

Town Of Dunn To Add Two Negro Policemen To Force COUNTY BOARD APPROVES HEALTH CENTER



GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW CHURCH — O. M. (Joe) Leslie, local Methodist leader, is shown here this morning as he shoveled the first dirt to break the ground for the new Stewart's Chapel Methodist Church, to be erected in the Mary Stewart community. Looking on is the Rev. Joyce V. Early, pastor of Divine Street Methodist Church, who originated the idea for the mission which led to the new church and Jesse Jernigan, who was assisting with laying off the ground. The new structure will cost about \$10,000. Duke Foundation has given \$2,500 for the project. The building is located on land given by W. C. Kanoy, near the Mary Stewart School. Mr. Leslie has been serving as Sunday School superintendent and conducting the services there. (Daily Record photo by Bill Biggs).

Issue Debated At Length By City Council

By LOUIS DEARBORN
Record Staff Writer

Two Negro policemen to work in the colored sections of Dunn were authorized at the meeting last night of the Dunn City Council. One is to be John Brockington, who operates a radio shop on Jonesboro Road and the other is to be selected by City Manager O. O. Manning with the approval of Chief of Police G. A. Jackson.

The matter came before the board when a delegation of colored citizens appeared and asked for the appointment of Brockington. The group felt that one of their own race could do a lot toward preserving order in these sections.

Principal L. H. Ledbetter of the Harnett County Training School, told the board that what they were primarily interested in was more police protection. He outlined problems in traffic, especially during school hours and rough groups of young men who prowled the section at night.

COULD BE AVOIDED

Dr. C. B. Coddington told the group that he was quite often in the hospital treating all kinds of injuries, many of which could be avoided. "We don't mean that the officers are not doing a good job," he said, "but they are unable to continually cover all the

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STATE JAYCEE OFFICIALS HERE — A group of Dunn's young business men, considering the reorganization of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, last night heard speeches by State President Harry Stewart and State Secretary Jerry Stockard. The State officials gave tips on reorganizing and Acting Chairman Charles D. H. Utiff, Jr. called a meeting for January 21st for the purpose of completing the organization. Pictured, left to right, are: Mack Andrews of Dunn, former Raleigh Jaycee, President Stewart; Chairman H. Utiff, Secretary Stockard and Dunn Chamber Manager Norman Suttles. (Daily Record Photo by Bill Biggs).

Other Matters Aired Before Commissioners

Dunn, which had envisioned a new modern county health center of 4,000 square feet today was assured of a health center, but with diminished dimensions of 1,800 square feet.

The health center, which will be a branch office of the county health department in Lillington, will be erected on a town-owned lot at a cost of around \$19,000 or approximately \$1 a square foot.

Site of present public health activities in a frame building opposite the telephone exchange has been condemned by county grand juries as "absolutely inadequate."

Major share of the costs will be born by the N. C. Medical Care Commission which in due proportion had the final say-so about the type of building to be built. County commissioners yesterday reiterated to a Dunn delegation led by Mayor Ralph Hanna an earlier promise made in December that the county will bear 25.6 percent of the costs.

MAYOR SEES BOARD

Hanna, accompanied by City Manager O. O. Manning and town commissioner R. G. Tart appeared before the county commissioners to preclude any possibility the county might abandon the idea of a new health center in Dunn after receiving new information from the Medical Care Commission.

In a plainly worded but courteous letter, Dr. John E. Ferrell, director of the Medical Care Commission, notified the county commissioners that it was a violation of a general Commission policy to approve financial aid for any health center not centrally located.

"Aid in building a health center at Dunn in the eastern portion of the county far removed from the center would involve," wrote Dr. Ferrell, "a change in the commission's policy."

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Slayer's Attorney Claims Harnett Jury Bars Negroes

By LOUIS BYRD
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Attorneys for James Taylor, Lillington Negro charged with the first degree shooting of his sweetheart, Mary Elizabeth Guyton Purcell, today made a motion to quash the murder indictment and dismiss the jurors on grounds that the whole framework of the selection of grand and petit juries in Harnett County corruptly, unlawfully and avowedly exclude and deny proportionate representation

to negroes.

The motion read by Attorney A. R. Taylor before Judge W. C. Harris was due to be considered today when court assemblies at 10 a. m.

Subpoenas were served late yesterday on County commissioner, L. A. Tate, Sheriff W. E. Salmon, the county board of commissioners Mrs. Inez Harrington clerk to the board, Clerk of Court, Elizabeth Matthews calling on them to bring records pertaining to the drawing and summoning of jurors for this term.

