

EISENHOWER PETITION NOT VALID

New Hampshire Paper Lacks Required Names

CONCORD, N. H. — A state official said today surprise petitions to enter President Eisenhower's name in New Hampshire's March 13 presidential preference primary do not contain enough valid signatures.

Deputy Secretary of State Harry E. Jackson announced the ruling, which leaves this state's first-in-the-election preference primary without a name yet entered.

Jackson said a check of the signatures disclosed one of the two petitions contained only 49 valid names, one short of the required 50. Jackson said he had checked the second petition which contained 70 names and found it to be valid.

UNEXPECTED ACTION The petitions were filed unexpectedly yesterday by Maurice Grant, a Manchester automobile dealer. His action jolted the state's organized Eisenhower forces, who planned to file similar papers of their own Monday.

Jackson said he is returning to his state house office today and if anyone came to file supplemental petitions he would accept them.

Grant, who expressed surprise that the validity of the signatures was challenged and offered to file "thousands more if necessary," issued this brief statement:

"As one of many New Hampshire Republicans, I am interested in learning if our President, Dwight Eisenhower, is to seek re-nomination.

"If his name is on the New Hampshire ballot, all of us who have signed these petitions will work our hardest to see that New Hampshire give President Eisenhower a tremendous vote of confidence March 13."

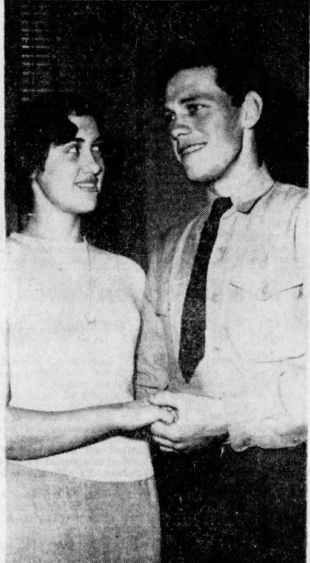
Gov. Lane Dwinell, leader of the organized Eisenhower forces, told a newsman he plans to carry out his previously announced intention of filing Eisenhower's name at 9 a. m., EST, Monday.

PRIMARY INTEREST "My prime interest," said the governor, "was to see that filings were made to enable the President's name to appear on the ballot."

"Whoever filed... is incidental. The reason that the petitions that I had caused to be circulated were not filed today was that some of them were not available.

"Petitions filed by Mr. Grant or anyone else serve the same purpose... I want to make it very clear I feel I have no vested interest in the filings."

Grant's maneuver apparently caught other Eisenhower boosters of guard.



Newlyweds Betty And Edward Thornhill

Groom In Jail AWOL Marine, Bride Separated

By HARRY SHUFFORD Charlotte News Staff Writer

An AWOL Marine and his sweetheart hitch-hiked over 600 miles to get married, but couldn't spend their honeymoon together.

After the ceremony at Lancaster, S. C., yesterday evening the bride left for her home at Elkton, Va., while her husband of a few hours remained in jail. Lancaster police turned him over to custody of the Marine Corps at 10:30 a. m. today.

The young Marine was booked at Mecklenburg County jail at 12:15 p. m.

Probate Judge James H. Howell of Lancaster said the couple, Plea Edward Thornhill of Quonset Point, R. I., and Miss Betty Ann Taylor of Elkton, arrived at the Lancaster jail, awaiting the arrival of the Marines, expected this morning.

The Red Cross provided bus fare for Mrs. Thornhill to return to her home at 9 p. m. yesterday while her new husband remained in the Lancaster jail, awaiting the arrival of the Marines, expected this morning.

It also provided bus fare for the soldier to return to Ft. Belvoir and for his wife to return to Elkton, her home, with Mrs. Thornhill. Judge Howell said as a wedding present to the young couple, he gave them the marriage license and performed the ceremony, all free of charge.

LAWYERS GREET FLYNN HOLLYWOOD — After many years abroad, Arthur Errol Flynn returned to Hollywood and his enthusiastic welcome by his wife's attorneys.

The actor was promptly served yesterday with a contempt citation in a child support case. Errol Flynn's attorney claims he is \$4,282 in arrears. The citation directs Flynn to appear Jan. 27 in Santa Monica Superior Court.

JUDGE DIDN'T WANT TO SEE HER HANGING FROM TREE LIMB NEW YORK — A 13-year-old girl has promised to bequeath, which includes taking no more horses and buggies.

