

Two Held In Burglary Wave In Dunn

A tell-tale calling card in the form of a Social Security card, left at the scene of a burglary, resulted in the arrest of Henry Roberts, 20 year old Negro ex-convict.

Although the Negro has confessed to twelve of the recent wave of burglaries here since November 17, he emphatically denies entering any home in the area.

The card was found in the washroom of one of the places burglarized and Chief A. A. Cobb and Policemen K. M. Fall and H. F. Pope immediately went to the Roberts home. They found the loot from several of the burglaries, including a quantity of bullets, pocket knives, flashlights and other items.

OTHERS RELEASED Three other Negroes arrested at the Roberts home were released after questioning by officers failed to implicate them in any of the burglaries.

Subjected to intensive questioning by Chief of Police A. A. Cobb, Constable O. R. Pearce and other officers, Roberts finally broke down and admitted the theft. The method of operation in all of the crimes was the same with entry gained by breaking out the glass in most cases.

Roberts was formerly employed at Pope and Mixon, one of the places he admitted entering, and was familiar with the layout in most of the other burglarized premises.

The loot was small in most of the burglaries, although Roberts admitted that he used tools found at the Farmer's Supply Co., in a vain attempt to open the safe.

Another Negro, Walter Parker, who admitted that he bought a rifle from Roberts, which Roberts had stolen from J. R. Cannady's store, was arrested on a charge of receiving stolen goods. He was released on bond of \$200.

Roberts is still being held in jail on an open charge, but Chief Cobb said he would be charged with breaking and entering and larceny. The warrant will be drawn as soon as the investigation is complete and Roberts will probably be taken to a hearing before Judge H. Paul Strickland tomorrow morning.

Dunn Firemen Hear Burkot

The question "What's in a name?" was answered last night at Dunn firemen and their ladies at the annual Fire Department

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Postmaster Offers Tips On Mailing

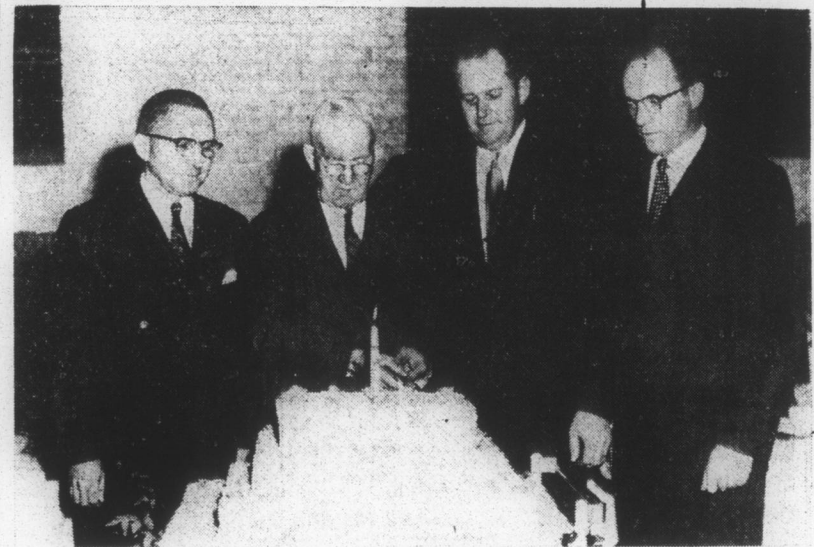
Based on his many years of service in the Post Office, Postmaster Ralph Wade of Dunn has some special ideas about how Christmas can be made merrier.

In fact, he's planning to send the perfect Christmas card!

Naturally, the Postmaster hopes the rest of us will follow his example, because actually it's the only way a Christmas card should be sent.

"Once this card was selected,"

Ridgway Warns NATO Forces Inadequate



MR. RAY DOES THE HONORS - Dunn Masons celebrated their 100th anniversary at a centennial banquet here last night and called on 80-year-old R. L. Cromartie, Sr., one of the oldest members of the lodge, to cut the big, 50-pound cake. Left to right are: Hugh W. Prince, past master and only 33rd Degree Mason of the lodge, Mr. Cromartie, Master Bert Alabaster, who presided, and Dr. Glenn Blackburn, the speaker. (Daily Record Photo by Bill Biggs).

Masons Celebrate Centennial

Restrictions On Building To Go

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government will lift its ban on construction of amusements and recreation projects and restrictions on virtually all other types of building Jan. 1.

The National Production Authority previously had set May 1 as the date for such construction relaxations, but informed sources said NPA is moving up the date because of the rapid recovery of the steel industry from last summer's strike. They said the order setting the Jan. 1 date probably will be issued this week.

