

EVIDENCE FOUND IN MURDER CASE CPA Auditor Waives Hearing On Bribery Charge TYRONE POWER BRIBES FOR BOND RALLY

Given Key To City By Mayor

Capacity Crowd Tonight Assured

By MARTHA AZER
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Lt. Tyrone Power stepped out of an Army plane at Morris Field at 12:20 this afternoon, looking as handsome as the flesh as he does on the silver screen.

He was extremely tired from his rushed schedule, but he wasn't without his smile a second as he met the large delegation that dashed out to greet him.

His smile broadened into a grin as he received the official key to the city from Mayor H. H. Baxter, and he exclaimed: "Well, this is a key in Atlanta."

"And Mayor Baxter replied: 'I gave one to Annabella, your wife, about a year ago.'

"Yes, I know," said Lt. Power, "she told me about it. Now, she hasn't got a thing on me."

The film star, who has been in the Marine Corps for some two years, was glad to be in Charlotte in behalf of the Sixth War Loan Drive. As a matter of fact, Lt. Power, 37, very strongly on the subject of the bond drive, the patriotic attitude that people should have during these times.

"If they only knew how many money in bonds they never lose."



TYRONE AND THE MAYOR must have had a good one cooked up, judging from the smiles on their faces. Anyway, one of the first persons to greet Lt. Tyrone Power, film star turned Marine, at Morris Field today in behalf of the Sixth War Loan Drive rally tonight at the Armory-Auditorium, was Mayor H. H. Baxter. And in the mayor's hand was a key to the city—which must have pleased the screen star no end. (News Staff Photo by Johnny Suther.)

Heffner's Bond Fixed At \$10,000

Comes Before Commissioner

T. Earl Heffner, OPA auditor charged with having accepted a bribe, waived preliminary hearing today when he was arraigned before United States Commissioner Nat C. White in the Federal Building.

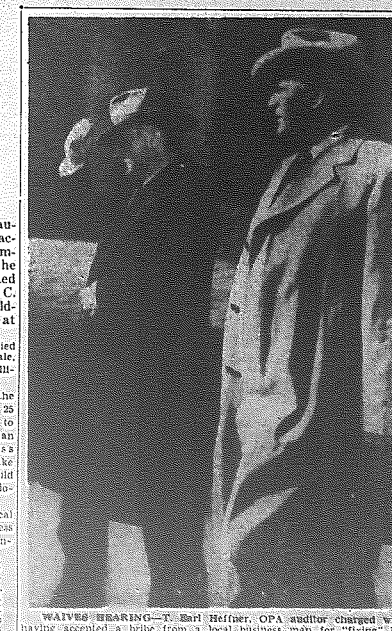
His bond was fixed at \$10,000.

The only witness who testified at the hearing was Julius A. Dale, special investigator for the Intelligence Unit of the OPA.

Mr. Dale testified during the hearing, which lasted about 25 minutes, that Heffner admitted to him that he received \$250 from an unidentified Charlotte business man for whom he was to make and deliver an audit which would insulate the man from OPA investigations.

Heffner told him that the deal was consummated in the business man's rooms in the Hotel Barringer, he said.

"Further sensational developments are expected momentarily in the case," said W. M. Nicholson, assistant United States attorney after the hearing but he said no further details in the case have been made, he added.



WAIVES HEARING—T. Earl Heffner, OPA auditor charged with having accepted a bribe from a local business man for "fixing" his books, is shown above with his hand before his face as he left the Federal Building today following arraignment before United States Commissioner Nat C. White. With him is United States Marshal James Shannon.

Dying Man Wrote On Bloody Pad

"Two Boys" Notation Made

By DICK YOUNG
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Further evidence that Robert Cashwell, 61-year-old filling station attendant, was murdered by two boys came to light today. Detectives working on the case found a blood-spattered pad on which the dying man had written the words "two boys."

Apparently realizing that he was going to die, the aged man had attempted to write a note giving information about his attackers. The pad on which he wrote was one on which he had been making computations.

Already police have initiated a widespread search for two youths between 16 and 22 years of age, who are believed to have killed Mr. Cashwell in an attempt to rob.

At 7:30 P. M. today The News learned that police were holding a youth here questioning in the case. His identity was not revealed by police.

Several persons have reported that they saw the youths at the gasoline station, located at 2100 South Boulevard, on Thursday morning when the murder was committed. The time of the killing has been placed around 4 A. M.

Detectives are following one lead after another in their efforts to find the youths, but they could report little headway.

One lead regarding a youth with a record of adhesive tape over his eye ran into a dead-end when it was established at Mooreville that the youth and his buddy weren't involved.

Investigation was also being made of another youth, under arrest in Concord. This boy with a dishonorable discharge from the Army was a swimmer and is said to have been in Charlotte with a companion.

Belief is held by police that See MURDER on page 6B

FLYER HERE

Lt. Power, who flew from Atlanta in a plane chartered by Lt. Robert Hitchcock and Col. Downs, spent part of his time in the airport autographing some 2,500 worth of bonds. He also autographed photographs of himself that will be sold at tonight's bond sale at 8:20 in the Municipal Auditorium. They also be a gift show, "Shoot The Works." A specialty stand is assured.

Lt. Hannum Rid Of Fleas & Lice

By L. A. HALEY
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Returning to the United States and assigned to the 1st Army Air Forces replacement center at Miami, Fla., Lt. Hannum was given a shoddy leave and he happened in Charlotte to visit his wife, who is a sales nurse at the Memorial Hospital.

