

## TRUMAN NOMINATED OVER SOUTH'S PROTEST

### Fairmont Negro Beats Wife To Death; Steals And Wrecks Car Before Caught

#### D. C. Swann In Local Jail After Big Sunday Night

FAIRMONT—D. C. Swann, negro, of this section was jailed in Lorris Monday morning after having allegedly beaten his wife to death with two chairs, to have stolen a new Kaiser sedan to make his getaway in, and to have wrecked the car in Lorris, according to Deputy Bill Lewis and Lee Shepard of the Sheriff's office today.

Acting coroner Chalmers Biggs stated that an inquest will be held later this week in Fairmont but that a jury of men viewed the body of Irene, the dead woman, shortly after her arrival at the Stephens and Prevatt Funeral Home.

Harrison Alford, also a negro and a neighbor, found the woman's body in a bed at her home early Monday morning when he arrived at the house to help the Swans with some tobacco, the coroner stated. The woman apparently had been severely beaten and pieces of two chairs were found in splinters around the house.

Shortly after midnight Sunday night, Swann went to the home of J. O. McArthur, Jr., and told him that his wife was seriously ill and that his car would not start. He offered McArthur two dollars to take him to Rowland to secure a doctor. He McArthur, did so but as they neared the town, Swann pulled a razor and placed it at McArthur's throat demanding his money, then told him to get out of the car. As he did so, Swann drove off and was heard of no more until he wrecked the car later in the morning in Lorris, S. C., as a result of which he was jailed, according to Lee Shepard and G. W. Jackson who investigated the case.

Deputies Bill Lewis and Shepard went to Lorris immediately upon hearing that Swann was in custody and returned him to Robeson County.

Members of the coroner's jury who viewed the body were Warren Wallace, Carl Pittman, Le Roy Barden, W. C. Wolfe, A. M. McCormick and A. E. Byrne.

### Plan Farmers Day, Chairmen Named

LUMBERTON—The Lumberton Junior Chamber of Commerce named James McCallum and Cecil Thompson co-chairmen of Farmers Day for 1948, Monday night. The Jay-Cees promoted a very successful day last year and it is possible that the event this year may last for more than one day, but plans as yet are indefinite.

This second annual Farmers Day is expected to be even bigger and better than last year's which saw more than a hundred prizes given to Robeson county farmers in attendance. The Junior Chamber was successful in preventing any commercialization of the event, and a tremendous crowd attended to view the parade and the display booths of clubs and merchants.

RED SPRINGS—Work has begun on the Religious Education Building at Antioch Presbyterian church in Hoke county. The accompanying cut is the artist's drawing showing the building now under construction at the rear of the church, and the proposed colonial front and spire. Only the Education Building is to be built at present. Arch McEachern is chairman of the building committee and Clyde Campbell is in charge of the construction. This building will have adequate space for all classes of the enlarging Sunday School. The church bus purchased about

### Power Clearance

RED SPRINGS.—Due to necessary maintenance changes in power lines feeding Red Springs, the Carolina Power and Light Company has requested clearances Sunday. The power will be off from 7:30 to 7:45 a. m., and from 2 to 2:30 p. m., it was stated today.

### Bodenheimer To Succeed Watson On RS Board

RED SPRINGS—Edward C. Bodenheimer was named to the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Red Springs today to succeed James E. Watson, who has resigned because he plans to move outside the town limits within a few days.

Mr. Bodenheimer, who was raised at Parkton, moved to Red Springs about ten years ago, just after graduating from the University of North Carolina. He has been connected with the Home Furniture company since he came here, and is now manager of the business. A member of the Methodist church, the Lions club and the local Masonic lodge, he has been active in civic and religious affairs of the town. For two years he was in the Navy and was discharged as lieutenant. He is married and the father of one child, Ann.

Mr. Watson was elected to the commission last year. He is now building a new home located on South Main Street, about a block outside the town limits and has resigned due to his plans to move within a few weeks. He will serve on the commission until the first Tuesday in August when Mr. Bodenheimer will be inducted into the office.

### Polio Claims Its First Victim In Red Springs Area

RED SPRINGS—Funeral services were held for Stacy Hubert Evers, Jr., aged 3 years, Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the Westside Baptist church. The Rev. J. C. McQueen, pastor conducted the rites. Burial was in Alloway cemetery.

The Evers child died of infantile paralysis Tuesday afternoon at Duke hospital, where he was admitted as a patient early Monday morning, after being ill at the home since Friday. He was the first child of this section to have developed polio and the only case known in the Westside community in a number of years. Physicians feel that the disease must have been picked up while on a trip with his parents to some other part of the state.

