

Weather

Mostly cloudy with intermittent rain or scattered showers in west portion this afternoon and over the state tonight possibly continuing early Saturday in the coastal area. Cooler most sections tonight and over entire state on Saturday.

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EXPLOSION KILLS 67 AT ICE SHOW

THESE LITTLE THINGS

By Hoover Adams

AVERASBORO POLITICS, AS CONFUSED AS USUAL

Just two days ago it appeared almost a certainty that former Dunn Mayor Ralph Hanna would be picked by Averasboro Democratic precinct chairman to fill out the unexpired term of Lofton Tart.

At this moment (1 p. m. Friday) it appears just as certain that Fred M. Byerly will be recommended for the office. By the time the chairman met (tonight at 7:30) anything could happen and almost anybody might be named.

That's the way things politically go in Averasboro. Always confusion, practically never agreement.

First person mentioned for the post was Earl Jones, popular member of the county board of elections. Without asking Earl, one of his friends got busy and by nightfall Monday announced he had enough commitments to give Jones the office. Earl was grateful, but not interested. He's happy where he is.

And then the battle royal got underway. Hanna said very frankly he'd be delighted to serve, wanted the office, would consider it an honor, would be grateful for it and could be counted on to run for the office next spring. (Incidentally, he'll still be a candidate no matter who is named tonight.)

Meanwhile, Byerly was playing it cool. He definitely was not a candidate, wasn't seeking it but appreciated efforts of his friends and would be happy to serve in the interest of party harmony, etc.

That's about as far as the harmony business got.

Today, party factions in Averasboro were split six ways from Sunday, to put it in the mildest form possible, and Fred has joined Ralph in becoming an active candidate.

One of Byerly's supporters heard that Hanna had it "sewed up" Tuesday night vowed that the picture would be changed before the gun ever rose again.

Both day and night for the past three days - and nights - almost frantic maneuvering has been underway on behalf of both men.

BACK AND FORTH At almost any hour out of any 24, the Byerly backers were claiming this or that chairman had switched from Hanna to Byerly and the Hanna folks were claiming this or that chairman had switched back to Hanna or that there had been no switching in the first place.

Meanwhile, the four members of the committee in Averasboro were deadlocked tightly over selection of a chairman in that precinct to succeed J. E. (Pat) Williams. Two of them favor Louis Baer, the other two favor Alvin Carver. Baer is for Byerly, Carver is for Hanna and neither would budge.

Vice Chairman Helen Curran, frustrated in efforts to get members together for a meeting, finally called it off and said no meeting will be held until after the seven remaining chairmen and vice chairmen meet tonight to act on the commissioner endorsement.

Through it all, Byerly and Hanna remain unperturbed. Both are old hands at the game of politics. Fred today was cautiously optimistic, figured things looked good "at this time," quickly adding, "You know how it is in politics - anything can happen."

And Ralph was good-naturedly taking about the same position. He said today that reports indicated that Fred might have it, but hasn't given up by any means.

A close friend said, "Ralph is more concerned with the campaign than with the election."



"Q" IS FOR QUORUM CLUB—Washington's plush Quorum Club, in the spotlight because former Senate Democratic Secretary Robert G. "Bobby" Baker was an original member, is located in the Carroll Arms Hotel, left, in picture at left. The hotel is next door to the new Senate Office Building. At right, entrance to the club.

Armed Robbery, Many Other Cases

Criminal Court Slated

A wide variety of cases ranging from public drunkenness to murder are scheduled for Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn of Woodruff at a one-week criminal term and presiding. District Solicitor Archie Taylor and Asst. Solicitor Jake Lamm will prosecute the docket.

Mrs. Roland Goff In Accident

Dunn Child Hurt Halloween Night

Terry Floyd Johnson, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rickie Johnson of Dunn was struck by a car last night when he and several other children were "Trick or Treating."

The accident occurred on Guy Avenue when the children crossed the street and Terry darted into the path of an auto driven by Mrs. Charlie Hildreth.

Miners Rescued

PEINE, Germany (UPI)—Three men trapped more than a week in a flooded iron mine rode a steel capsule one at a time to the surface today.

