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The Mouth Piece

Probably more startling than anything we could tell you today is J. Edgar Hoover's semi-annual FBI Uniform Crime Report to the nation, which was released Thursday morning.

Some details of the report follow:

An estimated 1,366,140 major crimes were committed during the first six months of 1954. This represents an increase of 68,650, or 8.5 per cent over a similar period last year. If this trend continues, major crimes will reach an all-time high during 1954.

A major crime was committed every 13.8 seconds.

Each day during the first six months of 1954, it is estimated that an average of 35 persons were feloniously slain, and 252 other felonious assaults were committed; 48 rapes were committed; 608 cars were stolen; 197 robberies and 1,454 burglaries were committed.

It is estimated that during the period from January to June, 1954, a crime of murder, manslaughter, rape or assault to kill was committed every 4.3 minutes.

The timetable for crime during the first half of 1954 is as follows: 1 murder or negligent manslaughter every 40.9 minutes, 1 rape every 29.8 minutes, 1 robbery every 7.3 minutes, 1 aggravated assault every 5.7 minutes; 1 burglary every 59 seconds, 1 larceny every 23.5 seconds, 1 auto theft every 24 minutes.

Robbery jumped 20.4 per cent while burglaries rose 13.2 per cent and larceny 9 per cent during the first six months of 1954.

Estimated murder figures rose 0.9 per cent and aggravated assaults showed no change. Rape offenses declined 1.2 per cent and auto theft and negligent manslaughter were down 2.3 and 3.9 per cent, respectively.

Urban crime rose 7.2 per cent. Robberies increased by 22.6 per cent, while burglaries and larceny in urban areas increased by 7.1 per cent and 7.1 per cent, respectively. Murders decreased 2.1 per cent and negligent manslaughter declined 6.4 per cent. Auto thefts in the cities decreased 2.7 per cent while aggravated assaults in urban areas declined by only 0.5 per cent and urban rape increased 0.6 per cent.

Rural crime increased 11.9 per cent in the period from January to June, 1954. Burglaries and larcenies in rural areas increased 16.7 per cent and 13.6 per cent, respectively. Robberies were up by 10.8 per cent in the rural areas, while murders increased 5.8 per cent. Rural aggravated assaults increased 1.8 per cent, but rape declined 3.5 per cent. Both negligent manslaughter and auto thefts showed declines of 0.6 per cent, and 0.8 per cent, respectively, in rural areas.

Although a decrease is noted over the first six months of 1953, auto theft continues as a major criminal problem in the United States. During the first six months of 1954, an estimated 110,000 cars were stolen as compared with 112,600 in the same period last year.

Victims of killers in the United States totaled 6,380, while more than 54,000 other individuals were feloniously assaulted by potential killers or rapists. Robbers jeopardized the lives of 35,650 victims.

As of April 30, 1954, there was an average of 1.8 police per 1,000 inhabitants.

More than nine out of 10 homicides committed in 1953 were cleared by arrest.

Hurler for Giants Farm Team Student at Mt. Allen

Victor Davis, a New York Giants baseball farmhand, is playing the percentages.

The lanky righthanded hurler realizes the time will come when his curve will no longer fool the batters. He is preparing for that day by getting a college education now.

Davis, a native of Bladenboro, is enrolled at the Mount Allen Junior college here.

And the day his arm is no longer his bread and butter, he hopes to have another profession on which to fall back.

Davis has just finished his first season in the pro ranks, pitching for the Giants' affiliate in the class D Pony league, Olean, N. Y. Most of the summer was devoted to the same thing he is doing at the college—learning. Only in the Pony league he was trying to learn a batters' weakness, while at school he is concentrating on the academic subjects.

He hopes the texts will be easier to learn than those Pony league batters. Davis didn't fare too well in his first season, dropping seven decisions. However, he did have a respectable earn-run average, and he believes the experience gained during the summer will benefit him next season.

Davis said he learned more baseball during the summer than he had in his entire high school and sandlot career, and this fall expects to pick up more information in the academic line. The rookie ball player hasn't yet decided on his major field, but confesses that he leans toward social sciences, still this doesn't mean he plans to major in this field.

College students rarely are encouraged to pick a major before their junior year. Davis is waiting and meanwhile is taking liberal arts courses so that when the day comes to select a major field of study he will have a general education background.

Davis got his baptism in the play-for-pay ranks with Shelby of the defunct Tar Heel loop, having been signed after graduating from high school last spring. When the circuit folded in mid-season, he was transferred to the New York club.

