

Thursday, mostly fair and cooler with high 70 to 75 north and 75 to 80 in the south. Friday, partly cloudy and mild with a few showers in extreme south portion.

STATE POLITICAL CONTESTS WARM UP



WANT CONSOLIDATED COLLEGE - Prominent Presbyterians who will help raise funds here for the consolidated college are Guyton Smith (seated) and Locke Muse. Smith is the senior campaigner in the drive which got underway in Dunn yesterday. Will they make their quota of \$36,000? Presbyterians always get there. (Daily Record Photo by Ted Crail.)

Presbyterians Start College Fund Drive

Presbyterians in 13 Dunn area churches joined together today to raise a total of \$36,000 for the cause of Christian Education in the synod of North Carolina.

These Little Things

By ROOVER ADAMS

ED, JAKIE, GUYTON, A SONGBIRD, PREDICTIONS

Regardless of who wins the Democratic nomination for Congress Saturday, Carlyle or Lennon, he's facing another race. C. Dana Malpass of Wilmington, the Republican nominee for Congress and a man more than three score years of age, has challenged the winner of the Democratic primary to a foot race. Malpass has never competed on track but holds a record for speed and agility on foot. Chairman Ed Black of the Retail Merchants Committee plans to call a meeting of local merchants early next week to make plans for the summer and fall months. Ed has some good ideas and local merchants owe it to themselves and their town to attend this important meeting. Guyton Smith, popular official of Johnson Cotton Company, is one of the most handsome and most distinguished looking men in town. That white hair sets him off. He's a prince of a fellow, too. Jakie Bennett has an important date for the night of June 12th. "Yesir," says Jakie, "I'm taking Suzie to the Tony Pastor dance. Wouldn't miss it for anything." Jakie recalled that he and Suzie had a very enchanting evening at a Tony (Continued On Page Two)

Members of the committee which will stage drives in the churches of District 1 of Fayetteville Presbytery are Guyton Smith, Locke Muse of Dunn, William Miley of Erwin, and Mrs. Wilbert Lee, and the Rev. George H. V. Hunter, of Dunn, Route Two, Grove Church.

The effort here is a part of the "Forward with Christ in Higher Education" drive now in progress throughout the synod of North Carolina for a total of \$2,500,000. Of this amount, \$3,000,000 will be used for the new Consolidated Presbyterian College to be built at Laurinburg, with the remaining \$500,000 to provide facilities for a campus Christian program with the Presbyterian students at North Carolina and Duke universities, and at East Carolina, State, and Woman's College.

At Laurinburg, the Presbyterians of North Carolina plan to combine the traditions, ideals, and heritages of Flora MacDonald, Peace, and Presbyterian Junior Colleges into one consolidated, four year, co-educational, liberal arts college. The (Continued on Page Five)

Record Roundup

ERWIN TOURS - Anyone interested in touring the big textile mills at Erwin may telephone the office of Manager W. H. Miley, Jr., for an invitation. Among those going through on the invitational tour this week were J. N. Yates, L. B. Pope, Sr. and Ralph Wade. They were personally escorted by Mr. Miley. The tours are part of the overall, company-wide public relations program. (Continued on Page Six)

Pretty Redhead Tries To Hang Self In Jail

Laurinburg - Sultry, redhaired Laura Hammonds, a beautiful model held on burglary and safecracking charges, tried to hang herself last night in the Scotland County jail.

The girl's unconscious body was found on the floor of her cell by knotted a strip of blanket to the bars of her cell and looped it around her throat, but the strip had broken. Salmon said she was unconscious and that she was revived only after 15 minutes of artificial respiration. She was admitted to a hospital for examination and treatment and later was returned to jail and kept under surveillance. (Continued On Page Three)

Nation's Demos Watching Vote In This State

WASHINGTON - Democrats are watching Saturday's North Carolina primary as another test between southern "moderates" and those demanding more aggressive efforts to maintain segregation.

This test involves the primary contests of three House members who refused to sign the "southern manifesto" last winter. Most southerners in Congress signed the manifesto, which called for resisting by all lawful means the Supreme Court decision against racial segregation in schools.

The three North Carolinians who refused to sign were Reps. Harold D. Cooley, Thurmond Chatham and Charles B. Deane.

None of the three has advocated ending segregation. However, their failure to sign the manifesto has been the major issue, although not the only one, stressed by their opponents in their campaigns for re-nomination.

ATTACKS ON TWO FRONTS

Other political news: Sen. Estes Kefauver attacked his rival for the Democratic presidential nomination, Adlai E. Stevenson, on two fronts Wednesday in Florida, where both are seeking votes for that state's May 29 primary. Kefauver denounced as "scurrilous" and "vicious" statements made about him by a Stevenson Florida delegate - candidate, former Gov. Millard F. Caldwell. Kefauver said he was "surprised" Stevenson did not repudiate the statement.

