

17 DEAD 4 MISSING IN 3 FIRES



MASONS OBSERVE LADIES NIGHT—The Dunn Masonic Lodge last night held its annual Ladies' Night banquet and it was a gala occasion. Pictured left to right, standing, are: Nathan M. Johnson, Jr., master of the lodge, who served as toastmaster; D. Leon Gray, superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage, who delivered the address, and Hugh W. Prince, prominent Dunn Masonic leader. Sitting are Mrs. Nathan M. Johnson, Sr., left, mother of the lodge master; and Mrs. Prince. (Daily Record Photo)

Ike Gets Votes On Demo Side In Massachusetts

By UNITED PRESS
Adlai E. Stevenson lost to favorite on Rep. John W. McCormack in the Massachusetts primary and took a back seat to President Eisenhower in the Pennsylvania and Alaska races, late returns showed today.

Stevenson gained some comfort from the fact that his rival for the Democratic presidential nomination, Sen. Estes Kefauver, did not make a good showing in the Pennsylvania primary Tuesday.

The Tennesseean also trailed Stevenson on the basis of early returns in Alaska's first presidential primary in history.

But President Eisenhower appeared the big winner in the two eastern states and Alaska. In Massachusetts, his vote total in the GOP primary out-distanced the combined Democratic votes for McCormack and Stevenson.

None of the primaries are binding on delegates to either party convention. The Alaska race was the first out-and-out test of strength since Stevenson and Kefauver since Kefauver scored a stunning upset victory over the Illinoisan in Minnesota.

THE BREAKDOWN
The breakdown by primaries: Massachusetts - McCormack, veteran leader of the House, rolled (Continued on Page Five)



TOURIST QUEEN — Lovely Jackie Bourbonnais has been elected the 1956 Valley of the Sun Tourist Queen at Phoenix, Ariz. Eighteen-year-old Jackie hails from South Hadley, Mass.

RANDIT GETS \$6,000
BRIDGEPORT, Ala. — A lone bandit wearing striped coveralls and dark glasses held up the tiny American National Bank today and fled with \$6,000.

F. W. Carr Jr., president of the bank, said the man was "comparatively small and in his late 30s." The bandit entered the bank building about 11 a. m. CST.

Eight Children In One Family Burn To Death

By UNITED PRESS

Three all-consuming fires killed 17 persons and left four missing last night and early today.

The worst holocaust was at Philadelphia, where flames raced through a tenement house and killed nine persons, six of them believed to be children, early today.

Eight more children, all members of the same family, died when their home went up in flames at Corner Brook, Nfld., last night. Four victims were feared in the general alarm blaze which swept the 150-room Carver Hotel at Warren, Pa., shortly after midnight. Fifteen were injured.

Another fire destroyed the lavish Villa Modern night club near the Chicago suburb of Glenview. But there were no deaths or injuries.

HEAVY DAMAGE
Damage in the rash of blazes was estimated at close to 800 thousand dollars.

The nine Philadelphia victims, all Negroes, were found in a front bedroom on the third floor of the three-story building. Fire officials said "none of them had a chance of getting out."

The tenement became a "roaring furnace," firemen reported. The blaze apparently started in a second floor rear room, but its cause was not immediately determined.

WORST IN HISTORY
The Corner Brook blaze last night was the worst in the city's history. It trapped the eight children in their home and killed them before they could be rescued.

The victims' ages ranged from infancy to 17 years. The parents and two other children escaped. At Warren the savage flames destroyed the 125-year-old hotel and severely damaged a Moose club, jewelry company, and clothing store.

No fatalities were confirmed immediately, but police reported seven hotel guests were missing. Ten persons were injured.

The blaze broke out shortly after 1 a. m. and continued until the hotel's front and rear walls collapsed. A bellhop, Raymond Rodgers, was credited with saving lives as he raced down all the corridors and "almost broke down doors" spreading the alarm.

FOUR-HOUR FIGHT
Firemen fought four hours to contain the flames. Damage was estimated at between 400 and 500 thousand dollars.

It was the second hotel fire in two days. Another fire destroyed a 70-year-old hotel at Villisca, Iowa, yesterday, killing three elderly men.

The Chicago night club fire started last night as about 200 diners supper in the establishment's four dining rooms. Many of them calmly finished their meals and then went outside to watch the flames shooting 100 feet into the air.

Firemen said the blaze started from grease in a kitchen charcoal broiler. It raged past midnight, despite efforts of four fire companies to stop it, and only the walls were left standing by dawn. Damage was estimated at between 250 and 300 thousand.



