

WEATHER

NORTH CAROLINA—Increasing cloudiness and cold through tonight. Scattered showers tonight beginning over the west portion today. Tomorrow cloudy and mild with scattered showers and thunderstorms.

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Emmett Bellamy, State Political Leader, Murdered

CHARLOTTE — An attorney and political figure was shot to death here today and another man was wounded.

Police said they captured a man who admitted he killed Emmett Bellamy, 60, and wounded Lloyd S. Elkin Jr., 25. The assailant, Albert Raymond Rinhardt, said the lawyer had "cheated" his mother out of \$40,000 in real estate.

Bellamy died while being taken to a hospital. Elkin, an employee of the law office, was hospitalized with a bullet wound in his right shoulder.

Police said Rinhardt, 50, was standing in the hall on the seventh floor of the Law Building when he fired at Bellamy and Elkin as they stood in an elevator.

Police said Rinhardt admitted he shot them after the men "sneered at his request that they restore \$40,000 in real estate he claimed they had taken from his mother."

PARTY CHAIRMAN
Bellamy was chairman of the New Hanover County Democratic Executive Committee and a member of one of Wilmington's oldest and most prominent families. His father also headed the party committee.

Bellamy's brother, Mardese Bellamy, is New Hanover County attorney.

Wilmington sources said Bellamy and Elkin met Rinhardt here to discuss the dispute over a house in Charlotte.

Witnesses said Rinhardt opened fire as Bellamy and Elkin stepped into the elevator.

The elevator girl and a passenger watched in horror as Bellamy slumped to the floor of the car. He was pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital with a bullet wound in his abdomen.

A bystander asked Rinhardt what happened and he replied: "I shot the two — they stole \$40,000 from my mother."

Bellamy was a leading political figure in Eastern North Carolina and a prominent attorney.

Elkins was a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina law school where he edited the student law review.

CONFIRMED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON — The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Howard E. Fane, Jr., to be postmaster at Spring Lake in Cumberland county.

Fane was nominated for the post by President Truman. The Senate makes his appointment official.

White House Says HST For Stevenson

State Democrats Rallying Behind Senator Russell

RALEIGH (AP) — A wave of sentiment among North Carolina Democratic bigwigs mounted for Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia today but there were two important exceptions—Gov. Kerr Scott and national committeeman Jonathan Daniels.

Led by Democratic Chairman Everett Jordan Sen. Clyde R. Hoye and Senator Willis Smith the pro-Russell camp boasted a large part of the state's congressional delegation and a growing share of the state's biggest political figures.

Rep. C. B. Deane predicted flatly that the North Carolina delegation at the national convention will be for Russell.

Many other leaders shared Dean's belief and others believed Russell would get most—if not all—of the Tar Heel votes in early balloting.

Scott said he believed Russell has a good chance of getting a large number of North Carolina votes, and that he intends to support the man nominated by the Chicago convention, no matter who he may be.

SCOTT NOT SURPRISED

Scott said he was not surprised by Mr. Truman's announcement that he will not seek re-election. He said he would have nothing to do with plans to go ahead with a big barbecue and rally touching off the Democratic presidential campaign at his Haw River farm in August.

Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, said Mr. Truman's announcement was "in accord with his unflinching character."

And That's That



HIS DRAMATIC announcement ended, President Truman took a copy of his speech under his arm and smilingly walks from the speaker's table at the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner in Washington. The Chief Executive astounded 5,000 Democratic leaders by declaring he would not be a candidate for office. (International)

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Nebraska's Primary Takes The Spotlight

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Democratic race in tomorrow's Nebraska presidential primary took on new significance today after President Truman stepped out of the 1952 race.

Sens. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee and Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma were set to tangle in the first full-fledged contest since Mr. Truman's status was cleared up. The battle promised to draw a near record vote.

The Republican contest will be a write-in battle with supporters of Sen. Robert A. Taft and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower seeking to edge Harold E. Stassen, the only prominent GOP hopeful whose name will appear on the ballot.

TO FOLLOW LAW
The only detraction to write-in efforts was the announcement by some county clerks that they will follow the letter of the law and (Continued on Page Six)

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP) — Sen. Estes Kefauver today was considered by his backers as a hands-down winner in tomorrow's Wisconsin primary after President Truman said he would not be a candidate for reelection.

But the Republican contest was a four-way slugfest between Harold E. Stassen, Robert A. Taft, Earl Warren and a "favorite son" running as a stand-in for Sen. Douglas MacArthur.

Most observers felt the GOP battle was a do-or-die testing ground for all four—particularly Stassen and Taft.

But Mr. Truman's announcement that he wanted to vacate the White House left Kefauver opposed only two pro-Truman candidates, although organization Democrats speculated that Mr. Truman would accept a convention "draft."

Mad Dog Is Found; Vaccinations Begin

After a report from the State Board of Health showing at least one Harnett dog to be mad, Dr. W. B. Hunter, county health officer, today warned all dog owners to have their animals vaccinated immediately.