Taylor, the junior member of the firm of Young and Taylor, and court-appointed attorney for the Negro defendants, threw the legal bombshell at the court in the first degree murder charges on which conviction would carry the mandatory death sentence. "If there was ever a case of cold blooded premeditated murder this is it," Hooks declared.

The Negro defendant allegedly angered at attentions his sweetheart was receiving from Negro troops in the vicinity on Army maneuvers, went to her home at midnight, broke down the door and shot Mary Elizabeth Purcell as she lay sleeping on the bed beside her small child. Later the same day Taylor was arrested along the highway between Lillington and Raleigh. Officers said Taylor readily admitted the shoot-

ing. Arguments on the motion are expected to delay the trial until Thursday.

FOUR POINTS

In a carefully prepared statement read to the court, attorney Taylor listed four contentions: 1. That the list of jurors, drawn by the commissioners of Harnett County and summoned by the Sheriff, from which the Grand Jury members were drawn and which returned a true bill against James Taylor, was improperly compiled and prepared. His motion also contends that in violation of GS 43, the lists were drawn so as "to discriminate unjustly and purposefully against competent persons of the Negro race, to which this defendant belongs, solely on account of such person's race or color, continuing a practice and custom of systematically excluding Negroes from and denying proportionate representation to Negroes on Harnett County Grand Juries."

2. That because officers, whose duty it was to prepare the jury lists and draws the panels, from which the petit jurors were drawn, have selected and summoned jurors for this and every other term, "with the unlawful, avowed purpose, of discriminating against persons of the Negro race of which this defendant is a member and that such practice constitutes prejudice to the defendant."

3. That the unjust, unlawful discrimination and systematic exclusion of Negroes from the juries of Harnett County, deprives the defendant of the fair and impartial trial, guaranteed to him under the Constitution, the state laws and the 14th amendment to the Constitution.

4. That because of the systematic exclusion of Negroes from

Congress Begins Second Session;

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 82nd Congress returned for its second session today with hot fights already brewing over universal military training and foreign aid.

The formalities of convening the election-year session were set for noon and were expected to be perfunctory. But even before Speaker Sam Rayburn and Vice President Alben W. Barkley gavelled the House and Senate to order, the verbal firing began over UMT, government spending and other major issues. Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) of the House Armed Services Committee a vigorous UMT advocate, called leaders of his committee to a closed-door session at 2 p. m. to lay plans for the battle.

UMT PROGRAM

Under a law passed last year Congress committed itself to UMT in principle only, and agreed to act on specific plans for the program early in this session. Many members doubted that Congress would actually put UMT into operation as long as the present draft law is in effect.

No real legislative business can be transacted until President Truman outlines his program in his State of the Union message before a joint meeting tomorrow. The President's economic message will follow next week and his budget, expected to \$80,000,000,000, will be submitted around Jan. 21.

Informed sources reported that

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Boy Chained, Tortured By Thief

SALT LAKE CITY — (AP) — A 14-year-old boy was found chained to a bed today where he had been held prisoner and tortured for 10 weeks by an accused bank robber.

Ricky Hendricksen was released from the four-foot chain and padlocks which held him to the bed by police who rushed to the address supplied by John D. Billett, 24, after hours of intensive questioning.

Ricky was in "surprisingly good health," but he told officers that Billett had beaten him about the face and head with his fists and shoes during the early days of the boy's captivity. Ricky was kidnapped Oct. 20.

The boy was rushed to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hendricksen, where his mother burst into tears and swept him into her arms.

ADMITTED IMMORALITY

Billett, charged with taking \$20,015 from a downtown bank yesterday and already held under \$20,000 bail on that charge, admitted to police that he kidnapped Ricky and subjected the boy to frequent immoral treatment.

"This is our Christmas this is our New Year's this is our holiday," his mother cried.

An electric train was waiting for Ricky alone with his net dog. Ricky said that Billett grabbed him at the used car lot where both worked.

"He said he was a special cop and wanted to question me about car theft," young Hendricksen said. "He took me to a motel next

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Prison Terms Meted Out On Opening Day

Mann Fann, Erwin, was acquitted on charges of assault. He was accused of assaulting Jasper Bryant on November 4 with a gun following an argument.

Paul Griffin pleaded guilty to charges of temporary larceny of an automobile from J. L. Baker, and was given six months in jail, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Lowell McDougald, young Negro, pleaded guilty to charges of larceny of a Ford car from John Gilmore. He was given 12 months on the roads.

