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Partly cloudy and warm today and tonight with scattered showers and thunderstorms beginning in mountains late this afternoon. Thursday rather warm with scattered showers and thunderstorms.

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DROP IN UNEMPLOYMENT EXPECTED



THE JOB KEEPS HIM RUNNING but most people would be willing to trade places with Gene Driver (above). As head of the Jaycee entries committee for the Miss Dunn Pageant, he was chief interviewer of 100 suggested candidates for the local beauty crown. Some other Jaycees have also drawn good assignments. Cecil Lee will pick up Miss North Carolina, Betty Lane Evans,

and bring her to Dunn for the two-day pageant on April 16-17. Lamar Stone will intercept Miss America, Mary Ann Mobley, at Raleigh and bring her here. Woodie Myers, president of the Jaycees, will deliver her to Durham following the Dunn event. (Record Photo by Ted Crail.)

Liz, Ava, Susan Would Be Rejects

That Mad, Glad Search For '59 Miss Dunn Nears Climax

By TED CRAIL
Record News Editor
Elizabeth Taylor, you are hereby informed that the Miss Dunn beauty pageant would have to snub you, by some quirk of nature, want to be a contestant. You, too, Ava Gardner. And you, Susan Hayward (but she, of course, got the gas chamber and isn't in a position to care).
Need Minister's Okay
In fact, there's hardly a beauty in film-land—or on that gay white way where the models play—who could live up to the rules which govern the selection of contestants for this annual pageant.

For one thing, not only must your mother love you, but your minister must give you a good character. And the school principal where you have (or are) graduating. And the people in your community.
"Don't get me wrong," says Gene Drive, chairman of the Pageant's entries committee. "Elizabeth Taylor is as pretty as any woman I know. Besides my wife now, I say. But she is really pretty."
Those three husbands, however (and Eddie in the warmup pen) fully disqualify her—as mar-

riage has also disqualified some of the subtle beauties of Harnett County.
In checking over the hundred or so candidates who were considered for this year's pageant, Driver and his chief helpers, Mel Davis and Cecil Lee, found that mothers certainly do love their daughters.
Mama's Right There
It was usually the mother who recommended her daughter as a contestant.
Though the rules applying to the Pageant knocked out a number of potentially excellent entries—just as they would have knocked Miss Taylor, Miss Hayward and Miss Gardner—ten girls survived all tests and they will be the key figures in what is certainly one of the biggest small-town beauty contests in fifty states.

Can't Remember All 18—Loved 'Em All

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The 72-year-old marrying "Ding" Dong Daddy of the D-Car Line" said from his jail cell today that he doesn't remember all of his 18 wives but he knows he loved 'em all.
"Most of my marriages were on impulse," cherubic-looking Francis H. Van Wie said. "All I wanted was companionship, just like someone to be with, to go to the movies with someone and to the park."
The roly-poly former San Francisco streetcar conductor who served two brief terms in jail for bigamy was back in jail, this time for breaking terms of his 1953 parole which ordered him not to engage in any more matrimonial pursuits for seven years.

"One thing Van Wie wants everybody to know," the 5-foot, 2-inch man said, "and that's that I never never married a woman for money."
"I can honestly say that," he said with a touch of pride. "No woman ever had to work for me. Some of them didn't have any money at all, and I took care of them."
Van Wie married wives No. 17 and 18 in the past two years.
"But I loved 'em all" when I married them, every one of them," he insisted. "But then I'd wake up and realize I'd done an awful thing. I didn't really love them after all, and so I'd leave and marry someone else."

Chamber Launching Get-Fit Effort, Will Raise Budget

An energetic debate from the floor prompted the appointment of a committee last night which will try to lay the financial basis for increasing activities here of the Chamber of Commerce.
Since taking office, Chamber President Carl Fitchett, Jr., has struck hard at the theme that the organization must boost its work and its efficiency.
A crowd gathered for a dinner meeting, specially called by Fitchett at Wayne Avenue School cafeteria, fell into urgent discussion of ways and means for raising the necessary funds.
Chief immediate problem is to clear the way for hiring of a new manager to succeed Wendy Hunter, the energetic minister's wife who left her post (the Hunters have gone to a new church at Archdale) with the words, "Get a trained manager" on her lips.

It was agreed last night, as a matter of policy, that the Chamber will seek a fully-trained manager and must lay the financial framework for paying his salary and defraying costs of a bigger Chamber program in general.
On the committee that will try to set up a new budget structure will be Abe Elmore, furniture dealer. (Continued On Page Six)

Adenauer Still Intends To Lead

BONN, Germany (UPI)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer served notice today he intends to continue leadership of free Germany if elected to the figurehead post of president.
Adenauer told the nation barely 24 hours after his decision to retire from the chancellorship that the president's powers are "much greater than one usually believes."
He said he decided to seek election to the presidency "to insure the continuity of our policies" (Continued On Page Six)

Only First-Day Filers Running

No New Candidates For City Offices

At noon today, there was still no report at the city clerk's office of any further filing for the three offices which will be at stake in the April 21 municipal primary here.

