-special deals. There are just 14 more days until Easter but record shops here and in Raleigh long ago sold out of Guy Lombardo's recording of "Easter Parade."

Nobody but nobody can play it like Lombardo. Records come and go, but they don't get any better than Nat King Cole's recording of "Mona Lisa." It's an all-time favorite, not just at Easter but 365 days out of the year. We weren't able to attend the Rotary meeting Friday night and hear Lincoln Faulk, but everybody says he made a wonderful speech. Have heard lots of good comments. He gave the Rotarians some good advice—told them the necessity and importance of advertising. Hope it sunk in. Link is an excellent. (Continued on Page Five)

PIGGY WIGGLY'S ANNIVERSARY Grocerydom Has Neat, New Symbol

A Checker, in case you're not familiar with supermarket lingo, is the woman (or man) at the cash register who itemizes each purchase, computes the tax, gives you a bill and takes your money.

Not so many years ago the true symbol of American grocerydom was the country storekeeper, presiding at his pot-bellied stove, flanked by a circle of checker players, cracker barrels, pickles and big glass jars full of candy.

Today it is the Checker, working swiftly and almost soundlessly with most of her work being done by darting fingertips. The best of these Checkers can run off a twenty-dollar list of groceries in no time at all, and since huge iceboxes, giant deep-freezes and kitchens with a lot of storage space are now at a peak of public acceptance, such twenty-dollar lists are not unusual. (Continued on Page Six)

Court Takes Steps In Mutt Situation

Willie Bates, a Negro who lives in Barbecue Township, is the first person to suffer arrest since Harnett County determined to intensify its efforts to control the mutt situation.

Appearing in Harnett Recorder's Court this morning, Bates informed the court that while he had owned Rural Policeman B. F. Temple following complaints from neighbors. Wells investigated and indicted Bates on four counts.

Three of the five dogs Bates owned were not listed for taxes, Wells claimed. Although these dogs were three-month old puppies, condition that he pay the costs of (Continued on Page Six)

Record Roundup

MUSICAL VARIETIES — Mrs. Reta Whittenton announces the schedule for her "Musical Varieties" radio program for next week: Monday — Mrs. Coy Lucas will play the piano; Tuesday — Joyce Godwin will sing; Wednesday — The glee club of Erwin, under the direction of Miss Betty Nicholson, will sing; Thursday — Jessie Miller of Faison will render piano selections; Friday — A boy's band of Erwin, under the direction of Billy Whittenton, will play. The program is heard each afternoon at 3 o'clock.

TEEN-TIME — The junior class of Mingo High School will present a revue called "Teen Time" on Friday night, March 15. It starts at 7:45 p. m. and admission is 30 and 40 cents. Included in the cast (Continued on Page Five)



WHERE MARGARET WILL MARRY — Trinity Episcopal Church in Independence, Mo., will be the scene of Margaret Truman's wedding next month. Miss Truman's parents, ex-President and Mrs. Truman were married in the church and Margaret and one time sang in the church choir.

Margaret Truman's Fiancee Ran In Top London Society

NEW YORK (AP) — When newsmen at the New York Times saw the face of Harry Truman peering around corners in their office one day last January they took it in stride.

Truman and his wife Bess met Daniel for the first time when they came to New York early this year for a Democratic fund-raising dinner. Their daughter Margaret introduced her suave, prematurely gray escort "CHIT" and told them that finally she had found the right man. They had met last November at dinner party with some mutual friends. The foreign correspondent, just back from Moscow, and the former president's daughter on her own as an entertainer found they had a lot of interests in common. LEFT SMALL TOWNS Music — the ballet theater. Perhaps drawing them together too was the fact that both had left a small town behind for a life of cosmopolitan glamor and (Continued on Page Two)