Caldwell, in introducing Stevenson at a Tallahassee appearance, read from an editorial in the Richmond, Va., News-Leader which called Kefauver an "integrationist... a far-left liberal... a sycophant for the Negro and union vote."

Stevenson replied, "I am not responsible for what Governor Caldwell said about Sen. Kefauver and certainly I am not responsible for what the Richmond newspaper said." (Continued On Page Three)

Joke-Teller Pays \$10 Court Fine

A fellow can get right wrought up in a joke-telling session apparently. Anyway, Charley Knox, who appeared in Dunn Recorder's Court this morning for "assault with a cinder block" said it all started because he told a joke on Samuel McNeill, Jr.

McNeill, he said, didn't like it and expressed dissatisfaction by throwing a chair at him. Knox, who admitted that he had gone after McNeill, was given 90 days on the roads suspended on payment of \$10 fine and costs. (Continued On Page Six)



BRIDE AND GROOM - British film star Anthony Steel, 36, clasps the hand of his bride, Swedish star Anita Ekberg, 24, following their marriage in Florence, Italy. The former Miss Universe wears a unique off-the-shoulder wedding dress.

Billy, Joyce Get Wedding License

NEW YORK - Broadway producer Billy Rose, 56, and 36-year-old actress Joyce Matthews obtained a marriage license Wednesday but declined to disclose their wedding plans.

The pint sized Rose has been married twice. He was divorced from the late Fanny Brice in 1949 and from Olympic swimming star Elinor Holm in 1954. Miss Matthews slashed her wrists in Rose's apartment atop his IZegfeld Theatre during his court wrangle with Miss Holm over their divorce. The thrice-married blonde actress and Rose have been friends for seven years. Miss Matthews was divorced once from Gonzales Gomez in 1940, and twice from comedian Milton Berle in 1948 and 1950.

Benson Puts Blame On Cotton Farmers

HOT SPRINGS, Va. - Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said today that cotton farmers, after 25 years of the "utmost government solicitude," have lost markets everywhere and built up "big income-depressing surpluses."

Benson said in contrast soybean producers have resisted government restrictions and they have increased acreage, developed a huge export market where none previously existed and vastly increased the domestic market demand for soybean products. Benson compared the market situations of cotton and soybeans in a speech before the margarine all - industry conference here. Cottonseed oil and soybean oil are the two main sources of supply for margarine manufacturers.

Benson said the cotton industry was afraid to live with abundance while soybean producers "willingly" expanded, even on the very acres taken out of cotton. He said the steering wheel of agriculture is price. Cotton elected to freeze its steering apparatus with rigid high price supports while soybeans chose "to keep its steering wheel free so it can rattle the curves," he said. Benson said 25 years ago cotton was grown on 45 million acres in (Continued on Page Five)

Contract Awarded For Water System

Lillington's long anticipated new water system today moved a step nearer realization with the award of contract for construction of the filter system and water main to link the county seat with the Cape Fear River.

The new system on completion will replace the five deep wells that furnish the town its water supply. In a called session on Monday night the Town Council opened bids and found that low bidder on the general contracting work was L. O. Chapman and Co. Inc. of Charlotte. The electrical contract went to Asheboro Electric Company; the heating to Byrd Butane Heating Company, Jonesboro-Heights.

Moore, Gardner and Associates of Asheboro, the engineering firm engaged to make the water survey which furnished the basis of the call for a bond election to finance the new construction will be retained as consulting engineers until the system is completed.

Meantime, Mayor Henry Hamilton and the town board announced that the purchase price paid for the site of the new water plant was \$1,000. The land, located near the Cape Fear River, was purchased from the five heirs of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Spears. Out of the five Spears heirs, two returned their \$200 checks as donations to the town. They were John W. Spears, cashier of the Bank of Lillington, and Joseph McKay Spears of Washington, D. C. Other heirs are Mrs. Walter Lee Johnson of Lillington, Mrs. John Mullen of Lincolnton and Marshall T. Spears of Durham. The Spears heirs also have dedicated street rights to and from the water plant, and right-of-way for water lines in the streets near the site of the new plant. Letter of appreciation to John and Joe Spears for their public spirited donation to the town have been sent by the Mayor and the town board. Lillington residents short of sufficient water for fire protection and seeking more water to interest new industrial attractions, overwhelmingly voted a \$145,000 bond issue this Spring to finance the new water system.

Cooley-Debnam Fight Holding Chief Interest

RALEIGH - The race issue flared up again in the 4th Congressional District today as candidates headed into the final days of campaigning before Saturday's Democratic primary.

The controversial question of a veterans' bonus also appeared for the first time in the gubernatorial campaign as candidate Tom Sawyer pledged to support a bonus.

In the 4th district, where the ice issue has been paramount in the campaign, Rep. Harold D. Cooley (D-NC) said last night at Rocky Mount he was "proud" that he had refused to sign the Southern Manifesto.

