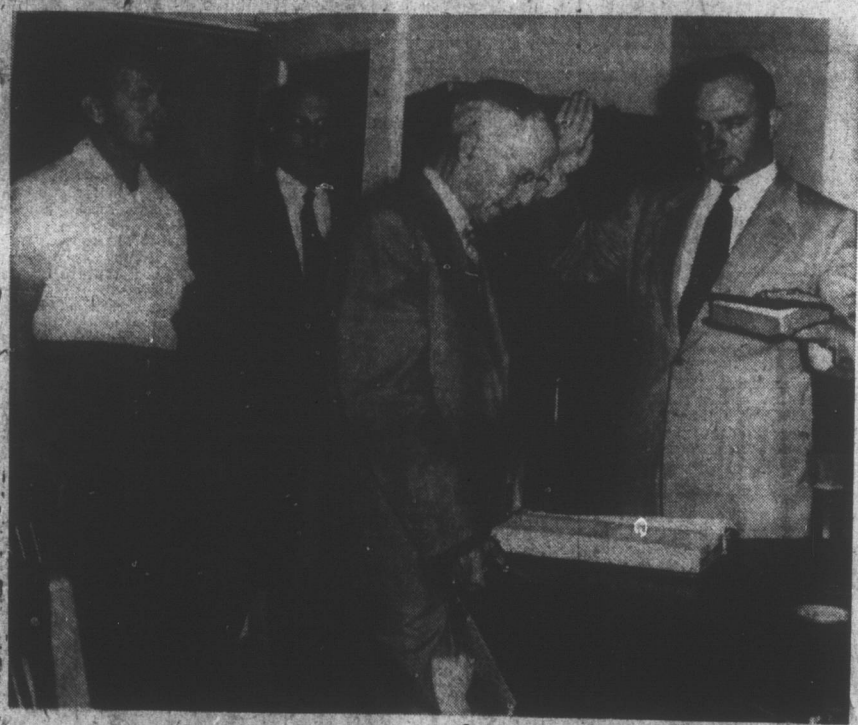


Tornado Hits Michigan; Louisiana City Flooded Benny Mason Gets Suspended Sentence In Death Case



OFFICIALS ARE SWORN IN - Mayor Ralph Hanna is shown with hand uplifted as he takes the oath of office, administered by Magistrate George Owen, center, while Commissioners Bill Bryan and Leon Godwin, left, wait their turn to be sworn in.

New Officials Take Office; Bass Elected Mayor Protem

Mr. W. H. Muse, Assistant Manager of Erwin Mills, Inc., Erwin, N. C. announced today that he will retire June 1st.

Mr. Muse was first employed by Erwin Mills January 1, 1907 as a clerk in the Durham office.

Muse Will Retire From Erwin Post

Mr. Muse is also a director of the Bank of Hargett, President and Executive Chairman of the Good Hope Hospital Board.

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Changes Plea To Guilty In Child's Death

Manslaughter trial of Benny Mason, 17-year-old Erwin High School student and driver of the death car that killed five year old Warren Lee Hudson of Dunn, came to an abrupt end Thursday afternoon when during argument of the case to the jury the defendant, tendered a plea of guilty to involuntary manslaughter.

Evidence had been completed and two arguments, one by Glenn Hooper Jr., for the defense and D. C. Wilson for the prosecution, had been finished when Neill McKay Salmon, defense counsel, asked for a change in the plea.

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle after a brief speech to the court in which he expressed the wish that all teenage drivers could have heard "this trial" sentenced Mason to three to five years in state prison. This prison term was suspended upon the following conditions:

- (1) That Mason not drive a motor vehicle upon the streets or highways for five years, starting from the adjournment of the court. (2) That he pay into the office of the clerk of superior court the sum of \$3,500 for use and benefit of the parents of Warren Lee Hudson, the sum to be paid in installments of \$500 at the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, 31st, and 33rd terms of criminal court in 1954, and continue until the \$3,500 is paid in full.

