

## CELEBRATION OF JULY THE FOURTH A GRAND SUCCESS

### Around 3,000 People Join With Dunn In Big Celebration

#### A VARIED PROGRAM DELIGHTS VISITORS

#### Day's Activities Begin With Big Street Parade And Ends With Street Dance At Night—Pageant A Delightful Feature—Prize-Winners.

A crowd estimated at around 3,000 people, representing every nook and corner of the Dunn District, gathered here Wednesday to take part in celebrating the 147th birthday of the greatest nation on earth. More elaborate celebrations may have marked July the Fourth in Dunn in the past, but splendid and appropriate commemoration of the Declaration of Independence made up the program this year.

Beginning with a street parade at 10:30 o'clock in the morning and ending with a street dance in the evening, the day was replete with varied amusements. Considering the fact that the decision to stage the celebration was not reached until a week before, the promoters were more than pleased with the attendance and the pageant carried out.

#### The Parade

Headed by the Dunn Concert band, the parade covered the principal business streets of the town and wound up on South Lucknow square. The parade presented an interesting spectacle. Included in it were numerous floats and decorated automobiles, fine horses and ponies, as fine farm mules as one ever sees, clowns, etc. The local fire truck, attractively decorated in the National colors, carried the fire company, the mayor and members of the town board. Two floats arranged by members of the Co-operative Cotton Marketing association attracted much attention from the thousands who lined the streets as the parade proceeded. Two bales of clean cotton, loaded upon a good wagon and drawn by two fine draft horses, represented the new method of marketing. Banners on either side of the cotton bore this inscription: "Co-ops, We Sell For A Reasonable Profit," while the old way was represented by a bale of ragged and dingy cotton, loaded upon a wagon that has seen better days, drawn by a poor mule and driven by a ragged negro. Banners bearing the inscription, "The Old Way; What Will You Give?" were stretched on both sides of this wagon.

**Delightful Pageant**  
Immediately following the parade a pageant, depicting the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, was presented under the shed on South Lucknow square. The pageant was written and directed by Mrs. Anny Harper Young, and a number of Dunn young people played a part. The pageant was both historic and patriotic in its nature, and was presented in a most pleasing and creditable manner. Mrs. Young is to be commended for her interest in making the program of the day the success that it was.

**Athletic Contests**  
The pageant was followed by the field day, or athletic program. This part of the day's activities was staged on North Lucknow square and was witnessed by several hundred interested spectators. While these contests were being put on other hundreds were being entertained with a delightful concert rendered by the Dunn Concert band. The band was at its best, which is to say that the music lovers were well paid for their visit to Dunn on July 4, 1923.

Next in order came the acrobatic show staged by Jack Stewart and Harry Newberry. Lovers of this particular sport were well entertained by the actors. The acts included tumbling and high bar work.

**Good Music and Dancing**  
One of the most enjoyed features of the day's program was the contest put on by the fiddlers, banjo pickers and clog dancers. There were a number of entries in each of these contests and both the music and the dancing were good. In the late afternoon a number of fans witnessed a cracking good baseball game between Dunn and Fayetteville at the Fair grounds. A full report of the game will be found elsewhere in today's paper.

**Prize Winners**  
Winners of the various prizes offered by the business houses in Dunn were as follows:

Pair of shoes offered by the Goldstein Co., for the largest stalk of cotton—N. H. Lucas.  
Pair of shoes offered by Fleischman

## CHARGE INTIMIDATION OF STATE WITNESSES

### Arrest Of Man In Lumberton Latest Turn In Ku Klux Case

Lumberton, July 3.—H. L. Tallifero, alias Logan, alias Myers, of Raleigh, was arrested here this afternoon on a bench warrant signed by Judge N. A. Sinclair, charging that the conduct of the defendant amounts to intimidation or an attempt to intimidate State witnesses now under recognizance to attend court in the logging of Mrs. Mary Watson and Mrs. Mattie Purvis. His bond was fixed at \$5,000 which he had not given early tonight.

The arrest was at the instigation of Solicitor T. A. McNeill, who talked with Tallifero at his room in a local hotel and it is stated that Tallifero admitted having some talk with State witnesses in the case, which grew out of alleged Ku Klux Klan activities at Fairmont.

## EIGHTEEN PROHIBITION OFFICERS DISMISSED

New York, July 3.—Eighteen Federal prohibition enforcement agents, most of them stationed in Manhattan and Brooklyn, were dropped June 30 from the staff of R. Q. Merrick, divisional chief for New York, and Northern New Jersey, it was disclosed Monday. Dismissals were said to have been made necessary by the lapsing of \$500,000 from the government's appropriation for enforcement in the fiscal year.