Cooley, who is facing one of the stiffest fights of his long political career, said the manifesto was a "complete castration" of the Supreme Court. Cooley's refusal to sign has been a major issue in his campaign battle with Raleigh author-commentator W. E. Debnam.

COOLEY REPLIES

In his Rocky Mount speech, Cooley charged that Debnam "is a Republican" who "hated and despised Mr. Roosevelt and Harry Truman and voted a Republican ticket" in their administrations.

Cooley called the manifesto "a complete castration of the Supreme Court—a court of the last resort. It endorsed actions taken in many Southern states to fight the court's decision — legally and illegally."

Meanwhile, the first race literature of the campaign made its appearance, issued by Debnam backers. The circulars called Cooley the "boy" of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and quoted editorials from Negro newspapers praising (Continued On Page Six)

17 Arrested At Raleigh Rock 'N Roll

RALEIGH - Police arrested at least 17 persons on drunkenness charges last night at a "rock and roll" music show at Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium.

Two police cars were "kept busy" shuttling between the auditorium and the jail four blocks away, police said. The audience was separated but included both whites and Negroes at the same performances. Police said most of those arrested were Negroes.

The audience included a large number of teen-agers and young college students.

Except for the drinking there appeared to be no other trouble at the show, police said. In Greenville, S. C., a "crackpot's" report that a time - bomb had been planted in the Textile Hall forced cancellation of one of the "rock and roll" group's shows there Tuesday night. There have been protests by white citizens' councils in Alabama and other parts of the Deep South against "rock and roll" music.

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ADAMS CASE A MISTRIAL

Jury Can't Agree On Teacher

A mistrial was ordered today at 12:20 in the trial of Clifford Z. Adams on charges of indecent exposure and assault. The eleven men and one woman on the Superior Court jury failed to reach agreement after more than six hours of deliberation.

Judge William Y. Bickett called in jurors for the third time and asked the foreman Percy Bernard of Lillington, if a decision had been



FIRST STROLL - A tiny two-week old rabbit takes just about the first stroll of his life on the shoulderblades of delighted and freckle-faced Kenneth Kirby, 13. The rabbit belongs to Rex Watson. (Daily Record Photo by Ted Crail.)

SEVERAL DRAW COURT SENTENCES

Two Years In Pokey For Lady Mae Poe

"All the folks were trying to pull me down," explained Lady Mae Poe, Dunn colored woman who was tried for larceny in Harnett Superior Court yesterday afternoon. "Now they're trying to get me just talking about empty fish boxes and old garden tools."

Lady Mae - pleading her own case because, she told the jury, a lawyer wanted to charge her a hundred dollars - said in the first place she hadn't stolen the garden tools from her neighbor Isaac Williams and in the second place, "Anybody who would say they are worth twenty dollars is certainly lying."

Lonnie Jackson, Dunn policeman, told the court that he had searched her home, a few doors away from where Williams lived, and found the tools wrapped in a burlap bag over a fish box. That wasn't all he found. There were so many new things in Lady Mae's house, said Lonnie, that he couldn't walk. "New shoes - dozens of pairs - like they'd been skipped on once. Eleven new hats in a bag. Forty of fifty new dresses. Eight or ten shoulder bags." The tags and names of the merchandise had thoughtfully been removed. Chief Alton Cobb also put in a word against Lady Mae, and there wasn't much she could do about it. He said that she had twice served prison terms and that the merchants of Dunn didn't like for her to come into their stores. It was a bad day for Lady Mae (Continued on Page Five)

Missing Farmer Is Found Hanged

Laudie Thornton, 44-year-old farmer of Dunn, Route 2, is believed to have committed suicide about 4 p. m. Wednesday afternoon, hanging himself in woods about a quarter of a mile from his home.

The body was not discovered, reported Dunn Undertaker Charles Skinner of the Hatcher and Skinner Funeral Home, until eight a. m. this morning. When Thornton did not return to his home last night, a search was instituted. Skinner said that no note was found nor was Thornton known to have made any threats of taking his life. Coroner V. J. Underwood of Smithfield conducted an investigation.

Thornton reportedly left his home about 2:45 p. m. yesterday afternoon and was not seen again. He went across a field into the woods, where his body was found, hanging from a tree.

Funeral services are to be held Friday afternoon at 3 p. m. in Holly Grove Church. Burial will follow in the Thornton cemetery. Services will be conducted by Rev. John William Smith, pastor at Holly Grove.

The dead man is a native of Sampson County and a farmer. (Continued On Page Six)

from Lillington others on the jury include Jean Bowdin of near Brownway, and C. C. Cummings, Carl McNeill, Lexie Patterson, Bragg McNeill, J. E. Butler, Grady M. Gilbert, Sion G. Harrington, J. P. Coats, Sexton Ennis and J. C. Largent. Defense Counsel A. R. Taylor said his client will ask for trial at the next criminal term of Harnett Superior Court, which will be in September. "The outcome of this case is highly important to the pro- (Continued on Page Five)