Judge Frizzelle declined to place Mason on probation, but added to the judgment that in the event the defendant fails to comply with conditions, particularly payments to the Hudson family, he will face immediate arrest and commitment to prison to serve the full term imposed.

Feeling in the east was high against Mason, particularly among residents of the area. The parents of the dead child, popular Dunn residents, were openly displeased with the outcome of the trial.

OWEN GIVES OATH

Magistrate George F. Owen then administered the oath of office to Mayor Hanna and the two new commissioners, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Godwin. The new board opened its first meeting with prayer by Commissioner Bryan.

MARKETS

RALEIGH - Hog markets: Clinton, \$10.00; City, \$10.00; Elizabeth, \$10.00; Whiteville, \$10.00; Lumberton, \$10.00.

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WASHINGTON

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AT LEGION MEETING - State Legion Commander C. Leroy Shuping of Greensboro was in Dunn last night to address the local Legion post. He's shown here in center with Commander Roy J. Brown, left, and Retiring Commander Carl E. Fitchett, Jr., right. In his address, State Commander Shuping struck out at Communists, pinkos and fellow travelers.

Legion Chief Raps Cut For Vets Medical Aid

C. Leroy Shuping of Greensboro, state commander of the American Legion, last night lashed out against the proposed \$69 million cut in medical funds for the Veterans Administration and declared that the government cannot afford to turn its back on the veterans.

Dunn High Finals To Begin Sunday

Commencement exercises will get underway at the Dunn High School on Sunday night when Mr. Worth Braswell will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon at 8:00.

The big night will take place on Thursday at 8:00 when 71 graduates will be handed their diplomas. Dr. Charles Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be the featured speaker.

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Water Supply Threatened At Lake Charles, La.

PORT HURON, Mich. - Martial law was declared in neighboring Sarnia, Ont., today in the wake of a tornado that cut a 70-mile swath of death and destruction across southeastern Michigan and Ontario.

There were at least four known dead and 39 hospitalized, with hundreds of others slightly injured by flying glass and debris. Damage was estimated roughly at \$2,000,000.

The twister appeared out of the sky at 4:30 p. m. Thursday near the village of Smith's Creek, Mich., 10 miles southwest of here.

It skipped across flat farmlands, picked up the rear end of a freight train and shook it like a toy, chewed up a residential section here nine blocks wide and 16 blocks long. Then it leaped across the international boundary of the St. Clair River and hit with full fury in downtown Sarnia and swirled eastward.

Telephone service in both cities also was almost knocked out. In Sarnia, Acting Mayor Clayton Saylor officially put the city of 35,000 under martial law.

About 280 soldiers from nearby Duffin Ippervash were called in to help with the riotous police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police patrol the streets and prevent looting.

NEW THREAT IN LA. NEW ORLEANS - Contaminated water posed a new threat today to the flooded southwestern Louisiana city of Lake Charles as Texans slaved against time to plug dikes before a mighty crest on the Sabine River pounded into the coastal town of Orange.

At Lake Charles, where the rampaging Calcasieu River was holding its highest crest in 40 years, Mayor Tom Price said the danger from contaminated water was the newest problem to weary residents in the industrial city of 50,000.

Price urged families to keep their children out of the water and said he and health authorities were urging vaccinations.

Some 35 miles to the southwest a crest bore down the Sabine upon Orange. A main levee on the Sabine, which divided Louisiana and Texas, crumbled yesterday, causing the 740 residents of the town of Deweyville to flee.

Hundreds of Navy reservists in southern Texas and Lake Charles and Texas National Guardsmen were called out to help fight the rampaging Sabine.

Damage to property, crops and livestock was estimated at nearly \$150,000,000 in Louisiana alone, and an estimated 7,000 persons have been left homeless.

Two thousand families fled their homes in Lake Charles as the waters from the surging Calcasieu fanned out as much as two miles on each side of its banks.

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