The order will increase the amount of steel that may be used without specific NPA approval to construct houses, apartments, commercial buildings, and other structures. (Continued on page five)

Church Pageant Will Be Given

"Why The Chimes Rang" a pageant written by Mrs. Kenneth Roy, former religious educational director of the First Presbyterian Church will be presented at the church next Sunday night, December 13 at 7:30. The play which is sponsored by the Young Adult Class of the church is the story of the sacrificial gift of a young boy, Pedro, to the Christ Child.

REPEATED BY DEMAND Due to popular demand the pageant which was presented by the group last year will again be the Christmas play for this season.

Mrs. W. M. Bryan is director of the group assisted by Mrs. Richard Gammon. The main part in the play will be enacted by Harry Tart as Pedro and Wesley Howard as Little Brother. Other speaking parts are to be taken by Mrs. Frank Belete, Mrs. Curtis Williams, Mrs. Ted Burwell and Mrs. Eugene Bracey. Music will be furnished by the Presbyterian choir with soloist George Stenwich presenting "O Holy Child." (Continued On Page Two)

Allied Chief Is Heard At NATO Assembly

PARIS (AP) - Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway said today the 50 Allied divisions now stationed in Western Europe are far short of the minimum necessary for defense.

Ridgway, supreme Allied commander in Europe, gave his blunt warning to the military committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, meeting here.

The former commander in chief in Korea was summoned to report on the state of Europe's defenses as tested in gigantic war games this fall.

Ridgway said at the buildup since the last big NATO meeting in Lisbon in February gave him enough troops and planes to form a defensive "shield" around Western Europe.

"FAR FROM ADEQUATE"

But, he added, his armies are still far from adequate to resist an all-out drive by Russia's 175 divisions - which recently have been given more modern weapons to increase their fire power.

American Adm. Lynde D. McCormick, overall NATO naval commander in the Atlantic, said the massive "Operation Mainbrace" naval maneuvers in the Atlantic in the fall showed considerable progress toward assuring success in any new battle of the Atlantic.

But, he emphasized, his fleets need considerable strengthening in the face of Russia's reported fleet of 500 submarines built or building.

Man Held For Raping Child

Rex Holleman, 26, was held on a charge of raping a 11-year-old girl following a preliminary hearing yesterday in Recorder's Court.

Judge M. O. Lee, in a court session barred to spectators, found probable cause and bound Holleman over to the Superior Court. The judge declined today to allow Holleman to give bond.

A warrant issued by the girl's mother, Mrs. Vashti Greer, charged Holleman with the alleged attack on December 2.

State witnesses heard yesterday were the 11-year-old girl, Dr. A. W. Peede, Lillington physician who examined the girl, and Mrs. Emma Lee West, social case worker who made an investigation at the request of the Welfare department.

Mrs. West testified that the little girl told her that Holleman, who is a friend of the family, came to the house where the Greers reside on Lillington Route 2, in company with his brother and sister-in-law. They allegedly asked her to go and stay a few hours with the Hollemans' elderly mother, Mrs. Della Holleman, and she consented to do so.

Mrs. West said she was told by the girl that when they reached the Holleman home, the brother and sister-in-law got out of the car and Rex Holleman sped away and later attacked the girl in a dead-end road off the highway. Mrs. West testified that yesterday the little girl directed her to place the girl claimed the attack took place. A few feet to the right



GIFTS FOR THE LIONS' LADIES - The Dunn Lions Club tomorrow night will hold a gala Christmas party and the ladies are in for a real treat - and some wonderful gifts. Instead of giving small, insignificant gifts to each lady, the Lions decided to buy a dozen or so nice big gifts. Lions President Norwood Stephenson is pictured here with L. A. Monroe, another member of the club, as he selected some of the gifts. All the gifts shown on the table, those being held by Stephenson and Monroe and still others will be presented to the lucky ladies as door prizes in the drawing. (Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart).

Latimer Says City Manager Plan Here Complete Failure

Negro Held On Assault Charge

Albert Bailey, elderly Negro who resides between Lillington and Angier, today was free on \$500 bond pending a hearing, Dec. 23 in Recorder's Court, on a charge of "attempted assault" on Mrs. O. R. Kirby of Angier.

In a warrant issued by Magistrate J. P. Denning, Bailey is charged with "attempted assault on a white lady of good character by sticking his face near hers and asking her to kiss him."

Bailey, it was charged in the warrant, entered Mrs. Bailey's meat market near Angier, bought a soft drink and as the proprietor turned from the cash register to resume cutting some bread, the Negro made the improper remark. (Continued on page five)

C. T. Latimer, prominent Dunn realtor and one of the leaders in a movement to abolish the city manager form of government, today branded the system as "unsatisfactory" in Dunn and predicted that local citizens will defeat the plan by a sizeable majority when an election is called.