Brook, Co., for the man with the largest foot—Henry Norris.  
Auto tire offered by Joe H. Jernigan for the best decorated Ford car in parade—Mrs. John Myers. Mrs. Myers also won the automobile horn offered by J. W. Thornton for the best decorated Ford in the parade.  
Quart of ice cream offered by the Dunn Ice Cream Parlor for largest Irish potato—H. G. Sutton. The potato weighed 1-4 pounds.  
Shirt offered by Geo. E. Prince & Son for the man with the largest neck—Walter Lee.

Ten gallons of gasoline offered by Z. V. Shipes for best decorated automobile in the parade—Mrs. E. J. Noble.  
Five dollars offered by Dr. T. E. Darden for best all-round child cow in parade—William Jackson.

Ten gallons of gasoline offered by the Broad Street Filling Station for the person bringing to town the largest number of people on one motor vehicle—R. P. Jackson. Mr. Jackson brought in nine people on one Ford.  
One quarter-sack Goose Girl flour offered by W. A. Thornton for the oldest man going to store—Jesse Edwards, aged 88 years.  
One-quarter sack of flour offered by W. J. Jones for the ugliest man calling at store during day—Joel Core.

Five dollars in gold offered by the First National Bank for the best basket of home-grown peaches—Mrs. J. W. Reeves; like prize for best basket of butter beans—H. F. Hudson. There were a large number of contestants for these prizes.  
Five dollars in trade offered by Feldman's department store for the oldest man calling at store—Jesse Edwards, aged 88.  
Three dollar bag of Omoline offered by L. P. Burles for poorest mole in parade—Connie Freeman.

Free dinner offered by the Dunn Cafe for the prettiest girl—Elma Jones, of Godwin.  
Twenty-four pound sack of flour offered by Walter Jones for the largest watermelon carried to store—E. Lee. The melon weighed 17 3-4 pounds.  
Five dollars in trade offered by Fifth Avenue Shop to the lady driving the best decorated automobile in parade—Mrs. E. J. Nobles.

Bag of cotton seed meal offered by N. E. Lee for the fattest cow in the parade—R. H. Strickland.  
Chattanooga plow offered by Barnes and Holiday Company for best pair of mules in parade—Maudie Hudson.  
Pair of Jack Rabbit shoes offered by Geo. W. Gardner for boy or girl wearing most attractive costume and riding bicycle in parade—Jack Russell.

Large pound-cake offered by Peeres's bakery to girl having the best decorated bicycle in parade—Margaret Russell.  
Five dollar straw hat offered by J. W. Drayton for best dozen roast-

## OFFER THREE MILLION FOR OVERLAND STOCK

### Further Developments In Receivership Proceedings Are Disclosed

New York, July 2.—Thomas H. Tracy, representing a Toledo, Ohio, syndicate, has made a bid of \$3,000,000 for the 739,000 shares of Willys-Overland stock held by Francis G. Caffey, receiver in bankruptcy of the Willys Corporation. This was disclosed today by Federal Judge Knox in proceedings at which creditors seek to have the stock held by Mr. Caffey sold for \$3,000,000 to previous bidders whose identity has been kept secret.

The creditors' bidders were said by David H. Miller, counsel for the receiver, to be H. L. Thompson, a director of the Willys Corporation, and Dillon, Read and Camp, each offering \$1,500,000. He asked to be corrected if wrong about this, but no one in court arose. He objected to the cloak of mystery about the creditors' bidders.

The Tracy bid is the third to be made to Judge Knox and the second of \$3,000,000. The other offer was made by George W. Brown, of Detroit, for 300,000 shares at \$5 per share.  
A certified check for \$150,000 accompanied the new offer.  
Judge Knox adjourned the hearing until tomorrow to give Mr. Tracy, who was in court at the time, time to determine whether his syndicate would ask a disposition of the \$150,000 deposit to be made by the court in the event that the proceedings should fall through.

## Lillington Scouts Win Two

Lillington, July 4.—The Lillington Boy Scouts today won two games from the Cape Fear Scouts, by scores of 7 to 4 and 6 to 4. The first game was won by a rally in the seventh and the Scouts came from behind in the ninth to win the night-cup.  
Scores: (First Game) R. H. E. Lillington ..... 7 3 3  
Cape Fear ..... 4 6 3  
Batteries: Kelly and Rand; Johnson and Johnson.  
(Second Game) R. H. E. Lillington ..... 6 10 4  
Cape Fear ..... 5 4 3  
Batteries: Johnson and Rand; Brown and Johnson.

