



Paula Fesperman And Lou Shankle Show Old Clothes And Modern Refreshment

Speeches, Parade, Pageant Open Albemarle Centennial

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ALBEMARLE — It was just about as much as a pair of tired feet could stand.

Soldiers has so much been packed into one day — and there is just as much coming the rest of the week.

They opened Albemarle's centennial celebration here yesterday and last night. They got it underway with a parade, a speech or two, a coronation and a pageant.

This city took a World's Fair — country carnival look.

Today the show continues.

From 102-year old George A. Lisk, a Stanly County man older than the incorporation of Albemarle which is celebrated here, to the youngest of the diaper set, there has never been a more exciting display.



OLSTER GEORGE LISK



VICTOR GOV. HODGES

Such excitement, for instance, things got started with a long, colorful parade with its marching high school musicians, pretty girls, lavishly decorated floats, a military unit and a band.

Then Gov. Luther H. Hodges spoke, following Edward G. Barry, president-elect of Lines International. Later Gov. Hodges and radio personality Grand Duke of Charlotte spent a few minutes in stocks after a kangaroo trial.

The crowned 17-year old Mrs. Betty Kitz "Miss Stanly," they had a coronation ball and watched the premier of "Millennium." The outdoor pageant showed a cast of 400 and was held in the high school stadium.

Shirley Dewberry is the crown princess of the celebration, while six-year old Nancy Harris is the Duchess of Stanly Times.

There was only one serious note to the whole affair. Gov. Hodges again encouraged industry and diversification for the state.

He said that the state's present tax structure is "one of most serious roadblocks to future industrial development."

Today is "Industry Day" here and the gala celebration continues.

The program has been months in the planning and is being run off before a backdrop of old costumes and whiskers and in a flag-draped city bursting with pride and achievement.

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Borrowed Derby Keeps This Young Spectator Cool

POLICE HALT PARTY FOR MRS. MESTA

CHICAGO — Three police detectives walked into a plush Lake Shore Drive apartment yesterday interrupting a small party for Mrs. Peter Mesta, a famed hostess who was being honored by members of Chicago's social set.

The detectives announced "This is a raid," and explained they had a complaint that a private party machine club was being operated.

The announcement was greeted with a moment of silence followed by an outburst of laughter from the 50 guests. Mrs. Edmond Falkner, the hostess, explained the gathering.

The police retreated and admitted they had fallen for a gag. "I wonder if they thought I brought some slot machines with me," said Mrs. Mesta, who had just arrived from a vacation in Reno, Nev.

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Nick Decided Mama Can Drive Her Own Automobile

DETROIT — Snakes or no snakes, Nick Bahajoff is driving his own car.

He had been driving his wife's car since shortly after Easter because a three-foot garter snake was loose in his car.

Mrs. Bahajoff isn't afraid of snakes. Bahajoff is.

There's no mystery as to how the snake got into Bahajoff's car.

Easter Sunday, Bahajoff drove his family from their home in suburban Birmingham to Ann Arbor for dinner with relatives. Their children Dick, 10, and Judy, 8, meandered off to a park where companions made them a present of the reptile.

Dick put the snake in an uncovered car in the car. When the family got home, the car was empty.

Bahajoff forgot all about the incident until several days later when he was driving down a busy street. Then, without warning, the snake reared its head in front of him.

"He called home and told me to bring his car out here," said Mrs. Bahajoff. "Then and there we made the trade."

Textile Worker Held For Kidnap-Shooting

Favoritism Next Beck Probe Item

WASHINGTON — Senate rackets investigators said they hoped to learn in hearings today whether Teamsters boss Dave Beck gave favored union treatment to trucking firms which helped get him a \$200,000 personal loan.

Robert F. Kennedy, committee counsel, said he expected to ask Almonds Landis, Washington counsel for the Fruehauf Trailer Co., about a series of office memos written by Arthur Condon, another lawyer in the same firm.

Copies of Condon's memos, with Landis marked in, were given reporters yesterday after Roy Fruehauf, president of the trailer manufacturing firm, said he didn't know anything about them.