"It has caused more dissatisfaction among our citizens than any other one thing this town has had to endure," pointed out Mr. Latimer.

He pointed out that the system has been given a fair and impartial chance here but that, "it has made such a complete failure it should be abolished."

Mr. Latimer also cited figures showing dissatisfaction with the city manager plan in other towns and cities across the nation.

ABANDONED IN OTHER TOWNS

He pointed out that during the past few months, 46 towns and cities have abandoned the city manager plan, that less than a third of cities in the country with populations of 25,000 or more and less than 10 per cent of towns under 25,000 use the city manager system.

Mr. Latimer said today that he expects petitions here to be signed. (Continued on Page Two)

Young Mother Found Nude And Mutilated

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) - Shocked authorities today held a "good-natured" sailor on murder charges for the torture death of a pretty young mother whose nude, mutilated body was found in a palmetto thicket near here.

A sheriff's deputy said Wilber J. Whitte Jr., 20, of Coupeville, Wash., "confessed without shedding a tear" that he ravished and choked Mrs. Ruby Colvin, 32, of Hollywood, Fla.

TORTURED FOR THRILLS Deputy John Tyler said the red-haired seaman, a "good boy from a good family," calmly admitted

being intimate with Mrs. Colvin, torturing her for added thrills, and leaving her dead in an ant-infested palmetto clump.

Medical authorities said that while still alive and bound and gagged with shreds of her clothing the shapely woman was tortured by cigaret burns about the face. (Continued On Page two)

King Will Accept Post At Goldsboro

Eddice R. King, superintendent of Dunn's city water and sewerage plants for the past four years, will become city water plant superintendent in Goldsboro on January 1.

King tendered his resignation to Dunn's city council today in order to accept the new post, which is an advancement in both position and salary.

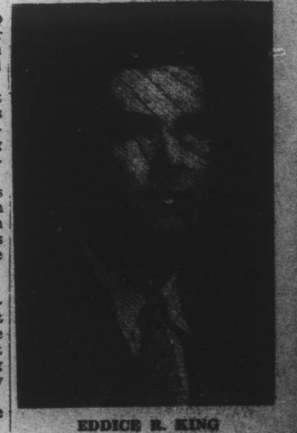
In resigning, King said he felt that he could not afford to pass up this opportunity for advancement. Goldsboro is now installing a new plant which will be put into operation next summer.

King told reporters that his resignation had nothing to do with a disagreement over the condition of Dunn's water plant and that his relations with the council were entirely harmonious.

URGES IMPROVEMENTS

In his letter, however, he reminded the board, "Please do not forget (and he underlined those words) that there still are a lot of improvements necessary to bring it (the plant) up to present-day standards."

King said the board had all the (Continued on page five)



EDDICE R. KING

+ Dear Santa Claus +

Benson, N. C. Rt 3 Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy seven years old and in the first grade at Marv Stewart school. As you were so good to me last Christmas I am only asking for a rain coat and a pair of boots, some fruit and candy. Santa, please bring my little sisters something too. Marion Lee Ivey Jr.

Dearest Santa Claus, Please bring me a tea set and

some doll clothes for my doll. Please bring my little sister, Wanda Elaine a doll and a rocking chair.

Love, Kay Frances Ivey Benson, Rt. 3. Our parents are Mr. and Mrs. Marion Lee Ivey.

Benson, N. C. Dear Santa Claus, I am six years old and go to

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BULLETINS

JERUSALEM (AP) - A 21-gun salute boomed over this ancient holy city today announcing the inauguration of Israel's second president, Yitzhak Ben Zvi.

EDWARDS AIR BASE, Calif. (AP) - A rocket-powered warplane broke through the sonic barrier and flew faster than sound for the first time, the Republic Aviation Corp. said today. The company disclosed its combat-type XF-91 had pierced the sonic barrier during recent tests at this desert experimental center. (Continued on page two)

MARKETS

EGGS AND POULTRY

RALEIGH (AP) - Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers or broilers steady, supplies plentiful, demand fair to slow. Heavy hens steady, supplies plentiful demand fair. Prices at farm up to 10 a. m.: Fryers or broilers 2 1-2 to 3 pounds 31; heavy hens 22-25, mostly 23-24. Eggs steady, supplies short to (Continued on page two)



NEW MERCURY GOES ON DISPLAY - "That's just about everything you could want in a car," Henry Sandlin, President of Auto Sales and Service said this morning of the new 1953 Mercury alongside which he stands in this picture. The model shown has Fordomatic transmission, overdrive, and a luxurious interior with the latest in upholstery. One of seven new models, they embody a number of exclusive features and are far ahead of any motor vehicle in their price range. (Daily Record photo by Louis Dearborn).