ON CHIROPRACTIC PROGRAM—Chiropractic physicians of the Eastern Carolina District are meeting today and tonight at Johnson's Restaurant in Dunn. Dr. Gerald James of Dunn, left, is president of the group and is presiding. Among dignitaries here for the event is Dr. John Frizzelle of Durham, right, president of the State organization and one of the speakers. Dr. James is host to the group.

BE SURE YOU'RE REGISTERED

Registration Books To Open Saturday

Registration books throughout the county will be open at all polling places on Saturday, April 28 from 9 a. m. to sunset for registration of voters.

Voters who have reached the voting age of 21 years, newcomers to Harnett or others who have changed their residence within the county since the last election must register if they wish to vote on May 26. A voter must have lived 30 days within the precinct in which he presently resides to be eligible to vote.

The books will be open again on two consecutive Saturdays, May 5 and May 12, at the same polling places. Saturday, May 19, is Challenge Day and the primary election to select nominees for the Democratic party will take place on Saturday, May 26.

Dougald McRae, chairman of the elections board, reminded voters that the absentee ballot can be used only by Harnett citizens who are in the military services. Service men or women out of the county must request ballots in writing in advance of May 26. All absentee ballots must be returned directly to the county board of elections in Lillington. The absentee ballots must be sealed and must reach the election board before, or on May 26.

Location of the polling places where registration books will be (Continued On Page Two)

STOKELY SAYS GOV. INFATUATED

Hodges Accused Of Misleading People

CHARLOTTE (AP) — Gubernatorial candidate Harry P. Stokely charged today that Gov. Luther Hodges is "misleading the people of North Carolina" on the school segregation issue for his own "political purposes."

"No public office is worth being elected to if one has to completely subordinate the best interests of the people to politics," said the local food broker.

"And I am afraid that Governor Hodges has become so infatuated with the office of governor that he is letting his political fears overcome his best judgment."

Stokely especially criticized Hodges for his "statement at Marion Monday night" that the Stokely plan for continued segregation was illegal.

Stokely's plan is for the state to provide for three types of schools: white, Negro and mixed. He said parents would register (Continued On Page Five)

Ed Robinson, Jr. Attempts Suicide

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Edward G. Robinson Jr. confessed today he swallowed four sleeping pills after a lovers' quarrel so his girl friend "would feel sorry for me."

The 22-year-old son of the famous "tough guy" actor, now in a hit play on Broadway, told the story of his unhappy night in an interview at his bedside at Cadars of Lebanon Hospital.

Police dubbed the episode a suicide attempt. His pals blamed difficulties with his parents and (Continued On Page Six)

These Little Things

By ROOVER ADAMS

COWBOYS COMING, JAYNE, RUBY'S RAID AND PALMERS

Out in Independence, Missouri Saturday, E. C. Daniel and Margaret Truman received a congratulatory telegram from one of E. C.'s old friends, Mrs. Bill Salmon of Lillington. Mrs. Salmon, the former Mathilda Faircloth, was a public health nurse in Wake County, when E. C. worked on The News and Observer. The popular Lillington woman, E. C. and the late Anthony (Tony) McKeelin, at that time sports editor of the paper, were three of a group of friends who ate lunch together regularly. Mrs. Salmon has followed the romance and wedding with more than a little interest. A demonstration of trick and fancy roping will be staged at the fat stock show here next week by two real Oklahoma cowboys. Sam Paylor and Fred Swaffler of King Roberts' big cattle ranch in Western Harnett, will do their stuff for the benefit of show visitors. Both are Oklahoma natives, attended Oklahoma A. and M. College and know the cattle business from breeding to butchering. Roberts has one bull on his ranch that cost over six thousand bucks. Alonzo Edwards, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, said yesterday on his visit to Dunn that he's well pleased with the way his (Continued On Page Two)

Ladies' Night Was Notable Success

The usual big crowd was on hand last night for the annual Ladies' Night Banquet of the local Masonic Lodge. A crowd estimated at 225 turned out for festivities.

Principal speaker of the evening was D. Leon Gray, superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage, a Masonic institution which is supported by free-will offerings.

Gray, one of the state's most noted speakers, gave a well-received talk on the Orphanage. He was introduced by D. W. Prince, worthy Patron of the Order of Eastern Star in Dunn and Certified Lecturer of district Masons.

Past Master O. M. Leslie presented the Past Masters' apron to J. J. Thomas, immediate past master of Pamyra Lodge. The presentation signified seven years of service. The current master is N. M. Johnson, Jr.