ing cars—French Williams, colored. G. W. Hobson came in as a close second for this prize. Five dollar shirt-waist offered by Mr. Drayton for best half-gallon of Big Blue whortleberries—Mrs. Callie Popc. The judges of these entries were Jno. A. McLeod, E. M. Jeffreys and Jno. L. Sorrell. There were a large number of entries for the prizes offered by Mr. Drayton, and the judges found it difficult to pick the winners.  
Five gallons Dunn ice cream offered by M. S. Dibs for the best-looking girl visiting his store during day—Miss Maggie Butler. So many girls all possessed with so nearly the same degree of beauty visited the Dibs store that the judges had no easy job in picking the winner.  
Cash prize offered by L. Tager for second best decorated bicycle in parade—Miss Elizabeth Godwin.

The Dunn Dispatch offered a year's subscription each to the five oldest men reporting at the office during the day. It has been decided, however, to give a year's subscription to all the Confederate veterans who called at the office. These were: Jesse Edwards, Duke, aged 88; Joe M. Jernigan, Dunn, R. 2, aged 81; Ston Page, Godwin, aged 86; John Holmes, Dunn, R. 5, aged 84; E. R. Cooper, Dunn, R. 4, aged 79; M. E. Butler, Dunn, R. 6, aged 77; Joel McCordquale, Godwin, aged 80; Alvin Ellis, Dunn, aged 78.

Alton Naylor won the \$3 cash prize offered for the best clown in the parade.  
**Athletic Prize Winners**  
One-hundred yard dash: First prize—Henrie Smith, Dunn, R. 1; second—N. G. Raynor, Linden.

Seventy-five yard dash, boys under 16—Homer Broad.  
Squad-band jump: First prize—N. G. Raynor, Linden; second—A. Tew, Dunn, R. 6.  
Running high jump: First prize—N. G. Raynor, Linden; second—Parson Smith, Dunn, R. 6.  
Running broad jump: First prize John Oates Harris, Dunn; second—Henrie Smith, Harris jumped 18 feet, while Smith jumped 17.5 feet.

**Other Prizes**  
Fiddlers—Gib Jackson, first prize; W. P. Butler, second; C. T. Butler, third.  
Banjo pickers—Bennett Young, first prize; Joel Core, second.  
Dancers—A. L. McLeod, first; Joel Core, second.

**Street Dances**  
As a climax to the celebration, the

## DRIVES CAR AT A TERRIFIC SPEED

### Herrera Wins Kansas City Race With Average of 105 Miles Per Hour

Kansas City, Mo., July 4.—Eddie Herrera, Los Angeles, averaging 105.76 miles an hour, won to victory in a 250-mile national championship automobile race here today and went in to second place in the national rating of race drivers. Herrera's time was 2:31:21.15.

Earl Cooper, with a time of 2:27:23.85, was second, eight laps behind Herrera. Harlan Fowler was third with a time of 2:44:38. Dave Lewis finished the race fourth in 3:03:26.

Only five of the twelve cars which started finished the race, seven being forced out by motor trouble. Only one accident marked the race, but there were no injuries. Near the end of the 105th lap a rear tire on the car driven by Earl Cooper blew out and swerved through the inside railing as he turned. The car turned around several times, but Cooper was unharmed.

Jimmy Murphy, 19-year-old national champion, was fourth, just at the end of the 144th lap, Murphy had led the race up to the 10th lap.

Ralph De Palma, at the 25-mile mark with an average speed of 105.5 miles an hour, but his pace began increasing and Jimmy Murphy was in the lead at fifty miles, with an average speed of 115 miles an hour. At one time Murphys driving 119 miles an hour.

The fast pace soon began to tell on both cars and drivers and they began dropping out of the race one by one, and after the eighth lap only five remained. The greatest speed at which the cars were pushed was too great a strain on the little motors, according to drivers.

Herrera took \$1000 as first prize, Earl Cooper won \$500 for second place, Harlan Fowler \$2,500 and Dave Lewis \$4,000.  
Herrera, who was fifth in the national rating with 882 points, added 500 to his total and was placed second to Jimmy Murphy.

## COUNTRY WANTS FORD AS LEADER

### Could Win Easily For President, Says Copeland; Will Not Be Nominated

Detroit, Mich., July 3.—Henry Ford is undoubtedly the choice of the people for President of the United States, but he stands very little chance of being nominated by either Democrats, Republicans or a third party, United States Senator Royal S. Copeland, Democrat, of New York, said here Monday.

"Throughout the West," said Senator Copeland, who is en route home, "I have heard the name of Henry Ford mentioned prominently in connection with the Presidential nomination. Ford would win easily if nominated by either of the old line. No matter where you go, you hear his name mentioned. He is the choice of the masses and the people believe his election would put the country on a solid foundation."