Surviving are his parents, a brother, James Richard, and a sister, Joyce Ann Evers, all of Red Springs.

### Heads Honor Roll



ANN HALE BROWN

### Red Springs Improvements Summarized

#### Water System Reservoir Main Item Of Expense

RED SPRINGS—Nearly \$21,000 was spent by the town of Red Springs during the past year on improvements, repair, and acquisition of additional equipment for the service units of the government, according to Reece Snyder, town clerk.

Major items in the work done included \$4,935 for repair of the clear water reservoir. The work included contract and included reinforcing the present storage vate and recovering the inside and outside with reinforced blown concrete. Estimates for construction of a new reservoir, plans for which had been drawn, amounted to approximately \$25,000. Repairing the roof of the power plant, of the town hall and covering the clear water reservoir cost an additional \$640. The new storage garage and warehouse cost \$250. Purchase and installation of 184 new light meters cost \$2730. Six new transformers cost \$1,000. A new dump truck (GMC) and body cost \$2052, and repairs to the motor street grader cost \$1,000.

Other items list include: 3 traffic signals—\$459; 3 flashing traffic signals—\$152.88; automatic switch for street light transformer—\$159. Six fireman's coats—\$58; purchase and installation 1080 feet 8" terra cotta sewer—\$432; street signs and posts—\$541.60; 75 light poles—\$737; broom for sweeper—\$100; six water receptacles for Main street—\$116; 250 feet fire hose—\$340; 12 street lights—\$171; surveyor's level—\$150; rebuilt aerating tower—\$100; grading and opening College street from old Fayetteville road to Main street—\$450; installation of 16 feet of 48" storm sewer—\$138.56; 260 feet 15" storm sewer—\$221; 460 feet 10" storm sewer—\$248; sewer pipe cleaning equipment—\$500; installation 37 sewer connections and 38 water connections and meters—\$760; additional room built to living quarters at power plant—\$135; police house—\$175; installation of public telephone in old police house and mile of power lines constructed from stock piles with no expenditure amount listed.

Mr. Snyder stated that S. P. Douglas, public accountant of Lumberton, now was auditing the books of the town and that an advertisement containing the results of the audit would be published as soon as the audit was completed.

DELINQUENT TAXES  
Letters are being mailed this week by James D. McLean, Jr., town attorney, to owners of property on which taxes have not been paid. The letter calls attention to the unpaid taxes and states that advertisement of property will be made on property where taxes are delinquent on August 1.

PRIVILEGE TAX  
Privilege license taxes for the year 1948-49 are now due according to Mr. Snyder. There have been no changes in the privilege tax schedule and all concerns will pay on the same schedule as last year.

Lieut. and Mrs. Charles Phillips left for their home at Greenville, S. C., Sunday after spending ten days with Mr. and Mrs. Marsh Shook.

### Ann Hale Brown Heads List In Baby Contest

#### Stephen Chason Second; Ann Malloy In Third Place

There was but little change in the standing of the various candidates in the Popular Baby Contest when the votes were tabulated Tuesday evening. The only indication of the strength in the competition was the narrowing of the margin of lead between the first six contenders. Now, bunched together, they are in the final stretch and the winner will not be apparent to anyone until the judges tally the last vote and make their announcement sometime after 8:30 Saturday night.

From now until the close of the contest the ballot box in the City office will be locked and will not be opened until the judges take over when the last ballot is cast. In this manner, no one, not even the contest manager, will have the slightest idea of the voting strength of the various contestants. Every contestant will have the opportunity to check the votes cast for their baby during the entire campaign. This checking and attesting before Saturday night will facilitate the work of the judges and will enable them to announce the winners within a short time after the close of the contest.

#### THE HONOR ROLL

1. Ann Hale Brown
2. Stephen C. Chason
3. Ann Malloy
4. Susan Singleton
5. Betty Jean McNeill
6. James Malcolm Varnum
7. Barbara Jean Dudley
8. Carolina M. Bardell
9. Richard Watson
11. Marsha Lee Spivey and Donna Jean Beacham

Now, with a splendid list of merchandise prizes awaiting the winners, the race is on and the winner will be the one who attains the highest vote total when the judges get through with their work of tallying. Now, the wise contestant will work as never before and will keep their eye out for every subscription they can muster and will work particularly for those long term subscriptions that really count when they are obtained.

