Waterfront Are

Destroyed Today

WILMINGTON, N. C. (II)

-A fire raged out of control

for nearly four hours on the waterfront here today, doing damage estimated at \$5,000, 000 as it burned out a three-

Thirteen firemen were injured, five of them seriously. Many of the injuries came as drums of sodium nitrate exploded, throwing flaming timbers and knocking down brick walls.

walls.

The wind-whipped blaze swept through at least six buildings at the terminals which handle the major part of general cargo moved through this port. It was reported under control but still burning at 1:30 p. m.

houses of the Wilmington Terminal Warehouse Co., several smaller buildings and equipment owned by

the same firm, docks and equipment of the Wilmington Shippin Co., owned by the same interest and a huge sugar warehouse wit a value of \$1,000,000 at the sea

block area.



event, is pictured here just before the race chatting with a group of friends beside his famed "Fab-ulous flornet." Thomas won \$1,000 cash prize before a crowd of more than 7,000 spectators. Left to right are: Thomas, his brother, Earl, an unidentified friend, John Sorrell, Jr., owner of Harnett Specdway, and Robert Strickland of Dumn. Thomas was Grand National Champion in 1951 and won eight straight first places last year to end up second for the season. He was ahead all the way in yesterday's race. (Daily Record Photo).

Thomas Is Stock Car Winner

Thomas, who won first place in eight strait races last year and who can second at the recent Daytona Beach event, won an easy victory Sunday afternoon in the first big-time race ever held in Harnett and the first in North Carolina this season.

Driving his famed "Fabutous Fromet," a 1962 Hudson. Thomas seen active in the cube for years, took place at the annual organizational meeting of the civic group.

He succeeds Dr. Charles W. Bwriter and the time trials, he also came out first, rounding the beautiful half-mile track in only 34.67 seconds.

Dick Rathman of Los Angeles, also driving a 1952 Hudson, won second place and third place was won by Lee Petty of Randleman, driving a 1953 Dodge.

Finishing right behind in the following order were:
Dick Passwater, Hershell Buchanan, Mike Klapas, Tim Flock, Ray (Continued on page two)

Teenagers Caught **Operating Still**

Herb Thomas of Olivia, 1951 stock car racing champion, took first place and a \$1,000 purse Sunday afternoon before a crowd of more than 7,000 people in a NAS-CAR-sanctioned Grand National Circuit race at Harnett Speedway **Elected**



Young Negro Burglar **Bound Over Today**

Although 18-year-old Edward McKoy, the latest one-man crime way in Dunn, had confessed to six burglaries, and even led Chief of Police
A. A. Cobb- to the residences he had entered, his attorney, D. C. Wilson, pleaded the youthful Negronto guilty at his hearing in Dunn Recorder's Court this morning.

Attorney Wilson contended that since in none of the cases heard, his client had forced an entrance, that his crime was not a zelony, but that he was only guilty of larceny, a misdemeanor.

However, Judge H. Paul Strick-land produced a ruling upheld by the Surpreme Court that said, in effect, that entering a residence, whether the door was open or not constituted breaking and entering.

"People don't have to barricade their property," the judge declared. Charges on only three of the warrants were heard this morning. At the home of F. N. McLamb. Mckoy was charged with stealing a wist watch and \$22 in cash; at (Continued on Page 7)



ilmington Has \$5 Million Fire

Stalin Funeral This Morning In **Below Zero Cold**

By HENRY SHAPIRO

United Press Staff
Correspondent
MOSCOW (I) — Russia's
new premier, Georgi M. Malenkov, speaking at the fun-eral of Josef Stalin, said today the Soviets wanted to collaborate with the Western world but would keep their armed forces strong.

Speaking from the rostrum of the Mausoleum where Stalin used to review Red army troops, Malen-kov told the thousands assembled for the last rites for the Soviet leader.

en by every means the mighty So-viet armed forces. We must keep them in a state of fighting preparedness for crushing rebuff to any attack of the enemy." Malenkov Minister of Interior

and Security Lavrenti Beria and
Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M.
Molotov eulogized Stalin.
FIRST STATEMENT

Malenkov used the funeral trib-ute to Stalin to make his first major foreign and domestic policy

major foreign and domestic policy statement.

Red Square was a veritable forest of flowers flown in from the Soviet Union's sub-tropical areas. The walls and buildings along the route the funeral procession followed from Hunter's Row and the Union House to Red Square were banked with white and red roses, tulips, mimosa and narcissus.

Magazine Cover Features Dunn

A photograph of Dunn's safety signboard appears on the front over of MLECTRICAL WORLD, a sational trade magazine for the ectric industry.