The girl, not identified, made off Tuesday with a steed and wagon belonging to a Bronx stable. She was captured minutes later by a police car.

Statement Demanded Of Ike 'Brink Of War' Statement Brings On Growing Storm

Humphrey Tags Talk Indiscreet

WASHINGTON — Several Democratic senators today predicted "lets more debate" on Secretary of State Dulles' contention that his "brink of war" policy had blocked Red China in the Korea, Indochinese and Formosan crises.

Dulles' approval of the statements attributed to him in a Life Magazine interview led Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) to demand last night that President Eisenhower say whether he approves Dulles' position.

Humphrey said in a statement the remarks were "indiscreet" and showed "callousness toward world opinion." He had told the Senate Thursday that Dulles was playing "politics with foreign policy."

Dulles also was confronted with a suggestion from Sen. George (D-Ga.) that he back away from the administration's proposed 10-billion foreign aid program or risk losing bipartisan support in Congress.

The secretary conferred separately yesterday with George, who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.), an administration supporter, and Sen. Richard (R-Calif.) Senate minority leader and Ike Smith a member of the foreign relations group, also discussed with reporters in detail the scope of the conversations.

George said, however, it would be "most untimely" for the secretary to push in Congress the administration request for approval of a 10-year program of foreign aid to supplant the present year-to-year plan.

He said he far more certain to maintain bipartisanship if that is not done," George told reporters.



THIS CAR COLLIDED WITH A State Highway Patrol car on U. S. Highway 29 about one and one-half miles south of Concord, spun around in the highway and ended up this way beneath an auto dealer's sign. No one was seriously hurt in the Thursday wreck—which qualifies for This Week's Special. (Photo by W. R. Blanchard)

Nippy Nights, Warmer Days Are Forecast

Charlotte was in the grip of a "northern winter" today with temperatures dropping to below freezing early this morning for the first time since Monday.

This morning's 26 degrees was considerably below the low temperatures recorded by several northern cities. Boston had a 33, Washington, D. C. a 32, Seattle a 38, Denver a 37, Minneapolis a 29 and St. Louis, 28.

Lowest below freezing temperature in Charlotte came Monday when a 25 was recorded. Lows the rest of the week have been 25, 35, 38 and 33.

Tomorrow another low of 26 degrees is forecast.

However, the forecast by the Weather Bureau is for a warming trend, with today's high of 35 to jump to a 38 tomorrow, higher than yesterday's top of 35 degrees.

The forecast reads, fair and rather cold today and tonight, fair tomorrow with a warming trend. No snow or rain is forecast.

Mr. Mitchell this morning recorded a low of 13 degrees, but the ice, which came with a 1-degree low Monday, disappearing. There is no snow there.

Evening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, help us to think of ourselves as instruments for expressing Thy love. Attune and make sensitive our whole beings, that through us Thou mayest grant to others the love, the healing, and the compassion that Jesus would give. In His spirit we pray. Amen.

If Limits Are Extended City May Gain 30,000 Quickly

By DICK YOUNG Charlotte News Staff Writer

Charlotte will get at least 30,000 new citizens if the territory just outside the city limits, now under study for annexation, is brought into the city.

W. E. McIntyre, director of the City-County Planning Commission, today said that since it will be perhaps a couple of years before any extension can be completed, the estimated 30,000 population of the area will doubtless be in planning group, with members of the city council sitting in, Tuesday afternoon.

At that time, Mr. McIntyre expressed the hope that the study can be completed by March 1.

The planning staff is collecting information regarding the urbanization of the area just outside the city, divided into 21 sectors, and evaluating municipal costs and probable revenue.

The information will be forwarded to the City Council for its guidance in determining the scope of the proposed extension.

Mr. McIntyre told the Planning Board the studies are being confined to those areas highly urbanized immediately adjacent to the present city limits.

The distance from the present city limits for the proposed extension varies from half a mile to one and a quarter miles.

Brakeman's Body Found By Tracks

By CHARLES KURALT Charlotte News Staff Writer

The body of a brakeman who fell from a Southern Railway freight train last night was found beside the tracks near Berry Hill School this morning.

County Police theorized Frank W. Vaughn of Greenville, S. C., about 50, struck his head on the overhang of a concrete bridge as the train passed over it and was killed instantly.

