CARL SNAVELY

Many words have been written about UNC's mighty Tar Heels, but their enjoy coach, Carl Snavely, is not a man known for words. Here tells the Snavely story in his column, "Here's Howe", on the sports page today.

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Berserk Gunman Kills 7, Then Self In Pennsylvania

DAVIDSON LAUNCHES $2,500,000 DRIVE

Unidentified Negro Fires On Detective And Crowd

Street Scene Of Terror

CHESTER, Pa. — (AP) — Seven men were killed and six other persons wounded today by a berserk gunman who died in a second floor room where he had barricaded himself against the bullets and tear gas of police.

The gunman and all but one of his victims were Negroes. The slayer was not identified immediately. The slain white man, Fred Casino, had driven into the neighborhood to pick up a man he had hired to help him on a job.

Police Chief Andrew J. Desmond Jr. said he was unable to learn immediately what touched off the shooting in a largely Negro district of this southeastern Pennsylvania city of 60,000.

Desmond gave this account of the shooting:

Detective Ellery Purnsley, a member of the police vice squad, was walking along Market St. when someone took a shot at him from the second story window.

RETURNS FIRE

Purnsley returned the fire and during a furious exchange of shots the detective was killed.

Casino went to the assistance of the detective and was cut down by gunfire from the window.

A crowd, attracted by the shooting, quickly gathered. And the entire City police force was mobilized at the scene.

The gunman, poking a rifle from the window of the barricaded room, turned his fire on the gathering crowd, and snipped at persons peering from nearby homes.

One of the casualties was Louise Moore, who looked out a window of her home opposite the gunman's room as the shooting began. A bullet struck her in the head. She was reported in critical condition at Chester Hospital.

At the hospital the dead were identified as:

Purnsley; Casino; Peter Parker; Edward Boyer; Samuel Hill, 45; James Simon, 41, and Samuel Lytle.

All but Casino are Negroes, the hospital said.

Wounded admitted to the hospital were the Moore woman; Harriet Nichols, bullet fragments in the head and shoulder, and William Wilson, shot in the right hip and left arm.

OTHERS TREATED

In addition, the hospital treated Alfred J. Green, 36; Monroe Wyche, 97, and Bert Purnsley, 36-year-old son of the detective, for minor injuries suffered during the fray.

Michel Pappas, 36, who operates a restaurant on the first floor of the building in which the gunman died, said he had rented the bedroom a week ago to a Negro named Melville Collins. Pappas said he knew nothing more about the man.

City and state police quickly converged on the scene after the shooting began and Chief Desmond ordered all reserves mobilized.

The officers firing rifles, submachineguns and tear gas poured bullets into the barricaded room. Witness said they were unable

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Budget Gets Attention

Cabinet Members Talk With Truman

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman started a round of conferences with Cabinet officers today, one by one—and took a long look at his August forecast of a $1,500,000,000 deficit.

James V. Forrestal, leaving the White House after what he described as a discussion of the general defense picture, tossed out a hint that's seemed to strengthen reports he may be leaving the cabinet.

This came when photographers asked him to pose with Navy Secretary John L. Sullivan. Said Forrestal:

"Haven't there been enough pictures of us?"

A photographer said, "But we are starting another four years."

Forrestal retorted with a laugh, "But not for me."

SULLIVAN FIRST

Sullivan was first on the day's list. He told reporters that he talked over future Naval policy with the President.

He added that Mr. Truman called him in to express appreciation for his help in the President's campaign.

The President also called in Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer, and Secretary of the Treasury Snyder.

Reporters asked Forrestal whether he had submitted his resignation. He replied that the President had it ever since he took the job and he saw no reason to reiterate it.

Another visitor, Richard P. Patterson, Ambassador to Guatemala, told reporters when asked for his impression of the President:

"After his one-man successful political battle, he still has the vitality of an Olympic athlete and looks like one."

Chairman J. Howard McGrath of the Democratic National Committee, another White House caller, refused to comment on the possibility of any Cabinet changes.

Asked about prospective appointments generally, he told reporters the President had had no chance to think about them.

Asked about reports speculating on the probable resignation of Robert A. Lovett, Undersecretary of State, who has called at the White House since the President returned, McGrath said, "I imagine everybody is trying to get a word in

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Election Post-Mortem

Overconfidence Blamed By Dewey

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

ALBANY, N. Y. — (AP) — Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, conducting a post-mortem on Tuesday's election, said today Republican overconfidence was a material factor in his defeat for the Presidency.