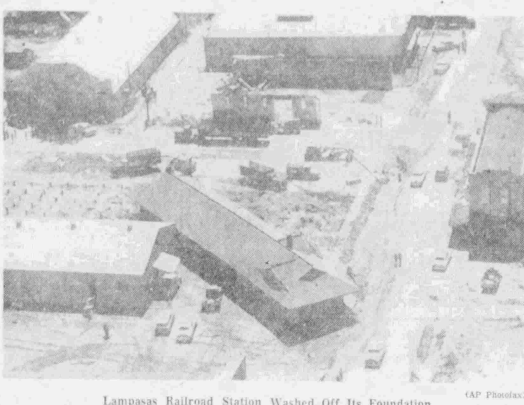
The memos related that other trucking firms involved in a 1955 New England area Teamsters strike were critical of Fruehauf, Beck and Bert Seymour, president of Associated Transport, Inc., a big New York trucking firm.

Condon is general counsel of the Independent Advisory Committee of the Trucking Industry, a trade group to promote trucking interests. Beck heads the committee and Fruehauf and Seymour are members.

Condon was Beck's lawyer at Beck's earlier appearance before the Rackets Committee but since has severed connections with him, according to Seymour. James Duff (D-Cal.), also a member of the law firm with which Condon and Landis are associated.

Condon's memo dated Aug. 11, 1955, said a letter circulated among New England teachers criticized Beck, Fruehauf and Seymour, "on the grounds that the strike settlement was the result of a deal engineered by these men."

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Lampapas Railroad Station Washed Off Its Foundation

Cabbie Leads Chase Doctor Shot Down; Rape Is Charged

OAKLAND, Calif. — A cabbie who led a chase that ended in a car and drove away, was shot and killed a past president of the California Truckers and Health Assn. because his wife committed suicide after the physician had raped her.

A cab driver, traded S. A. S. Sidney Klass after the shooting yesterday using radio to direct police who quickly closed in and made an arrest.

Shot dead and killed by six bullets was Dr. Harold G. Trimble, 41, an internationally known gynecologist.

An attorney for Dr. Trimble said the physician paid Klass \$50,000 in 1953 after Klass had prepared a civil suit charging criminal assault. The suit never was filed and attorney Herman Cook said the money was paid "against our advice." Cook said he felt the charge was "too ridiculous to jeopardize the integrity of the doctor."

Authorities said they had not presented Klass's charge because of lack of evidence. A coroner's jury had ruled Mrs. Ella Klass, 45, had killed herself with a 22-ribb bullet, because she was despondent over ill health. She had been Dr. Trimble's patient for eight years.

Klass, 33, became a jeweler after leaving the Navy.

Dr. Trimble was crossing a lawn on Oakland's busy "Fill Hill" area on his way to lunch at a hospital when he was killed. Police said Klass fired twice with a Fiala special seven-shot automatic pistol before a number of witnesses.

"Fill Hill" is a complex of medical buildings.

"He in the back by one shot, the physician staggered up the sloping lawn screaming 'No, No, No.' Witnesses said that as the doctor fell, Klass pumped four more bullets into him and he died almost immediately.

Harold G. Billings said he watched the shooting from his parked taxi and followed as

Young Concert Artist Faces Dope Charge

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood Bowl as a concert violinist at the age of 6, Carnegie Hall for her New York debut at 7, and in court on a narcotics charge at 24.

That's the story of pretty Nancy Moore Martell, who must appear in Superior Court May 27 to answer a charge of giving a cocaine preparation to her escort, Leonard L. Charles, 35.

Sandra was arrested May 3 with four other persons in a raid on a Hollywood apartment.

She said newspaper she dropped concert work in 1952 and turned to jobs in night clubs and on television. She said she purchased the cocaine on a prescription and was using it to keep her weight down.

Drowned Town Shows Definite Signs Of Life

LAMPASAS, Tex. — For a town that died Sunday night on a 10-foot wall of water, Lampasas today was showing definite signs of resurrection.

Merchants and housewives were cleaning up an employment of about 100 men and the town's population of nearly 5,000 was swelled by relief workers and engineers.

The relief workers were sorting out the problems and making plans to help people back on their feet. Engineers were helping straighten out the tangled tangle by doing such things as moving houses out of the streets.

There even was a hint of humor yesterday when the sun broke through clouds and melted them away.

MUD PACK SPECIAL

"I'm going to have a special mud pack," quipped Annette Spivey as she shoveled ooze out of her tiny beauty parlor.

Miss Clyde Villanoy, commander of the 4th Engineers Construction Battalion at nearby Ft. Hood said, "With good weather, it still will be three weeks before we can clear the debris, open streets and put the city back into working shape."

The disaster struck about 8:15 p. m. Sunday. A levee on Sulphur Creek broke.

The wall of water swept through the town, virtually destroyed much of the business section of 86 establishments and damaged 310 homes, 38 of which were destroyed. Some homes were floated blocks away.