The March 2 issue of the magazine featured the "Finer Carosi contest sponsored by Carosi contest sponsored by Carosi contest sponsored by Caroside pages were devoted to picture of outstanding projects for community improvement.

of outstanding projects for community improvement.
Dunn was singled out for attention because of the Junior Chamber of Commerce campaign for traffic safety. A picture of the Jaycees' lighted billboard appeared on the magazine over. Dunn received a \$100 prize for honorable mention among the towns competing in the largest popluation classification.
This group included both top money winners — Hartsville, S. C., and Sanford, N. C.

Children's

today.

Decision to sponsor the contest was reached after many requests for such an event were received by The Record.

Any child up to seven years



ARMY PISTOL TEAM HERE — Members of the Camp Lee, Va. pistol team stopped in Dunn over the weekend with First Lt. Howard V. Hudson, a member of the team. The expert marksmen were enroute to Tampa, Florida to participate in the Midwinter National Pistol Matches March 10th through 14th. They're shown here doing some practice aiming for the benefit of The Record's photographer in the yard of Lt. Hudson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Hudson, on Dunn Route 3. Left to right are: Captain W. J. Dixon of Kenosha, Wis., Lt. Col. El mo Prescott of Wrightsville, Ga., Lt. Hudson and Lt. Col. George V. Grisselman of Washington. For news and photos of other area service men, see Service Men's Roundup elsewhere in today's edition of The Record. (Daily Record Photo).

Assembly Begins

RALEIGH — (R) — The General Assembly begins its nimth full week of the 1953 seasion tonight, and the thoughts of the legislators were beginning to turn toward adjournment and going home.

The lawmakers will at least have to get the appropriations bill out of the way before they quit. House Sieker E. T. Boet, in prefitted in the law and the legislature should be able to adjourn by the second week in April. With the session metering the law adjourne by the second week in April. With the session metering the law adjourne by the second week in April. With the session metering the law approximately 500 tokets have been sold and facilities have been sold and facil

Contest

There is no charge for entering the contest and photos of all the bables entered will be published in The Daily Record.

There will be two divisions, one for bables six months to three years old and one for children ages 3 to 7 years.

PRIZES TO BE GIVEN

The first prize winner in each division will receive a heavilful

division will receive a beautiful gold-plated engraved loving cup; second place winners in each div-ision will receive a beautiful 11x14 (Continued On Page Five)

Record To Sponsor

WASHINGTON UP. — The Supreme Court convenes today after a four-week recess, with racial segregation in public schools among the issues that may be decided. Arguments on five cases testing the constitutionality of school segregation were held in December.

WASHINGTON (F) — A bill to admit Hawaii as the 49th state faced a strange coalition of opponents in the House today. The administration-backed measure was called up for floor debate at noon e.s.t.

Republican leaders insisted it would pass by a "comfortable margin."

WASRINGTON IF — Gen. James A. Van Fleet has advocated 'limes' use of atomic weapons in Korea. He told the Sential med Services Committee in testimony behind closed doors last week that atomic weapons could be used against some targets in the Korean war, a committee member said.

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Dunn AA Unit Is Planning Banquet

board terminal.

State Ports Authority officials sthe blaze was a "major blow" the growing shipping industry h SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS. Pockets of gas and highly-co bustible fertilizer materials toue off a series of explosions which tled dishes and knocked cans grocery shelves in downtown mington for more than an hour Destroyed was a full warehocontaining 25,000 tons of bulk ium nitrate valued at \$65 a to When heated the fertilizer terial gives off oxygen and for itself.

New Area Is Being Searched For Plane Searched For Plane Searched For Plane Martin P. Durkin. Tatt told reporters the ard other congressional leaders conference to the Will be successed to the delayed approach is the proper a

clation for the many messages sent the family).

Despite 35 to 40 mile an hour winds, search planes scoured the area from Charleston to Myrtle Beach and from the coast inland to the Santee-Cooper basin over the weekend.

REWARD OFFERED
Mrs. Stewart offered a \$1,000 reward to anyone supplying infor-

·MARKETS:

GREENWOOD, S. C. III — South Carolina Civil Air Patrol planes searching for a small private plane missing a week and a half, today shifted their base of operations here and resumed the hunt.

The plane, a red and silver Beechcraft Bonanza flown by Worth Slewart, wealthy Charlotte, N. C., theatre executive, disappeared ten days ago on a flight from Jacksonville, Fis., to Charlotte.

changes in the Taft-Har law until after congressi

wille; Fis., to Charlotte. (Mrs. Ralph Johnson of Dunn, sister-inlaw of Mr. Stewart, returned to Dunn last night from Charlotte, where she has been for the past week with the family. "We won't give up until every possible hope is exhausted." said Mrs. Johnson, who expressed appreciation for the many messages sent the family). Despite 35 to 40 mile an hour Convention