Davis realizes the road to the big leagues is a rough one, and he is willing to take the bumps to make it to that goal. Regardless of whether he makes it to the big time, he knows the day will come when organized ball will hand him the pink slip (release) and he is getting insurance, in the form of an education, for that day.

Rites Held Tuesday for Mr. Jordan

Perry Jordan, 80, died at his home on route 3 Tuesday morning. He had been in ill health for nine years.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from Pleasant Union Christian church with the Rev. W. C. Foster, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Jordan was a member of Pleasant Union church and a member of the Mills Creek Masonic lodge.

Surviving are four sons, Ottawell, Demison, Donald and Arnold, all of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Walton Keen of Newton Grove, route 2, Mrs. Gardner Morris of Four Oaks, Mrs. R. S. Harrison of Tarboro; one brother, G. C. Jordan of Newton Grove, route 1; and three sisters, Mrs. Etta McCullen of Faison, Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. J. B. Lockamy, both of Clinton.

Change in Services of Eureka Church

Services at the Eureka Christian church have been changed.

The Rev. W. O. Henderson, pastor, Sunday announced that services at the church will be held first and third Sundays of each month. The morning service will be at 11 o'clock and the evening service at 7:30.

It was also announced that the Christian Youth Fellowship of the church will serve home-made ice cream tonight, starting at 7 o'clock, and that the singing classes, directed by Mrs. Rosenberry, will be concluded tonight.

William McCullen Is Promoted to Corporal

William Mac McCullen, son of Jim McCullen of the Dobbersville community, has been promoted from private first class to corporal.

McCullen has been in Korea since August, 1953.



VICTOR DAVIS

Corn Harvest Set Today for Warren Farm

A corn harvest and field meeting will be held on the Carl Warren farm, near Kermit Warren's cotton gin, about two miles west of Mount Olive on Highway 55, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. This will be the first official corn variety test conducted in Wayne county.

Clyde D. Peedin, assistant farm agent, said the N. C. State college experiment station has conducted an official corn variety test on this farm. There are about 36 different varieties of corn in this test, Peedin said. Included are open-pollinated corn, recommended hybrids, experimental hybrids and hybrids from commercial companies.

Peedin said it is from tests similar to this that the experiment station bases its recommendations. He urged farmers and other persons interested to attend this meeting.

Those attending, he said, will have the opportunity to observe and study different hybrids and open-pollinated corns shucked side by side. Specialists from State college will be on hand to discuss the different varieties and answer questions.

Local Nurses Get Caps in Ceremonies

Miss Janice Carol Summerlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Summerlin, and Mrs. Edward Parrish, daughter of Norman Outlaw of Mount Olive, were among 14 nurses to graduate Friday, September 10, from the Park View Hospital School of Nursing, Rocky Mount.

The graduation exercises took place at 8 o'clock that night in the First Baptist church of that city. Immediately following the service a reception was held in the church dining room, where the graduates were honored by the Park View Hospital Alumni Association.

In Hospital

Among those from this section who are patients in the Wayne Memorial hospital are: Mrs. J. C. McCullen, R. E. Hatch, Mrs. Walter Thompson, Mrs. Carl Coley, Bill Tillman, Jr., Mrs. Leonard Sutton, Mrs. Julia Ann Benbow, Mrs. Winnie Sutton and Ernest Bracey.

Baptists of Area Meet Next Month

Local Baptist leaders will have program parts at the 127th annual session of the North Carolina Eastern Baptist Association.

The association will hold a two-day meeting, starting Tuesday, October 5. The first day's session will be held at the Rowan Baptist church in Clinton, where several from the Mount Olive church will participate on the program.

Next day the meeting will be at the Johnson's Baptist church in Warsaw. There, the Rev. U. A. McManus and the Rev. Eugene Hager, pastors of churches near Mount Olive, will take part on the program.

Representing Mount Olive at the first day's session will be the Rev. T. W. Williams, who will give an introductory sermon, and K. Eugene Martin, music director for the local church, who will give a vocal solo.

That afternoon, C. O. Whitley, a Baptist layman of Mount Olive, will present a talk on colleges' and seminaries.

Mr. McManus, pastor of the Bear Marsh church, will open the association's session the second day, reading the scripture and leading in prayer. Later during the day Mr. Hager will report on home for the aging.

Chairman of the association's program committee is Mr. Williams.