Officials said they went directly into a decompression chamber on top of the mine to prevent them from getting a case of the "bends" following their long ordeal under high air pressure.

Rescue worker Paul Syska went down in the capsule first through a 262-foot escape shaft punched through to the miners by an American-made drill early today in a precision operation. He helped them into the 10-foot-long capsule and they rode to the surface one at a time.

Syska then made the last trip to the surface and joined them in the decompression chamber.

Easy Accessibility of Bedrooms Blamed

Wild Parties At Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (UPI)—Harvard University students defended the moral climate of their hallowed, ivy-covered halls today even though a dean contended coed visits to men's rooms permits "wild parties and sexual intercourse."

University rules allow girls to visit male students' rooms behind closed bedroom doors if they wish—but the undergrads deny this has led to sexual excesses on the grounds of the nation's oldest and perhaps most staid university.

Among the cases are those of James Marvin McLamb and his sister friend, Grace Beasley, charged in connection with armed robbery of Village Open Air Market in Erwin and the Hotel Cotton Dale in Dunn.

Mrs. Elizabeth Matthews, clerk, today released the following calendar of cases to be heard: Grand Jury, Monday, Nov. 11. Charles Pearce, larceny; Grace Beasley, two counts, aiding and abetting in armed robbery; James Marvin McLamb, breaking and entering, larceny and armed robbery; Rosa Lee Whitehead, forgery; George Arthur Hall, aiding and abetting in forgery; Sylvester Smith, incest; Roselee Whitehead, forgery; George Hall, aiding and abetting in forgery; Raymond Jones, assault with deadly weapon; Charles Ray Hodges, breaking and entering and larceny; Mack Weidner on Jones, breaking and entering and larceny; Sherman Sewell, false pretense; Macon Gibson, assault with deadly weapon, etc.; Ann Gibson, assault with deadly weapon, etc.; and Laddie James Stover, incest.

MRS. GOFF HURT Mrs. Ruth Goff of Warren's Rexall Pharmacy was injured in an accident Wednesday afternoon at (Continued on Page Eight)

Compliance Docket Mary Campbell vs. Turner Campbell; Murphy B. Franks, E. L. Hall, Tommy Ray Johnson, Alton Bernice Gndwin, 2 counts; Deloris Hicks, Winston Earl Butler, James Edward Smith, William Braxton Tyndall, Johnnie Jackson, Johnnie Austin Jackson, Luther H. Jackson, Warren Harden Jackson, Jr., Gladys Johnson, Samuel Mavnard, Stanley Pate, Jerry Silis, and Willford E. Strickland.

Motion Docket George M. Belk, post conviction hearing; Stias Lucas, crime against nature; Lester Sanders, public drunkenness, etc.

Urems Docket Elsie Knight vs. Leon Myratt (Continued on Page Eight)

Big Coliseum In Indianapolis Ripped By Blast

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UPI)—A shattering explosion, apparently caused by ignition of compressed gas, blasted the Indiana Coliseum at the climax of a gay Halloween ice pageant Thursday night. Authorities today counted 67 persons dead and 331 injured.

Skaters were whirling into the grand finale of the opening night performance of "Holiday on Ice" when the explosions tore through the concrete floor beneath a section of \$3.30-a-ticket box seats—the finest in the house. It was "Shrine night" at the ice show.

Bodies were hurled 40 and 50 feet through the air onto the ice where chorus girls had pirouetted a moment before. Mink stoles lay among torn bodies, crumpled popcorn boxes and empty beer containers. In point of numbers killed it was the greatest tragedy in Indianapolis history.

Saddens Entire State Gov. Matthew Welsh and Coroner Dennis Nicholas promised an unstinting investigation until the cause of the blast is discovered. Welsh called it "a great tragedy" which "saddened the entire state."

Investigators indicated they already had plenty of clues. The box seats, many of them occupied by prominent Indianapolis area residents, were directly above the concession area which is located in the basement of the barn-like state fair coliseum. At least one coliseum worker said he saw a gas tank topple over there moments before the blast. Cordons of police guarded other gas tanks and warned spectators to stay away after the disaster.

