



Tobacco Belt Meeting Set

HENDERSON — Tobacco growers, warehousemen and exporters from the entire five-county belt will meet in Raleigh May 12 to review the outlook for 1955.

The meeting was announced today by Fred S. Royster, Henderson warehouseman and president of the five-State Bright Belt Warehouse Assn.

The probable date for the referendum on continuation of the quota system for another three years also will be considered. Royster said it is likely that the election will be held in July, and before the start of the 1955 auction season.

Royster said growers are expected to give the usual overwhelming approval of the control system. Two-thirds of those voting must approve.

DAVIDSON ROTC SETS FIELD DAY

DAVIDSON — The Davidson College ROTC department will hold a military field day in Richardson Stadium during the regular drill period Tuesday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock.

The basis for competition will be the companies, with each company having a participant in every event.

The events include best drilled squad, best drilled individual, M1 rifle assembly and disassembly, Browning automatic rifle assembly and disassembly, light machine gun assembly and disassembly, best drilled light machine gun team, best drilled 81 mm mortar team, grenade throw (distance and accuracy), and relay race. The final event will be a tug of war.

The public is invited.

HEAVY DUTY
FISHHOOK, Ill. — Robert Earl Hughes, who uses a specially equipped pickup truck because he weighs more than 900 pounds, has gone to Texas where he will tour with a circus. He believes he is the world's fattest man.

Mistake Shooting Youth Charged In Boy's Death

NEW YORK — A smiling, cynical youth gang member was held today in the slaying of a 15-year-old model boy whom he mistook for a member of a rival gang.

Frank (Tarzan) Santana, 17, was charged with homicide in the death of Blankenship Jr., an honor student and high school football star.

The killing broke the slain boy's father, a civic leader and fighter against juvenile crime.

Said William Blankenship Sr., Pennsylvania—where he was born in the blue Poconos—and we're going to put him into clean dirt. "Then we're going to leave this city. We're whipped. We've been caught and crushed."

KILLER CHERED
A group of teen-agers girls cheered Santana as he was taken to a police station yesterday for fingerprinting and photographing.

"I love you, Tarzan," shouted one of the girls.

Santana laughed and triumphantly shook his handcuffs.

Police said young Blankenship was cut down by a bullet from a foreign-made automatic fired by Santana Saturday night in the Bronx. Blankenship was on his way to the movies with a friend.

Santana quoted Santana as saying he thought Blankenship was a member of the "Golden Guineas," a gang feuding with his "Nava" gang over the use of a similar "uniform"—a black-and-yellow zipper jacket with a picture of an Indian on the back.

Santana also claimed that a group of "Golden Guineas" ganged up on him last week, just because he was wearing such a jacket, police said.

ARRESTED
Santana was arrested early yesterday after questioning by police of some 40 teen-agers in the Bronx.

Police told this story:

Saturday night, young Blankenship, member of a family of four sons, received permission to go to the movies and set out with a friend.

Not far from his home, at an

empty lot in the North Bronx, the two were surrounded by a group of tough-looking teen-agers. Some of them were on bicycles and many wore those black zipper jackets with yellow trimmings.

"Are you a member of the Golden Guineas?" one of the gang shouted at young Blankenship.

"The boy denies it."

PULLS OUT GUN
Then, a youth known only as "Superman," 14-year-old leader of the gang, pulled out an Italian automatic and pointed the weapon at Blankenship.

"Don't point that gun at me," said Blankenship.

"Superman" started to put the weapon away but Santana seized it and fired at Blankenship. The bullet went through the boy's arm, penetrated his chest and hit his heart. He died instantly.

The gang scattered in panic.

Arrested with Santana were Ralph Falon, 16, charged with rioting, and mine-seeders under 16, on charges of juvenile delinquency.

Police said Santana aspired to be a lawyer and wanted to hold a pin for boxing with the Police Athletic League.

Santana showed police where he had hidden the gun—in the tank of the two-room apartment he shared with his widowed mother and two young brothers.

On the heels of the wanton killing came an announcement by Police Commissioner Francis W. Adams that juvenile crime showed an "alarming" increase.

Billy Graham Claims Record

GLASGOW, Scotland — Billy Graham said his six-week Scottish crusade was the largest evangelistic event in history. Television and telephone hookups swelled his total audience to 2,547,385, he reported last night.