Dr. M. P. Hines, veterinarian of the State health board, made a special trip to Harnett to give the report to Dr. Hunter and the county's two rabies inspectors, Dr. T. E. Darden and Dr. Belmont Kilsell.

During the meeting, the entire rabies situation in the county was discussed.

The State veterinarian reported that results of a test conducted on

Teen-Age Boys Hurt In Wreck

Two teen-age boys are in the Dunn Hospital as the result of injuries received Sunday morning when the car in which they were riding overturned on the Dunn-Jonesboro road, just a short distance from McComb's Crossroads in Johnston County.

Those injured were Charles L. Barefoot, 15, of Dunn, Route 2, (Continued from page one)

Man Fleeing From Assailant Wrecks Two Cars And House

Primrose Byrd, 30-year-old Dunn painter, today was facing trial after an unusual accident in which officers said it was a miracle he escaped alive.

In addition to tearing up his own automobile, Byrd knocked the porch off a home, causing the roof to cave in and also did damage to a house valued at \$700 in another automobile.

He told State Patrolman David Matthews that he was running away from Olen Norris, whom he said had threatened to kill him and was chasing him.

The accident happened about 8:40 Sunday morning on the road near the home of Mrs. Ruby Tait.

Patrolman Matthews said Byrd, traveling at a very high rate of speed, failed to make the curve, skidded, went off the left side of the road, across a ditch and struck the porch of Dewey Bartlett's home. The impact of Byrd's car tore off the porch, causing the roof of the house to fall down, the car then crashed into a 1950 Nash owned by Helen Brown Pearson, doing \$700 damage, then set back across the ditch into the highway without turning over.

ONLY SEVERE WOUNDS. Matthews said that Byrd suffered

Driving Drunk Is Added To Shooting Count

A Sampson County Negro who shot his friend today was facing an additional charge because he obligingly brought the wounded man to the Dunn Hospital.

Corporal Ronnie Williamson of the State Highway Patrol arrested Willie Williams, 28, of Ansonville, today Sunday afternoon about 8:15 shortly after Williams had left his victim at the hospital on charges of driving drunk.

Corporal Williamson didn't know about the shooting, but Williams readily admitted that he had shot W. C. Williams, 38, of Godwin, Route 1, a short while earlier.

The officer said Williams was in pretty bad shape and was reeling from one side of the road to the other. He said the Negro apparently didn't realize he was being taken into custody for driving drunk, but thought he had a chance to escape.

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Erwin Resident Takes Own Life

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Mrs. Viola Barbour Lucas, 41, of Erwin, who committed suicide Saturday afternoon at her home.

Mrs. Lucas shot herself to death with a .22 rifle. Mrs. Lucas sat down on the floor in the hall, propped the rifle against the opposite wall of the hall and used a stick to fire the weapon.

The load entered her left breast and death came instantly. Her body was found a few minutes later by a son, Watson Lucas.

She left a note in which she said, "I'm doing it," and declaring that nobody else was responsible.

Assistant Coroner Edgar Black of Dunn and Erwin Police Chief Claude Avery investigated. Mr. Black ruled that it was a clear case of suicide and that no inquest was necessary.

NO REASON GIVEN
Members of the family said they (Continued on Page Five)

Harnett Wreck Suits Settled At \$37,000

Three Negroes injured in a highway accident and the family of another Negro who was killed in the wreck were awarded damages totaling \$37,000 this morning in the largest compromise settlement ever reported in Harnett County.

The settlement papers were signed at 9:30 this morning by Attorney Everette L. Dofferyme of Dunn, counsel for the plaintiffs, and by Oscar Lench of the law firm of Smith, Lench and Anderson of Raleigh, attorney for the defendant.

The accident occurred on January 18th near Buie's Creek when the automobile containing the Negroes was struck on the wrong side of the road by a truck owned by the textile company.

It was not disclosed how the \$37,000 will be divided among the plaintiffs.

This was the third time Attorney Dofferyme has made legal history in Harnett in civil suits. Freshly, he was awarded the two largest verdicts by a jury off record in the county.

ONE KILLED THREE HURT

Dofferyme had brought suits against the J. F. Stephens Company, large textile concern, in the death of Loman Evans, a Harnett Negro, and for injuries received by Dupree Lee Brewington and his wife and Elizabeth Ryals.

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Negro Shot Attacking Cop

Ed Elliott, 35, described by police as "a dangerous Negro," was in the Dunn hospital in a critical condition today with a pistol wound in his neck because he resisted arrest and attempted to shoot Negro Policeman John Brockington here yesterday afternoon.

If he recovers, he'll be charged with resisting arrest and assault with a deadly weapon. Police Chief George Arthur Jackson said this morning.

Policeman Brockington said he received a call about a disturbance near the Harnett County Training School. He said he arrived on the scene and found Elliott waving a shotgun and cursing loudly.

AIMED AT OFFICER

The officer ordered Elliott to calm down and quit cursing. At that point, Elliott cursed wildly, raised the shotgun, cocked it and aimed it at the officer.

When he did, Brockington fired at him with a .45 calibre pistol and Elliott fell to the street. The load entered his neck. He was rushed to the Dunn Hospital, where he is given a chance "but a slim one" to recover.

