

NORTH CAROLINA — Mostly cloudy and mild today, tonight and Wednesday. Some light rain today.

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HARNETT SLAYER GIVEN LIFE

Johnson Enters Guilty Plea As Accessory

Judge A. R. Crisp today sentenced James R. Johnson to life imprisonment for the murder of Ed Davis, farm overseer, after Johnson entered a plea of guilty to accessory before the fact of murder in the first degree.

The shooting occurred August 7th on a farm on which Johnson was a tenant and Davis the overseer. The shooting took place in a tobacco barn.

Earlier Johnson had entered a plea of innocent but after conferences last night with the family of the dead man, Solicitor Jack Hooks agreed to accept the plea this morning. He was assisted in the prosecution by attorney Willie Lee Lumpkin of Louisburg.

Judge Crisp congratulated both parties on entering the plea that they did after hearing the facts of the case. The only straw that the defense had to cling to, he said, was that the gun might have accidentally gone off.

"I hope," the judge told the defendant, "that you will try to adjust yourself to a new way of life. You are very lucky not to be sent to the lethal gas chamber. I get no pleasure in imposing a life sentence, but make a good prisoner and get something out of that portion of life left to you."

An eye-witness description of the slaying was given by the first witness, Mrs. E. C. Sidle, Louisville, Ky., who said she was visiting in the neighborhood and working in tobacco at the time of the shooting.

She said she had known both Davis and Johnson for about two months and that the shooting took place at the tobacco bench where she was working. She said that she observed Johnson with a scarred lip and a cut face a few minutes before the shooting. She quoted him as saying Ed Davis had hit him, and said, "I'm going to kill him when he comes in here."

"I don't want to kill him and I hope he doesn't come," Johnson said. (Continued on page two)



NEW DUKE ALUMNI OFFICERS — Mrs. Robert Winston of Lillington, shown above, was elected president of the Harnett County Duke Alumni Association at the annual meeting held last night at Lillington. Pictured with her are J. R. Cathy of Dunn, left, retiring secretary-treasurer, and James Snipes of Dunn, right, retiring president. Mrs. Winston, member of a prominent Harnett family, had charge of the arrangements for last night's meeting. (Daily Record photo by T. M. Stewart).

Mrs. Winston Heads Alumni

Harnett County Alumni of Duke University last night at the group's annual dinner meeting elected Mrs. Robert Winston of Lillington as president to succeed James Snipes of Dunn.

Other officers chosen to serve for one year were Fred Thomas, Erwin, vice-president, succeeding the Rev. W. M. Latta who has left the county, and Mrs. M. C. Lee, Lillington, secretary-treasurer succeeding J. R. Cathy. Dr. Glenn L. Hooper of Dunn was named as representative to the Alumni Council.

A turkey dinner was served in the Lillington Community House which was attractively decorated with arrangements of gold tinsel chrysanthemums. Small gold poinsettias and smilax decorated the tables arranged in T formation.

James Snipes presided and the invocation was given by the Rev. D. A. Petty of Erwin. Report of the nominating committee was made by Nell McKay Salmon.

DOZIER SPEAKS — Dr. Charles Jordan, vice-president and secretary of the University, who had been booked to speak was ill and unable to attend. In his place John Dozier, who is assistant to Doctor Jordan, "the university's traveling ambassador," brought the alumni up-to-date information on the Duke University Development Campaign.

The speaker was graduated from Duke with the class of 1941 and has been associated with Doctor Jordan's department since 1948. Dozier told the alumni that a 1951 goal of \$2,850,000 has been set by the Duke University Development Campaign, with the money designated to increase the university's enrollment, set-up additional scholarships and increase library facilities. Already by November 2, Dozier reported \$240,000 has been collected. This represents gifts from 6,600 alumni.

In addition to gifts from former students one large source of donations has been the General Education Board of the Rockefeller Foundation which granted Duke \$1,150,000 with the proviso that alumni and friends contribute. (Continued on page two)

Showdown Now During Meet Of Negotiators

PANMUNJOM, Korea. — (UP) — The United Nations rejected today a virtual Communist demand for an immediate cease-fire in Korea.

A U. N. communique said acceptance of the Red proposal at this point might delay if not forestall the release of thousands of Allied war prisoners in Communist hands.

The U. N. will not agree to end the shooting until the disposition of war prisoners and enforcement of the truce have been assured, a U. N. spokesman said.

MEET AGAIN TONIGHT

The showdown came during a marathon five-hour meeting of the joint subcommittee seeking to trace a cease-fire line and buffer zone across Korea. The subcommittee will meet again at 11 a. m. Wednesday, 9 p. m. Tuesday, EST.

The U. N. communique said the Communists made it clear that they ever before that they want a cease-fire to take effect as soon as the truce line has been agreed upon "rather than when other essential matters are settled and an armistice is signed."

REVERSE STAND

"Today's stand by the Communists was virtually a renunciation of their previously stated position that hostilities should continue during the armistice talks," the communique said.