"It looks as if two or three million Republicans stayed at home out of overconfidence," the defeated GOP Presidential nominee said.

"I was quite surprised by the very low vote" in Tuesday's election, the Governor told a news conference.

PLANS VACATION

Dewey said he would take a two-week vacation in Tucson, Ariz.

He will be accompanied by Mrs. Dewey, their two sons, Thomas, 16, and John, 13, Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Hogan and their son, Jack, 12, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Straus.

The Hogans and the Strauses are close friends of the Dewey.

The Governor planned to go this afternoon to his farm home at Pawling, N. Y., then travel on to New York City this evening.

He will fly to Arizona from La Guardia Field at 8 A. M. (EST) tomorrow.

The Governor was asked whether he had come to the conclusion that overconfidence" was the major reason for his defeat.

"It's one factor that stands out in the returns so far," he replied.

Dewey said he had no intention of renouncing his role as titular head of the Republican Party during the next four years.

"No, sir," he replied briskly when the question was put to him.

He added:

"As a matter of fact, I couldn't (renotince) if I wanted to."

Dewey reiterated his statement of last Wednesday that he would not try a third time for the Presidency.

"That doesn't mean, however, that I don't intend to be useful to my country."

He declined to elaborate on that. He said he would discuss his plans for future when he returned from vacation.

He said he had some definite ideas about the future of the Republican Party, but that discussion of that also must await his return.

He displayed a sheaf of telegrams from students all over the country, commending him for the kind of campaign he conducted.

Then he declared:

"The youth of the country has evidenced in this flood of wires that they believe the Republican Party is the best instrument for their futures to insure a country with opportunity for young people.

"I earnestly hope they all will stay in the Republican Party and become more active in it in order to make it a better and more effective political organization."

As for the bi-partisan foreign policy, Dewey said in reply to a question dealing with its future:

"It is pretty firmly rooted in our practice. It should certainly continue to be much further developed."

Steve O'Neill Out As Tiger Manager

DETROIT — (AP) — Billy Evans, general manager of the Detroit Tigers, said today Manager Steve O'Neill's contract has not been renewed for the 1949 season. His successor has not been decided.

Reds Charge Greeks Plan To Use Gas

Polish Delegate Assails Dulles

By EDWARD CURTIS

PARIS — (AP) — Russia charged today that Greece, with the knowledge of the United States and Britain, is preparing to use poison gas in her war against Communist guerrillas.

Andrei Y. Vishinsky, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, told the Seventh-member United Nations political committee the Greek Government is out to destroy the rebels "by any means, including toxic gases."

The East-West battle of words was in full swing again with the resumption of debate on a UN committee's charge that Greece's Communist neighbors violated her borders. As the debate re-opened, another Russian bloc delegate taunted U. S. Delegate John Foster Dulles on the Republican defeat in the U. S. elections, and charged the United States with having dreams of empire.

"NO ACCIDENT"

Vishinsky said Greece's delegate to the United Nations, Panayotis Pipinelis, has shown "he was well acquainted with toxic gases," and that "this is no accident."

"And without any compunction, his Government, with the knowledge of the United States and Britain, is preparing to take such action," Vishinsky added.

Before Vishinsky spoke, Pipinelis had asked for the floor to reply to previous attacks on him by the Russian delegate. He said Vishinsky "treated me in more or less courteous terms, since he called me ignorant or badly brought up up."

Pipinelis said there were no repressive measures in Greece today except against those who take up arms against the nation. Then he said that there was "manifest proof of collusion" between the Greek rebels and Yugoslavia in the existence of a Yugoslav broadcast service for the guerrillas.

ASKS SUPPORT

Pipinelis begged for moral support of his Government from the U. N. and asked the condemnation of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania. He said Greece particularly approves of U. N. observers on her borders.

Pipinelis said Russia's object is to make of his country "a new Czechoslovakia."

Vishinsky, in his speech, said Paul Porter, former special representative of President Truman in Greece, had written a "most interesting article in Colliers Magazine, where he exposed the substance of the remarkable relations between Britain and Greece."