Calypso PTA Hears Head Of District

The Calypso Parent-Teachers Association met Monday night, voted to change its meeting time to the fourth Monday night of each month and heard the organization's district president speak.

Mrs. R. M. Piver of Wilmington spoke on the basic principals and functions of the P.T.A. She was introduced by Mrs. Robert Ferris, president of the Calypso group, who presided over the meeting.

The meeting opened with song leader, W. W. Best, leading the group in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "The More We Get Together." James Strickland gave the devotional, using as his text, "What is Man That Thou Art Mindful of Him."

This was followed with reports by Mrs. Lloyd Hontz and Mrs. D. V. Gwaltney. Mrs. Hontz reported on Congressional publications, and Mrs. Gwaltney reported on exceptional children. Mrs. J. B. Strickland was in charge of the program.

Following the business meeting, members were invited to the school's cafeteria where they were served refreshments.

Paving of City Streets Will Get Underway In October



BEAUTY CONTESTANTS — Betty Alene Dail (left) will represent B. F. Grady and Ada Margaret Barfield, the Calypso school, in the Mount Olive Farmers' Festival beauty contest October 8. They will compete with entries from Piney Grove, Seven Springs, Grantham, Brogden, Mount Olive, Kenansville, and Faison for the beauty title. Contestants are sponsored by their respective home economic departments. Judging will take place at a breakfast October 8, and the winner will be crowned during intermission of the football game between Mount Olive and Richlands that night. (See Tuesday's Tribune for photos of other contestants.)—Tribune Engraving.



Barrus Gets Contract for Local Paving

Mount Olive's street paving program is expected to get underway about the middle of October.

City fathers, at a called session Tuesday afternoon, opened bids for the work, and accepted the low bid, submitted by Barrus Construction company. The company, of Kinston, bid \$25,585 for the work, with an alternate bid of \$6,95 for type F2 asphalt cement on 3,000 or more tons.

An employee of the town explained that, by including the alternate bid in the contract, the city will get its paving cheaper, and will have more funds to apply to the entire project. It was explained that in the original bids the asphalt runs slightly over \$7

Cost of the program is being financed by the Powell Aid funds, allocated to cities and towns for improving their non-highway streets. These funds are allotted each year, and last year Mount Olive saved its funds and added it to this year's to give Mount Olive approximately \$33,000 to be used on street work.

Mayor Nelson Ricks said most of the streets in town will benefit from the project. Some, however, will not be paved, but resurfaced.

Streets marked for paving are: Center street, resurfacing and extending pavement to hog market; John and James streets from Center to the schools; Chestnut from Pollock to College, resurfaced; E. John extension, one block, paved;

Wetherington from highway 117 to Center, paved; Martin, two blocks, resurfaced; Southernland, two blocks, resurfaced; Lee, one block, paved; Henderson, two blocks, paved; Nelson, paved; W. Short street to highway 117, paved; Anderson, one block, paved; and Pollock to Breazeale, resurfaced.

Ricks also said any funds left over will be used to work on other streets.

Burgaw Attorney Speaks on Issues

The Board of Deacons on the Mount Olive Presbyterian church has invited Lynn Corbett, a Burgaw attorney, to speak to all officers and interested persons on the two major issues facing the church-merger with the northern church and segregation.

Corbett, who has done extensive study concerning the two issues, will speak Sunday night at 7:30 at the local church. Corbett is an alumnus of Davidson college and is an elder in the Burgaw Presbyterian church.

Local Soldier Hurt In Auto Accident

Pfc Harold Lewis, who is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., was involved in an auto accident in Georgia, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis, of the Indian Springs community, have been informed.

Extent of his injuries were not reported. He is recuperating at a base hospital at Camp Gordon, Ga.

Swearing In of Local Recruits in Air Force Will Be Feature of Festival Day

A feature of the Mount Olive Farmers' Festival will be the public swearing in of local recruits in the U. S. Air Force.

Men, inducted at the October 8 ceremony, will be flown to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex., where they will remain together throughout basic training, barring sickness or emergency leave.

This will be the first special buddy group from North Carolina to be sworn in, according to Sgt. Whaley, recruiter for the Wilson, Greene, and Wayne areas. Men to be inducted here will be from those counties and also from Duplin, Lenoir, and Sampson.

Sgt. Allen, recruiter for Sampson, Duplin, and Lenoir, also will take part in the swearing in.