They are making their home at 1493 Benthaven Ave. Before marriage, she was Miss Gertrude Lee Smith of Shelby.



Lt. HANNUM had the pleasure of having a complete check-up by Dr. J. P. Hagan of Charlotte before he left for the front. He has been in the front since the beginning of the war.

Bond Drive Nears End

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg County drive was in its final week Monday with the total of Series "B" sales far below the \$22,000,000 target.

Though current figures were available today to the campaign leaders, estimates based on statistics indicated that the total of purchases by individuals, including Series "B" and "C" bonds, was only about half of the quota, though purchases by corporations have been liberal and the overall \$12,000,000 objective will be attained before the drive closes next Saturday.

As of last Wednesday, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Series "B" total was only 97 per cent of the quota.

The official figures received today by J. P. Robinson, North Carolina Area 9 campaign chairman, showed that the eight counties of the area in combined purchases, have bought only one per cent of the quota.

Mr. Robinson pointed out that the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County is some 50 per cent of the quota, but the other seven counties are still far from their goal. He said that the county even though the past two days, on an average of 67 cents.

Bellevue Mecklenburg, the county in the Area 9 are Gaston, Cabarrus, Stanly, Union, Lincoln, Cleveland and Forsyth. Mr. Robinson stated by telephone that the county had a total of \$1,000,000 in bonds and that the county had a total of \$1,000,000 in bonds and that the county had a total of \$1,000,000 in bonds.

When from his post five miles up the line he had a feeling of real accomplishment. He has seen some of the most beautiful scenery in the world, and he has seen some of the most beautiful scenery in the world.

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Empty Stockings

'Seris Axdent' May Keep Santa From This Lad

In The News Empty Stocking Fund mail today was a letter from a little boy that should and will be answered. Those who read his note decided that it should be passed on in the readers of The News and contribute to the Empty Stocking Fund for it is because of youngsters like this one that the Empty Stocking Fund campaign is conducted annually.

For a number of reasons, all of them good ones, the boy's name and his address will be withheld. The rest of his letter in his own words and spelling will be reproduced here.

Young Donald says: "Dear News: 'I have been on my Ave with my grandmother who got in very deep debt. We want to be able to have Christmas so we have always had on the account of my Seris Axdent. I had to go to the hospital several times. I am 11 years old. My grandmother is 71. I am the best son ever when playing with my Seris Axdent, please don't have heard of my accident.'

"Thank you very much for the money that you gave me. This is my first Christmas."

The News feels that no more need be said. This child's letter is a plea for help.

More Taxes Collected

Collection of \$38,262.55 in taxes during the month of November was reported by P. W. Davenport, Mecklenburg County collector of revenue.

The month's receipts brought to \$201,416.90 collections of the 1944 tax of \$1,179,638.24, or 16.31 per cent.

This compares with collection of 1943 per cent of the 1943 levy and 64.89 per cent of the 1942 levy at the end of November of those years.

November collections brought to a total of \$20,650,262.55 tax revenue for the year ended in 1944 from a levy of \$2,118,623.50, or 97.38 per cent.

The uncollected balance on 1944 taxes is \$26,641.34.

The amount collected during November and the unpaid balance since for other years, with the first figure representing the collection:

For 1942, \$1,918.27 and \$67,794.39 for 1942, \$1,068.45 and \$58,783.92 for 1941, \$1,163.92 and \$89,289.02 for 1940, \$998.00 and \$46,005.46 for 1939, \$758.88 and \$33,192.42 for 1938, \$749.88 and \$39,007.20 for 1937, \$851.00 and \$33,657.67 for 1936, \$667.02 and \$24,196.68 for 1935, \$350.22 and \$22,214.79.
UNCOLLECTED TAXES
The uncollected taxes for 1944 and prior years were included in single amount, \$137,487.13. The 1944 uncollected for all the years back to 1928 is \$24,800.35.
November collections by years: 1943, \$684,671; 1942, \$746,800; 1941, \$1,179,638; 1940, \$892,890; 1939, \$758,880; 1938, \$749,880; 1937, \$851,000; 1936, \$667,020; 1935, \$350,220; 1934, \$1,179,638.
Of these collections in November
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Big 'Firecracker' T' was Grand Explosion, Says Lt. George Woodfin Feelingly

By TIM PRINGLE
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Just as once, anyway George Woodfin, when he was a boy in Charlotte, always wanted to fire a "firecracker" with an explosion. He couldn't get one, and not until this Fall did it come along. This was a real satisfaction of a boy to find a "firecracker" that would explode and not hurt him. He had a "firecracker" that would explode and not hurt him. He had a "firecracker" that would explode and not hurt him.

for the Horton Motor Lines, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Woodfin a member of the Marine Corps, he was in the Army Air Forces on the West Coast training as a bombardier for a Flying Fortress. Last April he arrived in England, a first lieutenant, where he was assigned to the 48th Bombardment Group. He had with him a "firecracker" that would explode and not hurt him. He had with him a "firecracker" that would explode and not hurt him.

Booth Sales Of Seals Will Begin Wednesday

Booth sales for the 1944 Christmas Seal Sale campaign will begin Wednesday morning and continue through Dec. 22. Miss Ruth Hawks of the Mecklenburg County Tuberculosis and Health Association will be in charge.

The Tuberculosis and Health Association will keep the booths for the campaign.

Booths will be kept also in three downtown hotels, the Yacht and the Plaza. These three will be kept by members of the Meta Sigma Xi Club.

Miss D. H. Dunn, member of the board of directors of the Tuberculosis and Health Association, is booth chairman. All arrangements for booth sale have been made by her.