He said Porter wrote that Britain exploited the ruling groups of Greece and suppressed the masses and that a small banking and commercial clique in Greece was prepared to "sell their country for a barrel of pork."

Then he referred sarcastically to British Delegate Hector McNeil. He said McNeil told the committee he loved Greece, and added:

"I love you like my soul But I shake you like an apple tree."

Mart Rallies, Then Slumps

NEW YORK — (AP) — The Stock Market headed upward early today but the rally soon bogged down.

Toward the close of trading gains and losses were pretty well mixed, mostly within a range of a point either way.

Soon after the opening, orders poured into the exchange at such a rate the ticker tape was unable to keep up with floor transactions for a while. Business later slackened a bit but the day's volume still reached a sizable total.

Financial quarters reported widespread apprehension exists over possible effects of the new Administration's policies. Despite the present high level of economic activity, which promises to continue for months to come, many feel that business profits may take a beating.

Textile Men Meet

CLEMSON, S. C. — (AP) — The Southern Textile Association's South Carolina Division met at Clemson College Textile School today.

WEATHER

Cloudy with showers this afternoon, ending tonight. Cooler tonight and fair and cooler tomorrow.

Temperature: at 3 P. M. today	78
High and low last 24 hours	77-70
Sunset today	5:25
Sunrise tomorrow	6:49

More Weather Data on page 8-B

Cornerstone Ceremony

News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Studio

Treasurer F. L. Jackson, who has been responsible for Davidson's finances for many years, wields the trowel during the laying of the cornerstone on Davidson's big new gymnasium this morning. At right, obviously pleased, is President John R. Cunningham. Looking on, among others, is Charlotte's Dr. Oren Moore, far left, a longtime and enthusiastic Davidson alumnus.

Cunningham Announces Plans For Campaign

Spencer Love Is Chairman

By TOM SCHLESINGER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

DAVIDSON — A campaign to raise $2,500,000 by the middle of 1949 for the expansion and future development of Davidson College was announced today by Dr. John R. Cunningham, president.

The fund-raising work will be directed by J. Spencer Love, chairman of the board of the Burlington Mills. His campaign staff will be chairman of the Davidson College Development Committee, Dr. Cunningham said.

Announcement of the opening of the campaign was made by the college president at the 28th Homecoming and Convocation in Chambers Auditorium this morning.

Dr. Cunningham said the campaign was planned over a two-year period by the Davidson Board of Trustees. The study was based on minimum needs for college development, he added.

The college plans include:

A new church, to cost $200,000.

New dormitory, to cost a minimum of $300,000.

A fine arts center, to cost $200,000.

Campus landscaping, to cost $50,000.

The new gymnasium which was dedicated today will cost $350,000 more than originally planned, because of rising costs.

A million dollars more endowment is needed to insure the student body the best possible faculty and facilities.

"If the future of Davidson College is to be insured," Dr. Cunningham said, "we must meet the demands for further development."

The campaign has been given a fine start, he said, with $400,000 in gifts, including $110,000 in outright contributions; $140,000 in pledges; and a pledge of $150,000 from the Campbell Foundation, provided Davidson raises $1,250,000.

CRISIS CITED

Speaking of the crisis that has faced American colleges since the war, the Davidson president pointed out that all expenses have increased greatly. He said that coal prices are up 115 per cent since 1941; salaries are up 63 per cent; while income from invested endowments has decreased 12 per cent.

In accepting the chairmanship of the Development Committee, Mr. Love told the gathering that he had always had extremely pleasant relations with Davidson and that he was "very happy to act in this position."

The college alumni gave its full support to the campaign, on a motion made by Hugh Query of Gastonia.

Announcement of the campaign came as a surprise as thousands of graduates converged here for the homecoming.

At 10:30 the college family—students, faculty and administration members and their wives—were joined by alumni and other prominent visitors at the north end of the Richardson Stadium for the laying of the cornerstone for the new $600,000 gymnasium. Music was furnished by the Davidson College Band.

The program opened with the singing of "All Hail, O Davidson". Dr. Henry Louis Smith, now of Greensboro and president of Davidson from 1901 until 1912, offered the invocation. President Cunningham led in the litany for the laying of the cornerstone, which was a responsive reading of the Scriptures, and offered a prayer for the dedication of this new building to the glory of God and the development of the best qualities in those whose privilege it shall be to enjoy the new facilities offered by this building.