The two candidates for mayor, incumbent Ralph Hanna and his challenger, George Franklin Blalock, have worn big smiles so far and nobody has locked teeth.
In the council elections, only incumbent Dewey Whittenon has an opponent at the moment. Former board member B. A. Bracey will run for his seat.
Jesse Capps, also up for re-

Connie's Story Postponed For 24 Hours

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UPI)—Mrs. Connie Nicholas' story of the shooting of her wealthy lover was postponed for 24 hours today because the death of a court official posed a question as to whether her murder trial could legally proceed.

Marian County Clerk Harry J. Gasper, 51, whose office handles court entries and orders, died late Tuesday. His office was closed just as Mrs. Nicholas was ready to tell a jury of husbands why and how Forrest Teel, the married man she gave 15 years of her life, was killed.

Conferences between Judge Thomas Faulconer and attorneys for the state and defense sought to determine whether the entire trial would be jeopardized if it proceeded.

"We have come to the conclusion," said Faulconer an hour after the trial was scheduled to be resumed, "that although the curbstome opinion is that we can proceed, we have no legal authority to back up that opinion at this time."

"Due to the nature of the charge in this case and the fact that we have already spent four weeks trying it, the court and the prosecution and defense agree that it would be unwise to proceed."

Faulconer then adjourned court until Thursday in order to determine the proper legal procedure or await the appointment of a successor to Gasper.

Mrs. Nicholas said she was disappointed at the interruption.

"I am ready to go on," she said.

The little divorcee with the heart-shaped face was the only witness to the fatal shooting of ELL Lilly Co. vice-president Forrest Teel in his white Cadillac last July outside his new girl's apartment.

The jury will decide largely from her story whether to find her guilty of first degree murder with a possible death sentence. (Continued On Page Six)

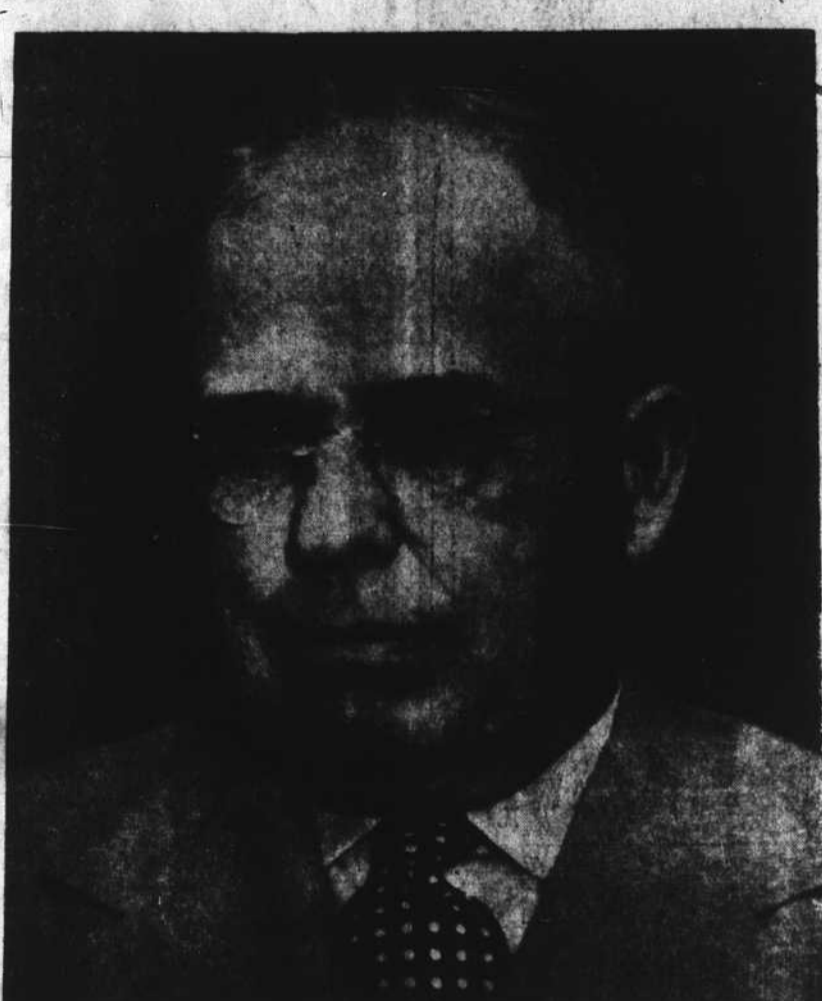
Blalock Opens Guns In Mayoralty Race

In mid-afternoon today, George Franklin Blalock fired the first salvo of a political campaign in which he will challenge five-times-winner Ralph Hanna for the post of mayor of Dunn.