It absolutely cleared some business houses—walls, ceilings and windows.

In others, the weight of water crumpled floors, dropped merchandise into water-filled basements and thereby created water-logged ruin.

Four persons drowned or were killed when the flood struck. The Red Cross listed 25 as missing at press time.

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Greensboro Girl Shot In Stomach

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

GREENSBORO — A 23-year-old textile worker was in jail here today after he allegedly kidnaped and shot a 20-year-old woman.

Greensboro police Capt. F. E. Gibson said Donald Maness was arrested after "take-out" Court Apartments about 3 a. m. today, several hours after he had forced Mrs. Joan Avery Bennett and his brother-in-law, Ed Dillon, to leave with him.

Mrs. Bennett was found shot in the stomach in a motor car near Ashboro last night and immediately was taken to an Ashboro hospital where an operation was performed. She is reported to be out of danger.

TAKEN EASILY

Maness, an employe of White Oak Mills here, is alleged to have walked into an apartment in the Dare Court building and threatened several persons with a gun. He then forced Mrs. Bennett and Ed Dillon to accompany him, police said.

Maness told several other persons in the apartment, including another brother-in-law, Wilbur Hollingsworth, Hollingsworth's 10-year-old daughter, Mrs. Bennett's two-year-old daughter and Dillon's year-old son.

"I know you're going to call the cops, but you better wait a few minutes."

LEFT APARTMENT

Mrs. Hollingsworth broke out in a scream and escaped from the apartment before Maness had left, police said.

Police were notified to be on the lookout for the trio. Within an hour there was a telephone call from a home near Richee's Motor Court, U. S. 320, South that someone had been shot.

Police found Mrs. Bennett there. She was clad in sweater and slacks and had been shot in the stomach. She was rushed to the Ashboro Hospital at once.

Capt. Gibson said Maness was arrested shortly afterward. The 23-year-old man, who Maness had been drinking Hollingsworth, he said, Maness had accused Mrs. Bennett, whom he had been dating, with dating Dillon.

Capt. Gibson said he had not seen the gun with which Mrs. Bennett had been shot but was under the impression it was a .38 caliber pistol.

Police said Maness had a record of minor offenses on his new home, plus \$200 in alimony, plus \$100 a month for support of their 2-year-old son, plus 15 per cent of his earnings, over \$1,000 a month to be paid into a trust fund for the child—plus 75 per cent of any gifts or inheritances, also to be paid into the trust fund.

Film Director Finds Divorce Comes High

LOS ANGELES — Actress Venus Williams, 25, for a week that her husband told her he didn't care how she got a divorce, but only if it was cheap, got an attorney. And it was cheap.

The husband she shelved director Andrew McLaglen, 37, son of the late actor Tom Mix.

Judge Bennett Wolfson confirmed a settlement that will give the 37-year-old actress \$4,042 to complete payments on her new home, plus \$200 in alimony, plus \$100 a month for support of their 2-year-old son, plus 15 per cent of his earnings, over \$1,000 a month to be paid into a trust fund for the child—plus 75 per cent of any gifts or inheritances, also to be paid into the trust fund.

Evening Prayer

Almighty God, whose beloved Son was hailed by the multitudes who later put Him to death; assist us to sense how vain is the praise of this world; we be not left to do things for the plaudits of the crowd to the loss of Thy approval. Thus may we follow in His footsteps through whom we pray. Amen.

Mutual Problems Discussed In Secret School Meetings

GREENSBORO — Members of the school administration staffs at Greensboro, Charlotte and Winston-Salem, along with key board of education personnel, have been meeting in hotels and restaurants for the past three of four years to discuss "mutual problems."

Until yesterday when it was learned that the group was meeting here, members of the press, radio or television had not been told of the special sessions.

When John Foster, chairman of the Greensboro Board of Education, was asked to comment on business conducted, he said that he was not authorized to do so.

Foster explained that the individuals attending the meeting had "committed" themselves to not discuss the business. Told that yesterday's session was more of less common knowledge in Charlotte and Winston-Salem, Foster said he would check with members of his committee.

After being so released, Foster said that administrative personnel also with some school board members from the three cities had been meeting to discuss mutual problems that they had in common in reference to school problems.

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Our Weather

Partly cloudy and warm today and tomorrow, with widespread afternoon and evening thundershowers.

High yesterday 92

High expected today 90

High expected tomorrow 90

Low this morning 64

Low expected tonight 63

Sunrise, 5:21 a. m., sunset, 7:20 p. m.

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