Both recruiters said that if anyone wants to become a member of this buddy group to see either Sgt. Whaley in Wilson, Goldsboro, or Mount Olive, or Sgt. Allen in Clinton or Kenansville before October 5.

The swearing in ceremony will come at the height of festival activities, and is tentatively set to take place about the time the local National Guard unit puts on a precision drill.

Other features of the festival will be the address by Lt. Governor Luther Hodges, a grand parade,

crowning a beauty queen and the awarding of prizes.

The Lt. Governor will give his address at 1:45 p.m. At 11 o'clock

in the morning the day's activities will begin with a grand parade, and the float committee reports that the number to be entered in this parade is growing daily.

Floats in the parade will be entered by businesses, civic groups, and farmers, with prizes going to the top three in each classification. Also participating in the parade will be bands from Mount Olive, Carver, Goldsboro high schools, Edwards Military Institute and Camp Lejeune. Arthur Lane is parade marshal.

The festival's beauty queen will be selected at a breakfast held that morning, but crowning will wait until half-time at the football game between Mount Olive and Richlands that night. Nine schools in this area have been invited to enter contestants in the beauty contest and all have submitted entries except Faison.

Representing Mount Olive is Betty Ann Outlaw. Other contestants are: Ada Margaret Barfield, Calypso; Frances Sitterson, Kenansville; Betty Alene Dail of B. F. Grady; Myrna Grady, Grantham; Carolyn Best, Piney Grove; Barbara Jones, Brogden, and Anne Mazingo of Seven Springs.

These contestants are sponsored by their respective home economic departments, and the department backing the winner will receive a \$25 cash award.

Carver Does Not Know Yet About Team

Carver high school still is in the dark on whether it will have a six-man football team this fall.

The final say now hinges on the decision of another school. Carver school officials approached principals at a meeting in Kinston last Saturday and found two willing to go along in forming a six-man football conference in eastern North Carolina.

However, it is believed that another school is necessary in order to get the conference off on solid footing. An unidentified school, it is understood, is considering the proposal and the final outcome will rest with its decision.

S. E. Durante, principal of Carver, who has spearheaded the drive to form such a conference for the Negro schools in the eastern part of the state, has stated that if the plans fall through this year, another attempt will be made next spring.

In the event the conference is formed this fall, the schools plan to play an abbreviated schedule.

L. K. Hickerson, director of athletics at Carver, will coach the local team if the loop is organized.

Garden Club Will Have Lead In Festival Flower Exhibit

The Mount Olive Garden club will have charge of the Farmers' Festival flower exhibit October 8. Rules and classification for entries were released this week by Mrs. Luby Bell, club president.

The exhibit will be held in the Steele Memorial Library building on Chestnut street. Entries must be made between 1 p.m. and 6 Thursday, October 7. Exhibits will remain all day Friday, but are to be removed immediately after the festival.

All clubs and organizations are invited to enter exhibits and winners will receive cash awards in each classification.

Theme for the arrangements will be "Arrangements for Fun." Those serving on the committee in charge of the exhibits are Mrs. James Davis, chairman; Mrs. Jennings Price, Mrs. Paul Eason, and Mrs. J. S. Vetter.

Mrs. Bell, in releasing the rules and classifications for the exhibits, said only judges and proper officials will be allowed on the floor during the judging period, and that

all entries in horticulture must be grown by the exhibitor and labeled, if possible. Another rule states materials used in artistic arrangement classes need not have been grown by the exhibitor but arranged by her or him.

Classifications are as follows: I—Roses in silver container; II—Roses in any container; III—Dahlias in any container; IV—Flowers in any container; V—White flowers in white container (foliage may be used); VI—Arrangement featuring chrysanthemums;

VII—Arrangements of fruits, vegetables, flowers;

VIII—Arrangements including driftwood or cypress knee;

IX—Collection or arrangement of gourds;

X—Dried arrangements;

XI—Foliage arrangements;

XII—Potted plants (all plants must have been in exhibitors possession at least three months); and, XIII—Horticultural Class Specimen blooms—any kind.



AMERICANISM—Students at the Faison school lined up outside the building Wednesday morning for a flag-raising ceremony. It is part of a plan the school has to make its

students more conscious of their democratic heritage. At this service the students were given instructions on the proper respect for the flag.—Staff Photo by Calvin Porter.

ANOTHER MERIT — Eagle Scout Boyce Honeycutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Honeycutt of Mount Olive, recently received a Gold Palm award at a Scout ceremony. This award is his 10th merit since reaching the Eagle rank.