The bridge is near Catawba's Cut, a group of cabins on the Catawba River.

Vaughn was the subject of an all-night search by police and railroad detectives. His body was seen by the crew of another train about 7 o'clock this morning.

The brakeman was not missed by the crew of his train until the northbound freight reached Concord to take on additional cars.

Vaughn's last contact with others was when he told them via walkie-talkie radio that he was going back on the train to release a stuck hand brake on a car.

Blood was found atop one of the cars, leading police to suspect the low overhang of the bridge, which is about 10 miles from Charlotte.

County Patrolman P. E. Bartlett and H. Smith found blood along the tracks about 150 yards just the bridge in the direction the train was traveling.

Vaughn's body was removed to a local funeral home. It will be taken to Greenville for burial.

GI's Must Pay Income Taxes

RALEIGH — Here is a reminder for North Carolina servicemen, at home and abroad—the deadline for filing state income tax returns is April 15.

Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw announced yesterday that Tax Heels in military service will be required to pay state income taxes this year for the first time in nearly 15 years.

He said the regulation, covering pay received beginning Feb. 1, 1955, applies to servicemen on active duty, reservists and National Guardsmen, both those stationed in this state and elsewhere.

By statute, service pay has been exempt from state income tax regulations since the start of World War II. The exemption was extended by administrative action through the Korean War. It ended when President Eisenhower designated Jan. 31, 1955, as the termination of Korean combat activities.

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Mrs. America Divorced

ST. LOUIS — A divorce court has written a final chapter to the marriage of "Mrs. America of 1954."

Mrs. Wanda Jennings, 29-year-old honey blonde of suburban Belle-Fontaine Neighbors, won divorce yesterday from her husband, Madison, a chemist. She also received custody of their 10-year-old son, Michael, and \$100 a month for his support. She now is a fashion coordinator for a St. Louis department store.

They Stopped At Right House

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — A jeering crowd took advantage of a Friday the 13th coincidence, and that's why Linda Lou Rogers' first grand came from the back seat of a car.

Jesse Lee Rogers, 30, told it this way: He and his wife were on their way to a hospital when "we knew it was going to be too late. I looked at the house, hung my head, and wires that would tell me a telephone was there."

He found such a house and pulled into the driveway. The coincidence, Mrs. Ella Williamson lives there and she arrived home from work just as Rogers drove up.

A practical nurse, Mrs. Williamson pitched in and delivered Linda Lou in the back seat of the car. Mother and daughter were doing fine at General Hospital today.

You Might Get Bad Case Of Voter's Cramp This Year

By JULIAN SCHEER Charlotte News Staff Writer

This is a year for ballot fatigue. In 1956 the voters of Charlotte and Mecklenburg may come down with a severe case of voters' (and/or writer's) cramp, for they'll be marking X's on ballots from May until November.



COUNTY CHAIRMAN McADEN His Job's Open.

Mecklenburg will also join with other members of the Tenth Congressional District in electing a congressman to go to Washington.

Mecklenburg, just as 11 other districts, must elect a Superior Court judge. Our district is the 26th.

The state ballot will also be issued this time. It will include governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, auditor, treasurer, superintendent of public instruction, commissioners of labor, agriculture, insurance and secretary of state.



STATE SEN. BLYTHE ... And So Is His

The ballot will also contain the name of Sen. Sam J. Ervin, who seeks a full six-year term. There are four "local" offices which will not be on the ballot this time. Basil L. Whiteaker, solicitor for the 14th Senatorial District, was elected in 1954. So was Clerk of Court J. Lester Wolfe, Sheriff J. Clyde Hunter and Coroner Dr. W. M. Summerville. Their terms are longer than the usual two-year terms.

However, only if the Republican party has two nominees for a position will they seek a ballot. If only one person seeks a post under the Republican banner, his name will appear on the ballot only on election day, Nov. 6.

If you are living in the same location you were two years ago when you voted or registered, you need not bother with registering again. However, if you have moved you must go to the election office at 727 E. Trade and change your precinct.



U. S. SEN. ERVIN ... He'll Run, Too

Registration for new and changed voters is underway now and will continue under law until 21 days before the May 26 primary. The office is open from 9:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Friday.

And, if you don't think you'll be busy this election year, don't forget two other candidates. On Nov. 6 you'll have to elect a president and vice president of the United States.