Blalock said he had no specific platform but certainly intended to press for such items as (1) a city civil defense program, (2) a West-side fire station in addition to the one downtown (3) a street resurfacing program "to prevent heavier expense in the future" (4) tiling of ditches as a sanitation measure (5) quick stop to charging property owner "for water lines leading from the main line to the meter."
"The mayor cannot vote except

in the case of a division of views by the four councilmen," said Blalock, "but he can exercise his personal influence and integrity and the prestige of his office."
"Civil defense," he said, "is an integral part of government planning...Dunn is in the radius of damage of a 20-Megaton Nuclear Weapon (equivalent to 400,000 tons of TNT) if the ground zero is the center of Fort Bragg."
"Dunn is also an evacuation area for Wake County under the state evacuation program if Raleigh becomes a nuclear target."
"I would give much personal attention to the project in line with my qualifications as a nu-

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A. P. ADCOX

A. P. Adcox Dies at 68

Longtime Foreman For ACL Passes

Wendy: Cash Means More Than Oscars

LONDON (UPI)—Actress Wendy Hiller today politely dismissed the honor of winning an Academy Award Oscar.

"It's the money that interests her. I hope this award means cash, hard cash," said Miss Hiller, who was awarded an Oscar Monday as the best supporting actress of 1958 for her role in the movie "Separate Tables."

"Never mind the honor, though I'm sure it's very nice of them," she said in a London News- Chronicle interview.

"I want lots of lovely offers to go filming in Hollywood, preferably in the winter so that I can avoid all the horrid slush and cold over here," 46 year old actress said.

Miss Hiller laughed and said of her award, "Isn't it incredible, quite incredible? I was only on the screen in 'Separate Tables' for four minutes, and all I seemed to do was walk in and out of doors and look over my shoulder at Burt Lancaster."
"They cut my two best scenes, you know, and then gave one to Rita Hayworth."

NO STREET LIGHTS

HUNTINGFIELD, England (UPI)—The parish council Tuesday refused to appropriate funds for public street lights for this town of 255 population. The council said the lights were not needed because townspeople rarely ventured out after sundown.

Hope To Have New Industry Here in a Year

Westbrook Says Firms Nibbling

Earl Westbrook, speaking at a Chamber of Commerce dinner that portended a coming change in its operating methods here, said local leaders are now in contact with four industries and "hope to get one of them here within a year."
To a crowd of 140 persons, Westbrook and other committee heads reported developments in the Chamber's recent activities to put more vitality into the commercial scene in Harnett County.

His cautiously optimistic words were encouraging to the crowd, most of whom believe that new industries must be found to keep Dunn steady during years when the farm income may be dwindling or unstable.
Westbrook is head of the industrial committee which started a major effort a few months ago to attract a factory to the immediate vicinity of Dunn. He related that a telephone call from one interested firm caused him to call a meeting of the full committee on Monday.

One of the four companies now being contacted, said Westbrook, is nationally known and any of them would be an important addition to the local scene. He did not disclose the names of the firms.

Mitchell Says Job Situation Will Improve

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell said a giant labor rally today that he would eat his hat on the Labor Department steps if the job situation did not make a dramatic improvement by fall.

Mitchell, representing the administration at a mass conference of more than 5,000 union leaders and jobless workers, predicted that employment will climb to 67 million workers and unemployment will drop off to three million by October. Latest government figures showed 62,828,000 persons at work in mid-March and 4,362,000 jobless.

The secretary's pledge to eat his hat was followed by a free-swinging blast by AFL-CIO Vice President Walter Reuther at President Eisenhower and his "do nothing" economic policies.

Behind 8-Ball
"When the President spends too much time behind the golf ball," he told loudly cheering delegates, "he puts the American people behind the 8-ball."

Reuther called for a moratorium on installment payments of unemployed workers so they would not lose their homes and belongings.

Liz, Eddie Have Woes

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Actress Elizabeth Taylor and Eddie Fisher are running into all kinds of stumbling blocks, but they're going right ahead with their marriage plans.

The couple learned Tuesday that the rabbi who officiated at Miss Taylor's conversion ceremonies last week when she embraced the Jewish faith will not be able to marry her and Fisher in Nevada next month.

Rabbi Max Nussbaum, whom Miss Taylor, 27, asked to perform the wedding rites, was advised by three Nevada judges that he cannot perform the Nevada ceremony because he does not have a congregation in that state. Rabbi Nussbaum's congregation is in Hollywood.

Oklahoma Ends Long Prohibition

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI)—Oklahoma's sudden thirst for legal liquor after 51 years of prohibition will have to wait three more months before it is quenched, despite a record repeal vote.

Repeal carried by more than 80,000 votes Tuesday, ending prohibition that went into the constitution when Oklahoma became a state in 1907. It left Mississippi the only legally dry state in the Union.

Bootleggers, who grossed up to 100 million dollars a year as an industry, started looking for another livelihood.

It was the first repeal election the wets have won in seven tries. But the prohibition laws will remain in force for the three months estimated for putting the new laws into the books. State Safety Commissioner Joe Cannon declined to comment on how hard he would enforce prohibition during that time.

Citizens in Oklahoma City and Tulsa took the news rather quietly. Oklahoma City police said it was even duller than usual just after the wet victory became apparent.

But later caravans of victors roamed the streets, including one with a basket containing "Old Man Prohibition" on top of a truck.

The beer industry glowed over the results. Sale of 3.2 beer has been legal in the state since 1933, but the industry has always feared prohibition would spread to it.