Greetings were brought by Norman W. Shepard, director of Physical Education, and by Dr. Oren Moore of Charlotte, a trustee of Davidson College and chairman of the Trustees Committee on Physical Education.

Award from the students was made by George Cheek, member of the Senior Class and David-

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Property Loss Heavy

Southern Storm Death Toll Nine

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pint-sized tornadoes and destructive windstorms bounced through five Southern states Friday leaving eight persons dead, 67 injured and homes, farm buildings and crops flattened.

The rural area around Benton, Miss., got the worst of the tornado terror. The Red Cross reported six persons killed — six-year-old Georgia White and five Negroes — and 30 injured there.

The child's parents and seven brothers and sisters received injuries when their home on a plantation was shattered by the twister.

Other tornadoes or high winds struck at Ripley, Miss.; near Vicksburg, Miss.; at Cedartown, Ga.; near Elizabethtown, Ky.; near Pulaski, Tenn.; near Alexandria, La.; and in Louisiana's rural Catahoula Parish (county), 36 miles northwest of Vicksburg, Miss.

HOUSE DEMOLISHED

The Daily Corinthian of Corinth, Miss., reported Mrs. M. E. Young, 89, died in a Ripley hospital of injuries received in a tornado. Thirteen others received hospital treatment and six houses were demolished.

In Catahoula Parish, Sheriff Fred W. Fairbanks said Mrs. J. C. Evans, about 30, of Harrisonburg, was killed. Fifteen others were injured and about 25 houses were destroyed or damaged.

Near Alexandria, two Negroes were injured and a few farm structures smashed or damaged.

Mrs. Noah Cofer died today of injuries suffered in the Kentucky storm, which caused considerable farm damage. Her husband was injured.

Police Lt. A. J. Barrett said glass the Georgia twister blasted from downtown shop windows injured five persons. Several buildings were wrecked and the power system damaged.

No casualties were reported from the Vicksburg, Miss., or Pulaski, Tenn., storms, but rural homes and barns were damaged.

Planters in the Benton, Miss., area estimated property damage would reach $150,000.

Mill Worker Held In Wife's Death

SANFORD — (AP) — Lex A. Wade, 28-year-old mill worker, was jailed without bond here yesterday following an inquest into the death of his wife last Saturday.

Mrs. Wade died in a hospital of gunshot wounds received at her home at a Laurinburg - Maxton housing project.

The coroner's jury today recommended that Wade be held for grand jury action.

3 Planes Still Lost

SEATTLE — (AP) — Three planes with 38 persons aboard were still missing along the North Pacific seaboard today despite one of the most extensive search efforts ever seen in the area.

More than 40 planes, aided by ships, were pressing the search from the Washington and British Columbia coast to the Aleutians.

The missing planes include a non-scheduled Pacific Alaska air express airliner missing in the Sitka-Ketchikan area of Alaska with seventeen aboard and two Navy craft.

The Navy planes are a Navy PBY Privateer from the Kodiak Naval Base with twelve men on board, missing in the Aleutians, and a long-range U. S. Navy Neptune bomber with nine men, which vanished off Vancouver Island.

The airliner and bomber disappeared Thursday. The Privateer has been unreported since Wednesday.

B-25 With Six Aboard Believed To Be Lost

WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. — (AP) — A B-25 two-engine bomber carrying six men was believed lost near Argentia, Nfld., today after its radio contacts with the landing field there ended suddenly late yesterday.

Air Force officials said the plane, out of Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., was "still missing" early today as seven rescue planes waited weather clearing to take off in a search.

The missing bomber made radio contact at 3:31 P. M. yesterday with the ground control station at Argentia. At that time it reported it was 1,500 feet over the field.

Was He 'Phantom' Slayer?

Arkansas Youth 'Confesses' 3 Murders In Bizarre Suicide Note

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — (AP) — Was a University of Arkansas freshman really Texarkana's notorious "phantom" killer, or was his suicide note merely a bizarre hoax?

Authorities hoped to learn the answer today as they continued an investigation of the poison death of H. B. (Doodie) Tennison, 18, of Texarkana, Tex.

For two years police of two states have been unable to solve five slayings at the state-line city. All slayings were attributed to a "phantom."