Authorities had information that Elliott had the gun out looking for his son-in-law, intending to kill him. Friends and neighbors were unable to calm him and summoned Policeman Brockington, who appeared.

Chief Jackson said it appeared (Continued on Page Two)

Veteran Mill Employee Dies

Willie Carson Moore, 49, of Broadway Route 1, employee at Erwin Mills, Inc., died in the Lee County Hospital at Sanford-Sunday afternoon at 12:35 o'clock. He had been ill for about a week.

Mr. Moore was a native and life long resident of Harnett; son of Mrs. Rosa Moore Butler and the late Calvin Moore. He had been an employee of Erwin Mills for 38 years.

FUNERAL TUESDAY
Funeral services for Mr. Moore will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Lenoir Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Astor Hardin and the Rev. C. I. Calcutt will officiate. Burial will be in Harnett Memorial Cemetery at (Continued on Page Two)



CHURCH YOUTHS MEET HERE — The Home Memorial Christian Church played host during the weekend to the Central District meeting of the Christian Youth Fellowship. Some of the leaders are pictured here. Left to right are: Shirley Parker of Raleigh, State service committee chairman, Ruth Hainley of Oake City, associate State president; Ferman M. Reynolds, missionary to India, who was a principal speaker; Ann Cooke of Mt. Olive, secretary of the Mill Creek District; Nan Mattox of Wendell, district president. (Daily Record photo by T. M. Stewart).

Dunn Coast Line Worker Prevents Major Disaster

Earl Godwin, 25-year-old night operator for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, today was credited with preventing what could have been a major disaster and with saving the lives of many people.

The alert Dunn was detected a broken axle on the fast Coast Line tourist special, The Vacations, when the train speeded through Dunn Saturday morning at 5:20 o'clock.

George F. Dyer, local Coast Line agent, said Dyer observed when the fast train reached the Broad Street crossing that the axle was broken and hanging beneath the Pullman car. It was so low that it struck the boards of the crossing.

Godwin immediately gave the flagman the signal for an emergency stop and the train pulled to a halt about a mile north of (Continued on Page Two)

5 Finer Carolina Projects Adopted

Chairman Earl McD. Westbrook, in announcing the projects this morning, expressed the hope that the projects will be successfully completed to bring Dunn the \$1,000 prize money offered for towns this size.

The projects were adopted at a meeting of Chairman Westbrook and his committee held in the offices of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce.

THE PROJECTS
Following is a list of the projects:
1. Improvement and organization of new civic and social organizations.
2. Improvement and expansion of recreational facilities.
3. Improvement and building of a new health Center and hospital facilities, improvement of nursing services and establishment of a nurses' registry.
4. Municipal improvements, including improvement of public sanitation conditions, mowing of streets, and numbering of houses.
5. Encouragement of better rural-urban cooperation by establishment of better facilities and services.

Chamber Manager Norman Butts praised the project list as "most impressive and badly needed."

Chairman Westbrook expressed confidence that citizens can successfully carry through these projects.

WINNING SECONDARY
"We, of course, would like to win the prize money, but that is secondary," said Mr. Westbrook. "These projects will be adequate reward if we can just complete them."

Among those in attendance at the meeting Friday afternoon were (Continued on Page Two)

Harnett FHA Units To Meet Wednesday

The annual Future Homemakers of America Rally for Harnett County will be held in Behaven School on Wednesday, April 2, from one till four o'clock.

Special guests who have been invited to attend the rally are Miss Daphne Eller, state F. H. A. adviser; Miss Mary Hines Leonard, assistant state F. H. A. adviser; Glenn T. Proffitt, county school superintendent; Mr. Kelly of Livingston and Miss Bessie Maceneill of Dunn.

Representatives from all schools in the county will be at the rally. Around three hundred girls are expected.

The purpose of the rally is to install the new County F. H. A. officers.

Mrs. C. J. Thompson, Home Economics teacher at Dunn High School, announced today that she was planning to take two bus loads to the rally from the Dunn Chapter of the F. H. A. (Continued on Page Two)

BULLETINS

AUBURN, Me. (AP) — Former Sen. Wallace H. White Jr., 74-year-old Maine Republican, died at his home early today. He retired from the Senate in 1949, after serving 18 years as a senator and 14 as a representative.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court hears arguments today on an important political question: Can a candidate for presidential elector be forced to pledge support of his party's nominee?

POINT BARROW, Alaska (AP) — Nine men who had been stranded on an Arctic ice floe 775 miles north of here since Thursday were rescued by a ski-equipped patrol bomber. All survivors were in good condition, the Navy reported today.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (AP) — Communist artillery battered 41th St. in the places today, while Red infiltrators (Continued on Page Two)

MARKETS

EGGS AND POULTRY
RALEIGH — (AP) — Today's egg and live poultry markets:
Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers and broilers steady; supplies adequate to plentiful. Heavy hens mostly steady to weak. Turkeys plentiful. Prices paid: Fryers and broilers 28; heavy hens mostly 25-26, few 25.

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