"But when you talk of the Democrats nominating him, that is another question. No one knows whether he favors the policies of the Democrats or Republicans. No party is going to select an outsider, and as far as the major parties are concerned, Ford is an outsider."

Dunn Concert band furnished music for the street dance. A number of young people engaged in this popular pastime. Not satisfied at having won the prize offered for the best clog dancing in the contest, J. Joel Core, or Joel J. Core, which ever you please, delighted the hundreds of spectators with some more of his clog dancing. Mr. Core has passed his fifty-third birthday, but when it comes to clog dancing he is right there. His dancing added much to the entertainment of the assembled throng.

**Drink Red Lemonade**  
Free red lemonade was served the thirty thousands. Around three hundred and fifty gallons were served the whites, while approximately one hundred and fifty gallons were "devoured" by the colored people present.

Taking it as a whole, the annual Fourth of July celebration in Dunn was a success, for which much credit is due that hard-working Ella Goldstein.

## DR COOPER RUINS THREE FINE MYTHS

### Boil Weevils In Blackberry Patch Might Effective But Not Deadly

Down in Sampson county it has been regarded as an entirely ethical practice for a hundred years or more to put into circulation along in the first days of July that a horrendous bear was using in certain huckleberry patches. If the situation justified that the story he carried to such lengths, it was reported that the bear had mangled one or more little negroes as they gathered the Sampson Blues.

Over across the river in Cumberland in a certain mill pond where the populace was accustomed to go in "washing" of a Saturday afternoon it was, and is will be the custom to put out the story that the pond has been suddenly infested with alligators, monstrously long and monstrously savage. And sometimes also these alligators have been reported to have mangled Ethiopian swimmers.

And now down in the blackberry patches of Tyrrell it is reported to the natives that the average boll weevil, tired of a steady diet of cotton, has added blackberries to his menu, and that everywhere his prognosis touches a berry all the surrounding berries become deadly poisons to the human system. Some of the populace have become so stirred over the story that they are writing to the State Board of Health about it.

There never was any bear in the Sampson huckleberry patches, there was never any crocodile wading over its victims in the mill ponds of Cumberland county, and the boll weevil has not forgotten his raising in Tyrrell. Take the word of Dr. George M. Cooper, assistant State Health Officer for it. He is the man who is getting the letters and he is the man who has investigated all three myths and pronounces them fallacies.

Fallacies or not, they are being mightily serviceable. There are a lot of people who are not going to invade the huckleberry patches with a bear running around in them; there are a lot of people who are going to stay out of that mill pond and there are a lot of people who are not going to believe even Dr. Cooper about the weevils' poisoning the blackberries. And that's why the stories are circulated.—Raleigh News and Observer.

## FIRE DESTROYS EPFIRD STORE IN HIGH POINT

### Blaze Started by Someone Who Robbed Safe, According To Police

High Point, July 2.—Fire believed to have been started by someone who robbed the safe, destroyed the building occupied by Efrid's Department Store here early today, causing a loss estimated at \$60,000. For a time the flames threatened adjoining property.

The sum of 1,500 to \$2,000 was placed in the store's safe Saturday night, according to M. F. Crooks, manager of the store, and police reported it was in the safe today. An explosion attracted the attention of police, who found the building a mass of flames. Examination showed the safe to have been blown open with dynamite.

The store is one of a number of chain stores operated in the Carolina.

## LIBRARY BOARD HOLDS MEETING

### The Public Library Is Proving Blessing To Young People

"Say, Mrs. Lee, I want another book by this same writer," is the oft-repeated request made by the many small boys who patronize regularly the Dunn public library. During the first month of its life the library has justified its existence by furnishing to these, our future citizens, worth-while reading matter. Of the 117 books loaned during the month of June, 77 were borrowed by the children. The library board is now confronted with the problem of securing new books to meet the demands. What have you who read this article contributed towards the supplying of good books for the youth of our town, who in the near future will be our leading citizens? Are you helping place our citizenship among the "Mill-Towns of America"? The Literary Digest of last week says:

"Imagine all our American towns as cities as hills rising from a level plain—hills of endeavor.  
The inhabitants living on the sides of these hills, their altitude depending on their worth-whileness in the community; the poor and shiftless and indolent clustering around the base and struggling a little way up the sides—the more able they are, the higher they get up the hillsides.  
At the bottom are the people who never read a newspaper or any thing else.  
As you go up the hill, you begin to reach newspaper readers, and as you go higher the people get better and read better newspapers, and read more intelligently.  
And as you approach the top you reach the people who are the leaders in thought and action in that community—the heads of its businesses and the leaders of its professions. They read the newspapers, but they demand something more than newspapers."