H. County Gets Added Road Mileage

Harnett County Commissioners presented unexpectedly with a bonus of 6.68 miles of road from the State Highway Commission, wrestled until nearly night Monday with the problem of the best place to put the new roads.

At the beginning of the fiscal year, the commissioners received the sad news that Harnett's road allocations would be only nine miles, just half what it was in 1950. Nothing was ever given the board to indicate that this ruling would ever be changed, Chairman L. A. Tart said.

However, following the December meeting that fixed District Highway Commissioner George Coble's mileage, a total of 11.32 miles of new road had been approved for Harnett, the commissioner was in a position to grant the county 6.68 more bringing the

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FOUND DEAD IN BED
R. P. Thornton of Dunn Route 1, was found dead in his bed this morning. Funeral arrangements are as yet incomplete.

Charlotte News Is Out For Ike

CHARLOTTE (AP) — The Charlotte News announced today it would support Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for the Republican presidential nomination. In an editorial the afternoon newspaper said it "will give its full and enthusiastic support to the effort to win" the GOP nomination for the general.

Necie Williams, Dunn Negro woman, found guilty of snatching a purse containing \$80 from William Henry McDonald, during a drinking party was given 15 months in woman's prison.

Her defense witness, Alfred Council, was found in contempt of court for being intoxicated and was given 10 days in jail.

THEFT GETS 18 MONTHS
Hughie McLamb of Erwin, found guilty of stealing an automobile from James Gregory, Erwin taxi owner, was given 18 months on the roads.

True bills returned by the Grand Jury included:

David Fisher and James Mallard, violation of prohibition laws; The grand jury failed to indict Allie Wilkins, charged with committing rape on his divorced wife. Wilkins was tried for non-support of his wife, however, and the father of nine refused to contest the charges. Judge W. C. Harris gave him 18 months on the roads, suspended until March on payment of \$10 a week to his family, beginning January 14.

A number of prison sentences were handed out yesterday during the first day's session of Harnett Superior Court.

Beddingfield Joins Dunn Pharmacy

Charles Beddingfield of Clayton, well-known young pharmacist, has joined the prescription department of Dunn Pharmacy. It was announced this morning by C. O. Warren, owner of the local drug store.

The new druggist is a native of Clayton, attended the Clayton public schools and the University of North Carolina.

He graduated at the University in 1944 and was registered as a pharmacist the same year. Since that time, he has served as a pharmacist with Beddingfield Brothers, a drug store owned and operated by his father at Clayton.

CHARLES BEDDINGFIELD

Blackmon To Open Buie's Creek Offices

Dr. Bruce B. Blackmon, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Blackmon of Buie's Creek, will return next summer to his home community to set up medical practice. It was announced today by Leslie H. Campbell, president of Campbell College.

Dr. Blackmon was born in 1921 in Charlotte. Shortly after his birth the family moved to Buie's Creek, where Blackmon, senior, has had long service as Baptist minister, former treasurer of Campbell College, banker, farmer, and civic leader.

The future physician earned his education at the local school, at Campbell College, and at N. C. State College. From the latter, he received both a B.S. and M.S. in agriculture. After working a year as state produce inspector, he entered Wake Forest College for a six-month pre-medical course.

ATTENDED BOWMAN GRAY
Dr. Blackmon was graduated in

DR. BRUCE V. BLACKMON

MARKETS

EGGS

RALEIGH (AP) — Egg markets: Washington, Wilmington, Goldsboro, Wilson, Dunn, Kinston, Lumberton, Rocky Mount, Smithfield, Fayetteville, Florence, Marion and Clinton: Market steady with top 18.00 for good and choice 180-240 lb. barrows and gilts.

EGGS AND POULTRY

RALEIGH (AP) — Today's egg and poultry markets: Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers and broilers steady; supplies short, demand generally good; heavy demand steady to 1 cent stronger; supplies short, demand

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BULLETINS

PARIS (AP) — President Vincent Auriol met today with French political leaders to try to form a new government for France and solve a political crisis which might seriously delay Western European defense.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 82nd Congress began its second session today with seven new members, a new Senate Republican leader, and new fights brewing over a couple of old issues—UMT and foreign aid.

BISHOPVILLE, S. C. (AP) — Seven Negro children burned to death yesterday in a blaze that destroyed a four-room sharecropper's home near Elliott, S.C., eight miles from here.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The first partial inventory of the late publisher William Randolph Hearst was on file today in court, listing assets valued at \$16,070,255.76.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Lawyers for Birmingham Police Commissioner Eugene Bull Connor planned today to appeal the fiery official's conviction of holding a hotel room trust with his secretary.

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