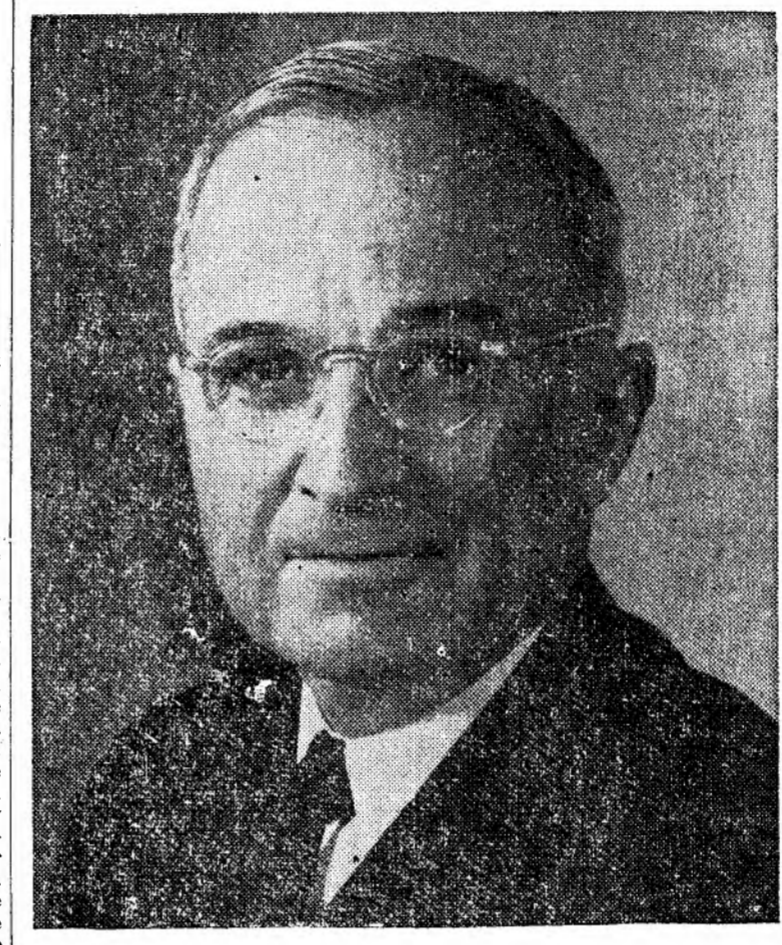
Here are the prizes that will be awarded the winners: They're really worth working for:  
FIRST PRIZE—\$259.50 Bendix DeLuxe Washer, donated by Red Springs Supply Company; \$179.50 Crosley Console Radio and Player, donated by Home Furniture Company; \$35.00 Beautiful Plastic Table Lamp, donated by Kennedy's Jewelry and Gift Shop; \$40.00 Silver Pitcher, baby's name engraved, donated by Lenoir's Jewel Shop; \$10.00 in Merchandise, donated by Belk-Hensdale Company; \$5.00 in Baby's Clothing, donated by B. C. Moore & Sons.

SECOND AWARD—\$211 International Deep Freeze Unit, donated by Singleton & McMillan; \$79.50 Stewart-Warner Radio, donated by Blackwoods; \$5 in Baby Clothing, donated by B. C. Moore & Sons.

FOURTH AWARD—\$69.50 Monitor Washer, donated by Allen & McLean; \$70 Set 6:00x16 Atlas Tires, donated by Auto Service Center.

FIFTH AWARD—\$59.50 Drop Leaf Table, donated by Saranac Furniture Co.; \$25.00 Doris Dodson Dress, donated by Moore's Department Store; \$18.50 Year's Freezer Locker Rental, donated by Colonial Frozen Foods.

FIFTH AWARD—\$29.50 Hot-water Auto Heater, donated by B. & H. Garage; 4 Dozen Assorted Baby Foods, donated by Western Auto Associate Store; \$55.45 Kerogas Stove, donated by McNeill & Bostic.



HARRY S. TRUMAN  
Nominee for President

### Education Group Offers Program To Fill Teacher Needs Of Schools

An eight-point program has been suggested by a State Education Commission to combat what it calls an urgent need for improved teacher education in North Carolina.

The program was proposed by the teacher education committee, headed by W. M. Jenkins of the Durham county schools.

1. Professionalize teacher education.
2. Select and secure good candidates.
3. Equip colleges to do professional preparation of beginners.
4. Provide continuation education.
5. Develop qualified leadership.
6. Improve organization and administration.
7. Improve certification.
8. Provide for statewide planning.