At the meeting of the Library board on Monday afternoon, the following officers were elected: Chairman, Miss Louisa Williams; vice-chairman, Hugh Prince; treasurer, Dr. C. D. Bain; secretary to board and librarian, Mrs. Henry Lee; committee on books, Mrs. John Thornton and Miss Gertrude Jackson.

The monthly report given by the librarian follows:  
Number books in library, June 1 ..... 1  
Number added during June 26 ..... 26  
Total number books in library 334  
Number books loaned adults during June ..... 40  
Number books loaned children during June ..... 77  
Total number loaned ..... 117  
Number memberships in library received ..... \$4 00  
Amount collected on overdue books ..... 08  
Total amount money received during June ..... \$4 08

The board then passed the following resolutions:  
To meet the demands of the children for new books it was decided that two boxes consisting of 40 books each be ordered from the State circulating library for immediate use. These books are to be kept in the library for a period of three months, the only expense being the transportation charges.  
In order that the traveling public may enjoy the library it was decided that any person passing through the town could borrow a book from the library for a period not exceeding one week, by placing with librarian a deposit equal to val-

## HOLDERS OF STOCK DEMANDING PROBE

### Want Investigation Made Of Defunct Seminole Phosphate Company

Goldboro, July 4.—Approximately 2,000 stockholders are said to be demanding a sweeping investigation into the affairs of the defunct Seminole Phosphate Company, a \$2,000,000 fertilizer concern, with plants at Goldboro and Dunn, and phosphate mines in Florida which failed recently with liabilities so far in excess of assets that a dividend to creditors of as little as 10 per cent is considered doubtful.

Statement to this effect was issued by W. W. Andrews, following a meeting of 400 stockholders yesterday, at which time a committee composed of Judge D. H. Eland, Goldboro; H. H. Bullitt, Raleigh; W. H. Flowers, Four Oaks; R. E. Fields, Pikeville; H. L. R. Doughton, Dunn, and A. T. Unsell, Goldboro, was appointed to represent the stockholders.

It is understood that the investigation will be mainly directed at former officers, A. B. Pezway, president, is said to have received in commissions during 1921 over \$25,000; in 1922 over \$12,000, and until the failure of the concern, almost \$10,000 in 1923. It is alleged that during the last several weeks of its operations, the fertilizer company accepted cash orders for approximately \$18,000, knowing that they would not be able to make deliveries.

Attorneys for Mr. Pezway have stated that E. F. C. Metz, the receiver, has issued a statement that all monies of the company have been accounted for. Mr. Pezway's counsel do not take the threatened stockholders' investigation seriously.

Executive organization expenses, heavy payments of dividends, bad accounts, inordinate overhead expenses, extensive purchases of phosphate mines in Florida, tremendous cost of plants built at the time when prices of everything was at the peak, depreciation during the deflation period, and mistakes and errors of judgment by officials, are assigned by the receiver as principal reasons for the failure.

## MASKED MEN SECURE \$16,000 AT ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, July 2.—Five armed and masked men held up the office of the United Railways Company here late today and escaped with approximately \$16,000. About a dozen employees were in the office at the time, and two employees fired shots at the bandits as they escaped in an automobile. One of the employees said he believed he hit one of the bandits, as he saw him fall into the tonneau of the car. The office is in the central part of the city.

## Record Cabbage Produced

Kinston, July 2.—The record cabbage for this section has been brought here by Julius Barwick, a Sandy Bottom gardener. It weighed 13-2 pounds. Barwick said it was a sample of a crop of monster cabbages at his place. The head was firm and compact and was worth more than 65 cents if valued by retail prices on some markets.

ue of bank and paying a rent charge of ten cents. Copies of this ruling will be placed in the hotels.  
The same regulation applies to non-members of library who reside in Dunn.

Following is the regulation for yearly membership in library: Any person living in Dunn or surrounding communities may become members of the library by paying fee of one dollar. This membership entitles any member of the family to the privilege of borrowing books.

Library during summer months is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 p. m. Any person may use the library as reading room on these days free of charge. Full particulars will be given at an early date concerning the awarding of reader's certificate given by the County Board of Public Welfare to all children under eighth grade who read a prescribed group of books.

The board adjourned to meet August 6th.  
In Dunn there are 92 members in the public library.  
On library shelves are 238 books of fiction and 96 reference books.  
Magazines received in library are: American Magazine, Ladies' Home Journal, Literary Digest, Youth's Companion, American Boy, Saturday Evening Post.  
These may be borrowed for one week.