"They would thus obtain a cease from U. N. military operations. Agreement on other essential items, including the question of prisoners of war, which is viewed with extreme importance by the U. N. command, could be delayed thereby if not forestalled. This Communist proposal specifically called for a cease-fire line. (Continued On Page Five)

Anti-Truman Governors Reject Plea For Harmony

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — (UP) — Anti-Truman Southern governors angrily rejected today a plea by House Speaker Sam Rayburn to soften their opposition to the President. Rayburn's speech last night to the Southern Governors' conference, in which he pledged personal support for the Democratic nominee, however he may be, fanned the flames of the Dixie revolt.

Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina, one-time Truman secretary of state and now acknowledged leader of the Southern opposition, sat impassively through the scattered applause that greeted Rayburn's stand. Byrnes reserved any comment until a press conference today.

TALMADGE EXPLODES — Gov. Herman Talmadge of Georgia exploded immediately with a comment that the only way to avoid a split in the Democratic party is to drop the proposed Fair Employment Practices Commission, restore the two-thirds rule at the national nominating convention and "not to renominate Harry Truman."

Retiring Gov. Fielding Wright of Mississippi and Gov.-elect Ruth White who succeeds him in January issued a joint statement criticizing the political character of Rayburn's speech and declaring they will not support a party nominee who isn't completely acceptable in the South.

MARYLAND GOVERNOR WALKS OUT — The partisan nature of Rayburn's speech provoked a walk-out by Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland, the only Republican governor at the conference. McKeldin told reporters it was "outrageous" as he stalked from the banquet hall. Later he issued a statement in which he said, in part: (Continued On Page Three)

Grand Jury Indicts 2 Confessed Slayers

The Harnett County Grand Jury today returned true bills in two first-degree murder cases.

Charles H. Hair, 58-year-old Barber's Township farmer, was indicted for the slaying of his son-in-law, Clyde Powell, on October 2.

The grand jury returned the bill after brief deliberation. According to authorities, Hair shot and killed the young man with a .12 gauge shotgun when he went to the Hair home to visit his estranged wife and four-year-old child.

SURRENDERED TO SHERIFF — After the slaying, Hair went to the office of Sheriff Bill Salmon in Lillington and reported the slaying. He has been freed under \$10,000 bond.

Hair was arraigned immediately after the verdict was returned and entered a formal plea of "not guilty." Trial of the case was continued until January, however, because of the illness of his attorney, State Senator Bob Young of Dunn, woman.

James (Slim) Taylor, 33-year-old Lillington Negro, was indicted for the slaying of Mary Elizabeth Pursell, young Lillington Negro. Taylor admitted after his arrest that he kicked down the door of the woman's home and shot the woman to death as she lay sleeping with her two-year-old child.

District Solicitor Jack Hooks, who is expected to put Taylor on trial for his life, set the case for later in the week.

Mingo Church Is Remodeled

Mingo Primitive Baptist Church, one of the oldest in this section, will have a lot to be thankful for when the worshippers gather there Thursday night for a special Thanksgiving service at 8:30 o'clock.

The church has recently completed a remodeling program and the building, although small, is now in perfect condition. The former church building, more than eighty years old, has been completely refurbished within and without.

The influence of the church cannot be measured by its size nor the size of its congregation. Friends and former members are scattered far and wide and many from distant parts contributed to the rebuild.

LEE EXPRESSES THANKS — Elder Lester E. Lee, pastor of the church and its alternate minister, Elder William David Goodwin, were busy together with Mrs. Lee, in making the final cleanup around the church. (Continued on page two)

NC Baptists Open Session

ASHEVILLE — (UP) — More than 2,000 North Carolina Baptists convened here today in the 121st annual session of the State Baptist Convention, expected to be featured by controversy over church distribution of funds.

A report on the Wake Forest enlargement campaign was scheduled in the first order of business on the three-day program.

GARDNER HEADS GROUP — The controversial report of the Committee of 19 was to be submitted for approval during the afternoon session. The committee, headed by the Rev. E. Norfleet Gardner of Henderson, formerly of Dunn was named to survey all Baptist agencies and institutions and to make recommendations for a nine-year financial program.

The thorniest section of its report is a proposal that the Baptist churches be grouped with all other church institutions and agencies and receive its support from the undesignated cooperative program starting in 1954.

Under the present system the or- (Continued On Page Two)

Strickland Brothers Get Packard Agency

Strickland's Auto Service of Dunn, operated by Robert and Harvey D. Strickland, Jr., has been awarded the exclusive Packard dealership for this territory and the beautiful new 1952 Packard will go on display here Wednesday morning.

Selection of Strickland's Auto Service as Dunn's Packard dealer was announced by the zone officer of the Packard Motor Car Company in Washington, D. C.

Strickland's Auto Service is one of Dunn's oldest and most progressive automobile firms and has been doing business here continuously since 1928.

Packard officials said they felt

very fortunate in securing Strickland brothers as their dealer in Dunn.

VISITS FACTORY

Robert Strickland has just returned from Detroit, Michigan, where he met with officials of the company and other dealers throughout the nation.