To the stunned city of Indianapolis, the reasons why seemed secondary for the moment. The shocking and most important fact was a sheet of ice scarred with dead - mothers, fathers, a few children: a holiday Halloween night which became a real nightmare while a band played lullaby music: the double row of covered bodies laid out in the coliseum under the merry eye of a paste-board chorus girl which had served as a prop for the show.

Survivors Tell Story Those who lived through it told the story:

Folkman Jack Ohrburg: "It's the first time I've ever had a -year-old girl die in my arm crying 'Daddy, daddy!'"

Richard Crowell, 20, college student, who dragged his girl friend from the rubble and struggled towards safety: "There was a popcorn concession stand beneath us... all over us. I carried Karl. I could see people screaming and running. Legs and arms were sticking out of the rubble. On the way out we had to cross people I believe were dead. One man had his head sticking in the (Continued on Page Eight)

Cigarette Causes Fire In Car

About \$100 damage was done to the interior of a 1963 Pontiac this afternoon.

Twenty-three firemen answered the alarm.

The car was parked in the yard of Mrs. Lela Chance in the 100 block of East Granville Street.

The seat of the car was on fire, Howard M. Lee, secretary - treasurer of the department said. It is thought that some one passing up threw a cigarette into the car and started the blaze. Two trucks were sent to the scene. The alarm came in at 1:28 and the men were back at the station at 1:40.

To Begin Slaughtering On Limited Scale Meat Plant To Open Nov. 17



SPACE TWINS IN NEW YORK—Soviet cosmonauts Valentina Tereshkova and Maj. Yuri Gagarin stroll through Central Park during their visit to New York City and the United Nations. Man, background is unidentified.

Lewis B. Peggs, General Manager of Dunn Meat Packers, Inc., announced today that the opening of the new modern meat packing plant will take place Nov. 12. Slaughtering will be on a limited basis of about 1,000 hogs per week.

The plant will employ approximately 25 people at the start and this will gradually increase to capacity of killing 1,000 hogs per day with employment of 40 to 50 people.

Tom Farmer, who is in charge of procurement, will start buying hogs Monday morning, November 11th, at the company's livestock pens located adjacent to the plant. All farmers in the area are urged to call 892-3858 at Dunn for further information.

Man Appeals Theft Case

Felix McArthur, Dunn Negro, pleaded not guilty of charges of larceny of barbering tools valued at \$106 in Dunn Recorders Court Thursday.

Prosecuting witnesses in the action were Joe Dew and Lynn Smith, who claimed that McArthur had taken two pairs of clippers, a razor, and a hairbrush belonging to them.

McArthur was convicted by Judge Woodrow Hill and given a 2-year suspended sentence. Conditions were that he pay into the court the sum of \$200 for the use and benefit of Dew and Smith and pay the costs.

McArthur appealed and bond was set at \$1,000.

\$200 Fine Robert Herring, 32-year-old Negro of Route 5, Dunn, was ordered to pay a \$200 fine and the costs for driving after his license had (Continued on Page Eight)

Madam Nhu's Husband Slain Military Revolt Today In Viet Nam

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (UPI)—Vietnamese marine, army and air force units rebelled today to overthrow the regime of President Ngo Dinh Diem.

The United States promptly ordered forces in the Pacific to start moving toward Viet Nam to protect American lives if necessary. Diem was arrested and jailed and his brother, Ngo Dinh Nhu, powerful head of the secret police, was assassinated by rebel forces. (Continued on Page Eight)

Longtime Officials of Commercial Bank Elected Smith, Stephenson Named

Directors of The Commercial Bank in Dunn, at a meeting held Thursday afternoon elected Eugene W. (Gene) Smith as Acting President and elected J. N. Stephenson as Vice President & Cashier to serve until the annual stockholders meeting to be held in January.

A statement issued by the bank said: "At a meeting of the board of directors of The Commercial Bank of Dunn, N. C. the following were elected officers to serve until the annual stockholders meeting to be held in January 1963: E. W. Smith, Acting President; J. N. Stephenson, Vice President & Cashier."

A spokesman for the bank said directors had decided to wait until the January meeting to name (Continued on Page Eight)



EUGENE W. SMITH



J. N. STEPHENSON