The banquet was held at the Dunn High Cafeteria and began last night at 7 p. m. The large crowd which attended made it, again, one of the outstanding social events of the year.

Famous Horses Coming To Dunn

The Clydesdale horses which make up the famous Wilson Six-Horse Hitch, scheduled to appear Saturday at Muse Super Market, are not just ordinary horses. They are larger, more expensive and more rare than the ordinary breeds of horses, and the cost of their upkeep might be compared (Continued on Page Five)

Employes Will Get Hearing

City councilmen, who recommended last Thursday that three plant employes be fired, will give a hearing to the three, Mayor Ralph Hanna has stated.

City Manager A. B. Uzale, Jr., who has the authority to hire and fire, said the employes whose discharge was "strongly recommended" by the town board are willing and anxious for a hearing.

Those who could lose their jobs if Uzale determines to follow the board's recommendation are Jimmy Bales, who has been in charge at the plant, Joe Jackson, Jr. and Angus Monds. The city manager has taken the position that firing would be a drastic remedy for the situation as he sees it.

No definite statement has been made by Mayor Hanna on the date the projected hearing is to be held. Dunn's city council will meet a week from Thursday, and the hearing might be postponed until then.

In the meantime, the City Manager has recommended that interested citizens drop in on the water plant and see how it is operated. Adults—as well as the many schoolchildren who have already been visitors there—might find the processes quite interesting, he stated.

"It's possible to see the whole treatment process from the time water comes in from the river until it's ready to drink."

Record Roundup

RED CROSS ROUND-UP—Solicitors for the American Red Cross in all communities in Harnett County are reminded by Jake Lamm, county roll call chairman, that all funds must be turned in on Thursday, April 26, at 11:30 a. m. at his office in Lillington. Solicitors were encouraged by Lamm today to make a last minute drive to collect the \$3,000 needed by the Harnett County chapter to meet its 1956 campaign goal. Howard R. Ross, special field representative for Eastern North Carolina, will meet with chapter officers.

CITY AND BUS LINE AT ODDS City Bus Argument Raging In Alabama

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A transit official contended today his firm is breaking no state law in ordering an end to segregation on buses here, and promised legal aid for any drivers who might be arrested.

Thus the lines were drawn for the South's first big conflict over Monday's U. S. Supreme Court decision that racial segregation on intra-state buses, including municipal transit vehicles, is unconstitutional.



TELLS OF KILLINGS—Thumbs hooked in his belt, 11-year-old Robert Curgenven shows investigators where he said he hid the .22-caliber rifle with which he killed his father, his mother and his brother in Mansfield, Conn. The youth said, according to police, "I planned this deal for a week. My parents had spanked me. I planned to kill them." The 75-pound, four-foot youngster has been taken to Norwich Mental Hospital for observation.

Benson Says Other Cuts Might Result

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson told Congress today that failure to approve a "sound" soil bank plan might lead to further cuts in farm price support leve's next year.

He said 1956 supports for five major crops ranging from 82 1-2 to 86 per cent of parity are "based on the prospect of sound soil bank legislation that will attack the surplus problem head on."

The secretary testified at Senate Appropriations subcommittee hearings on his department's budget for the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

The fight has narrowed to a struggle over President Eisenhower's plan to pay farmers this year for next year's cutbacks in crops. In the House, both sides pushed rival soil bank bills that differed mainly on this point. In the Senate, members awaited outcome of the contest.

Benson emphasized that support levels announced recently "are for one year only."

Dunn May Act On Natural Gas

Along with a number of other North Carolina cities, the town of Dunn is getting closer and closer to an acceptance of the proposals to have natural gas piped in.

Tuesday afternoon, three Dunn delegates—Leon Godwin and D. K. Whittenton, councilmen, and City Manager A. B. Uzale, Jr. — were present at a meeting called by the State Utilities Commission to pep up the situation.

One upshot of this meeting was the agreement by mayors, city managers, town attorneys and city utilities directors from at least two dozen communities to intervene in natural gas proceedings pending before the Federal Power Commission and to work cooperatively in presenting their case.

City Manager Uzale said yesterday that he believes Dunn will take the necessary steps toward getting natural gas. These include filing a

certificate of intervention with the Federal Power Commission, and making arrangements to give a franchise for distribution of the gas.

Interested communities, said Uzale, will have, he believes, until May 23, to make their arrangements for giving a franchise. "If we don't join now," said the city manager, "it will be two years before we have another chance." Trans-Carolina Pipe Line Corp. (Continued on Page Five)