Tennison was found dead in his room here last night. He left a signed note admitting three of the mysterious deaths. No motive was given. Sheriff Bruce Crider said the note, found in a strongbox, read in part:

"Why did I take my own life? You may be asking that question. Well, when you committed two double murders you would co. "Yes, I did Betty Jo Booker and Paul Martin in the City Park that night, and kill Mr. Stark and tried to get Mrs. Stark. You wouldn't have guessed it, I did it when mother was either out or asleep, and no one saw me do it. For the guns, I disassibled them and discarded them in different places."

Mrs. Ella Lea McGee, the student's landlady, found the body. A poem was on the dresser. It contained a riddle which it said, if solved, would give the combination to a strongbox. Officers broke the box open and found Tennison's "confession" note.

Police said other messages—including one suggesting a newspaper headline about his death—also were found in the room.

Coroner Edmonds Watson confirmed Sheriff Crider's finding that the youth took poison.

The "phantom" slayings, all occurring at night within a six-week period, cast a pall of fear over the Texarkana Community for weeks.

The first victims attributed to the "phantom" were Richard Griffin, 29, and Polly Ann Moore, 17, found shot to death on the outskirts of Texarkana, March 24, 1946.

On April 14, two high school students, Paul Martin, 17 and Betty Jo Booker, were found shot fatally, near the same spot.

On May 3, Virgil Starks, 36, was shot to death in his farm home in Miller County, Ark., near Texarkana. Mrs. Starks, who was wounded seriously, said the gunman fired through a window. Authorities ran down every meager clew without success.

No reference was made in the note to the deaths of Griffin and Miss Moore or the non-fatal attack a masked man made on a couple near Texarkana in February, 1946.

Folks in Tennison's home town said they found it difficult to believe that the quiet, slender, six-foot-four son of an old Texarkana family, actually committed the crimes. His death yesterday created almost as much of a sensation as did the slayings.

To Preach To Truman

Mr. Fryer Prepares His Sermon Amid Countless Phone Calls

NEW BERN —(AP)— The pastor of the First Baptist Church here sought today, between countless phone calls and visitors, to prepare a sermon for tomorrow's congregation that will include President Truman.

Things have been hectic for the 40-year-old Rev. Thomas W. (Tom) Fryer, a "country boy" turned minister, and his wife since news leaked out yesterday that the President's party would attend services.

Although gratified and honored at the presence of Mr. Truman, the tall, handsome minister has no pretentious plans. He indicated today that the service would be marked by simplicity.

"It will be a typical Baptist service," he said, "but I haven't yet decided what the subject or the text will be." He added that the service would be no different from any Sunday, except for a special prayer asking God's guidance for those who will carry the Nation's responsibilities during the next four years.

While the strapping minister has remained calm, he has been faced with many additional problems because of the Presidential visit. The major one will be how to accommodate an expected crowd many times greater than the seating capacity of the church.

The President and his party will be met at the door by the preacher. Then the service will proceed as usual. Secret Service agents have arranged for Mr. Truman not to be received and not to greet anyone.

Although Gov. Cherry, Governor-elect Kerr Scott and other high State officials will be present, they apparently will have no opportunity to greet the President. It has been emphasized that Mr. Truman will be present solely for the purpose of worship.

The Presidential party will occupy a reserved section.

Plans call for cards to be issued to all members of the historic church, organized May 11, 1809, and they will attend on a first come, first seated basis.

The Rev. Mr. Fryer met the President at the White House last September when he presented him a gavel from the City of New Bern. He invited him to return the visit, little dreaming that the invitation ever would be accepted.

"I appreciate that invitation," said the President. "I hope I will be able to drop by sometime."

When Secret Service men contacted Mrs. Fryer, the minister learned with surprise that his casual invitation had been accepted.

The President and his party will fly to the Cherry Point Marine Base in three planes* and drive to New Bern. At the base they will be welcomed by Brig. Gen. Ivan W. Miller, commanding officer, and Maj. Gen. Field Harris, commanding general of the Second Marine Air Wing. The military leaders will accompany the Truman party to New Bern.

Immediately after services, the Presidential party plans to return to Cherry Point and enplane for Key West, Fla.

Popular Vote

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Still incomplete, the vote for President today stood:

Truman	23,079,809
Dewey	21,984,756
Wallace	1,046,271
Thurmond	923,236
Total	46,132,919

This includes the count from 127,876 of the nation's 138,866 precincts.