Mr. Strickland, an experienced mechanic, went through the big Packard factory and was also given a preview showing of the 1952 Packard.

The 1952 Packard is hailed as "the newest new automobile idea in a decade," and the 1952 models have received during new color. (Continued On Page Three)

Men At Erwin Hear Address By Cheshire

"The main object of Episcopal missionaries is to work themselves out of a job," J. B. Cheshire told the Men's Fellowship Club of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Erwin last night. "As soon as they possibly can," he explained, "they turn the dioceses over to native bishops."

This novel approach to missionary activity was part of his address on home and foreign missions, Cheshire, a Raleigh attorney, is the grandson of the late Bishop J. B. Cheshire, who headed the Diocese of North Carolina for many years.

A basic trait of humanity, Cheshire said, it to be more interested in oneself than in anyone else. This is not a happy frame of mind. We are more inclined to worry about a leak in the Parish House roof than the work of the missionaries in Liberia.

For this reason, he said, the Episcopal conference took a number of selected laymen, to Seabury

House for several weeks of intensive training, so that they could return and inform laymen in their dioceses of the work of the church.

One of these was the brother of Ambassador Kirk, and Cheshire was selected to pass the information which Kirk had received on to other lay groups by Bishop Penick.

TELLS OF BENTLEY — Typical of the men in the missionary field, he said, was the late Bishop John Bentley of Alaska. Bishop Bentley was invited to make the commencement address at Fairbanks Alaska High School. He missed the train and walked nearly

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Byrnes Asks Loyalty To Nation Over Party

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — (UP) — Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina fanned the flames of the Southern revolt against President Truman today with a declaration that loyalty to the nation is more important than party loyalty.

Byrnes told a news conference he disagrees in many respects with a speech to the Southern Governors' Conference last night in which House Speaker Sam Rayburn pleaded for party loyalty.

Rayburn said he will support the Democratic nominee in 1952, regardless of whom he may be. He

cautioned that a Democratic could elect a Republican. Southern Democrats in Congress would lose powerful committee chairmanships.

"I do not agree that loyalty to party would commend itself as along with the nominee of my party because some one might lose jobs," Byrnes declared.

WONT AGREE TO PARTY — He said the South will agree to a platform which would FEPC or "nationalized industries" which have a definite economic

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New Poultry Plant Opens

Capable of processing 150 chickens each hour, the poultry dressing plant, installed by J. Leon Godwin and Charles Wade, is the latest in design for poultry dressing.

The entire set-up is arranged on assembly line design, with no lost motion from the time the chickens enter the chute to the time they are placed, neatly and efficiently cleaned and dressed, in the ice box at the front of the building.

The fowl, six at a time, enter the chute. From there they travel to another room where an automatic machine "dunks" them in boiling water, the temperature of which is kept at just the right point by a thermostat.

As soon as the feathers are loosened, they are passed to an operator on the picking machine. Here whirling tubes of rubber, rid the fowl of feathers in a matter of seconds.

They are passed through an opening in a partition to the cleaning table, where a group of workers complete the cleaning process. Dropped from the cleaning table into a portable vat of water for a final rinsing they are then ready for marketing.

CHARLES C. WADE J. LEON GODWIN — OPEN POULTRY PLANT — Charles Wade, left, and J. Leon Godwin, right, are owner and operator of the O. and W. Poultry Processing Plant which opened this morning in Dunn. The new plant, which has the finest and most modern equipment, gives the town a new enterprise and also a really new market for poultry products. (Daily Record photos by Lewis Stearns.)

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON. — (UP) — You've got until Thursday to mail packages for Christmas delivery overseas — except Korea, where the deadline was Nov. 1.

WASHINGTON. — (UP) — The Army is spending \$17,490 a year to store millions of military medals in a Philadelphia warehouse. World War II victory medals are the most numerous. There are 1,700,000 of them.

WASHINGTON. — (UP) — The government is going in for singing commercials. The Office of Price Stabilization revealed today that OPS officials in New York are lining up "name" talent to record squibs plugging price controls for use on radio and television station breaks.

PONTIAC, Mich. — (UP) — Six youths and an 18-year-old mother admitted a string of holdups designed to obtain gasoline money for autos they stole to use in the robberies, state police said today.

BLOKI, Miss. — (UP) — Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan warned today that the nation's livestock (Continued on page two)

Markets

COTTON — RALEIGH — (UP) — Opening cotton quotations, middling and strict low middling, based on 1 and 1-1/2 inch staple length: — Dunn: Middling, 43.50; strict low 40.50. — Lenoir: 42.00; 40.50. — Lumberton: 42.00; 39.50. — Monroe: 41.00; 40.00. — Laurinburg: 41.75; 39.75.

EGGS AND POULTRY

EGGS AND POULTRY — RALEIGH — (UP) — Today's egg and poultry markets: — Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers and broilers, steady; demand good, supplies generally plentiful. Heavy hens steady; supplies short to adequate. (Continued on Page Two)

Mary Hamilton Mail Begins Monday The Daily Record