Graham wound up his nightly meetings Saturday with a mammoth gathering of more than 100,000 persons at Hampden Park Stadium.

The American evangelist told a news conference that 32,253 persons made "decisions for Christ" during the campaign.

The response to Graham this year exceeded that during a 12-week revival he held in London last year. Audiences which heard him then directly or by relay totaled 2,047,330, and there were 38,447 decisions.

Graham will preach in London's giant Wembley Stadium May 14-23. He also will conduct evangelistic meetings during the summer in a number of cities on the European Continent.

Longhand May Cure Typographical Errors

SINGAPORE — Employees of the Singapore government who claim transport allowances now must write out their expense accounts in longhand.

The reason: Government officials complained about typing errors.

Cylinder Found After Theater Bomb Warning

NEW YORK — A small metal cylinder was found under an orchestra seat in Radio City Music Hall today, 11 hours after an anonymous telephone caller warned of a plan to set off a bomb in the huge theater.

Police cleared all Manhattan bridge traffic over the East River in the middle of the morning rush hour to speed the object to Fort Tilden in the Rockaways for expert examination.

Cleaners found the cylinder—8 inches long and 2 inches in diameter—wrapped in a man's black sock. A fruitless, 90-minute search was conducted by police and firemen last night after the phone call was received in the office of the New York Herald Tribune.

The theater audience was unaware of the search.

A crude home-made bomb went off in the theater last year, slightly injuring two persons.

N. Y. Woman Judge Appropriately Named

NEW YORK — The first woman appointed to preside in city court trials here is, appropriately, Justice Amsterdam.

The appointment is NOT the first "first" for Miss Bertie Amsterdam. Fifteen years ago, Miss Amsterdam, normally a municipal court justice, was the first woman elected to the New York (Manhattan) county bench.

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Campbell Has Lots Of Help

HOLLYWOOD — Five unofficial godfathers is the count for rising film juvenile William Campbell who figures himself Hollywood's luckiest actor.

It is doubtful that any newcomer has had so many top flight names vying to make him a star. Campbell's current patron is Kirk Douglas with whom he is featured in "Man Without A Star" by Universal-International.

Campbell's role of the green cowboy is one of the plum assignments of the season, and he credits Douglas with "giving me the spotlight and letting me take advantage of every break."

Big stars work with so many young players it is usually a case of out-of-sight-of-mind when a film is finished. But ever since Campbell plays first role of any stature, in "The People vs. O'Hara" with Spencer Tracy, he has made such an impression with the big names that they have tried to sell Campbell for big roles.

Tracy recommended Bill for several important parts and in a few cases has been successful. Campbell also credits William Holden, with whom he appeared in "Escape From Ft. Bravo"; Edward G. Robinson, opposite whom he played in "The Big League"; John Wayne, who was his senior officer in "The High and the Mighty"; and Van Heflin who worked with him in "Battle Cry," for efforts on his behalf.

"Not only did they give me every break in the pictures," said Campbell, "but they keep calling me even now to tip me off on juicy roles. A guy can't expect much more help than that."

Atomic Test Again Delayed

SURVIVAL CITY, Nev. — The atomic civil defense experiment, whose 3,800 participants and observers have dwindled to less than half because of repeated delays, has been postponed once again.

The elaborate test of a model town, tanks and weapons now cannot be held until tomorrow at the earliest, and the Atomic Energy Commission says the outlook for then is not bright.

Originally set for last Tuesday, the big public show has been postponed by unfavorable winds and cloud conditions. The latest delay, announced at a weather conference last night, was because winds threatened to deposit radiation fallout on this model community, observers at New Noh and the AEC control point at the Yucca Flat test site.

Science Meet Is Scheduled

DAVIDSON — The North Carolina Academy of Science will meet at Davidson College this Friday and Saturday.

In conjunction with the meeting will be the meeting of the N. C. Psychological Association Saturday at the college.

The Academy of Science will concern itself with business Friday, a banquet that night and a section meeting Saturday. The Psychological Association will have as its highlight an address by Elizabeth Duffy, president of the Woman's College at Greensboro at a Saturday luncheon.

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