The report to the State Education Commission says that the teacher shortage is so serious that some 3,000 qualified white elementary teachers must be secured this fall from places other than teacher training schools in the State.

It continues: "It is necessary to emphasize the fact that the day has passed when any college graduate can teach. A great deal is known today about how to teach. As much is known about the technique of teaching reading as about the technique of removing the appendix. . . . Changing teacher education into professional education cannot be done overnight, but a strong beginning in that direction should be immediate."

To professionalize teacher education, the committee found that things must be done: more rigid criteria for accrediting colleges must be established and enforced; responsibility for operating teacher education must be concentrated within each college; and the approved colleges must evolve really professional curricula.

The report says that there is a real need for younger, more vigorous teachers and increased personnel in teacher training institutions. It adds that the problem of recruiting good personnel for teacher education institutions is difficult and "will remain so until salaries and teaching conditions for these professional workers have been improved."

The committee endorsed the criteria set up by the North Carolina College conference, which have been adopted by the State Board of Education for use beginning in 1949, and said "firm and determined adherence to these standards will make a long and desirable step toward the professionalization of teacher education in North Carolina."

Turning toward the problem of recruiting new teachers, the committee said that better salaries, better working conditions, and a change in the attitude on the college campus are immediately needed. "With only one or two exceptions," it says, "there is not found on college campuses a 'tone' or atmosphere which conveys the impression that teaching is a profession, that preparation for it is a respected, honored pursuit. This is in marked contrast to the atmosphere which surrounds preparation

### Civil Rights, States Rights Planks May Cause Democratic Party Split



ALBEN W. BARKLEY  
Nominee for Vice President

### Barkley Nominated Vice President By Acclamation

#### Truman Gets 947 1/2 Votes On 1st Ballot

#### 'Bama, Old Miss. Take A Walk

President Harry S. Truman won the presidential nomination of the Democratic party last night at Philadelphia with 947 1/2 votes over Senator Richard Russell's 263. Paul V. McNutt received 1/2 vote. Senator Alben W. Barkley was nominated for the vice presidency by acclamation which was somewhat less than unanimous.

Truman's nomination came on the first ballot and he was opposed only by the Solid South which cast its vote for Georgia's Richard Russell after Laney declined to have his name placed in nomination because he said that he could not run on the platform adopted by the Democratic party. North Carolina was the only southern state which split its vote, casting 13 of its 32 votes for Truman. Russell's name was placed in nomination for the vice presidency by the Alabama delegation, but his home state of Georgia passed saying that he was "presidential timber" and not a second place candidate. Only Arkansas and Florida followed Alabama in seconding the Georgia senator's second nomination.

Alabama and Mississippi delegations left the floor in protest of the Truman nomination and indicated that their "walk" would end in Birmingham, with the possibility that a southern convention there would split the Democratic party by making its own nominations.

The southern revolt grew from the refusal of the platform committee of the convention to include the states' rights plank demanded by southern delegates and the subsequent inclusion of Truman's Civil Rights Program in the party platform. These party declarations brought about the withdrawal of Laney of Texas who had been boomed as the South's choice and resulted in the nomination of Senator Russell.

Truman's name was placed in nomination by Governor Phil Donnelly of Missouri. Charles Bloch, vice chairman of the Georgia delegation, named Russell as the south's choice for the presidency.

Alben Barkley was nominated for Truman's running mate by Wilson Wyatt, chairman of the Kentucky delegation, and most of the south followed along with only a small protest vote being registered by three southern states. Barkley was nominated at 1:35 (DST) without a roll call, and some protest was heard to the voice vote on the motion which was overwhelming carried.

The tired Democrats were relatively quiet during the latter stages of the long session and awaited only the acceptance speech of Barkley and then of Truman, who was on hand for the acceptance some four hours before 3:15 to close the convention.

In the presidential voting North Carolina's neighboring states of Virginia, South Carolina and Tennessee were solidly for Russell; West Virginia split its vote and gave Truman a majority; North Carolina gave Truman 13 votes and Russell 19.

### Ed Womble Back With Revenue Dept.

LUMBERTON—Edgar A. Womble, who resigned his position with the NC Department of Revenue here July 1 to accept a position with Thomas and Howard in Salisbury, is reported to have rejoined the Revenue department and to be working out of the Raleigh office on special assignments.

Mr. Womble was the very active chairman of the Lumberton Recreation Commission and was personally responsible for much of the enlargement of the program.

Lawrence Farnelle has replaced Mr. Womble in the Lumberton office of the State Revenue Department.

