

WEATHER

North Carolina — Partly cloudy, little change in temperature today; fair and cold tonight with low temperatures, 18-19 in mountains, 20-25 elsewhere.

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BERIA MUST STAND TRIAL FOR LIFE



OBSERVE WRECK — A large crowd of persons gathered soon after the train-car accident last night at the W. Harnett Avenue crossing. The car, pictured above, belonged to Milton Ray-

ner, Jr. and was driven by Eugene Ennis. No one was injured. The car was thrown 125 feet after the train hit it at the Harnett Avenue crossing. Daily Record Photo

Damages Totalling \$15,000 Occur In Car-Train Wreck

Dunn Police Probe Series Of Thefts

Chief of Police Alton A. Cobb stated today that investigation of seven or more break-ins in Dunn during the last two or three weeks is being continued with nothing concrete to report.

Cobb made the announcement of the break-ins today following the publication of a partial list of the robberies by a Dunn newspaper yesterday.

Previously, he had discussed the affairs with another reporter but an agreement was made to withhold the information for the sake of thorough investigation.

Cobb said today he was sorry the publication had been made as it often handicapped the investigation.

The last break-in reported was at Sexton Lee's Grocery where the thief took around \$500 in money.

Entrance to the store was gained through a window where an exhaust fan had been, Cobb stated today. The robber climbed up the back of the store, broke the lock and entered. A filing cabinet in the store was rifled, and the money in it taken, but other money in the store was not found by the robber.

In other robberies during the past two weeks, an attempt was made to crack a small strong box at the Dunn Theatre. Cobb said that this was not an actual break-in since the person who made the attempt was obviously locked-in at closing time. He authorized that the would-be thief must have been an unexperienced hand at safe

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Last Minute News Shorts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower is directing a new tough foreign policy which consists mostly of hunt and public reminder to friends and foe alike that the patience of the United States can be exhausted.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has \$995,475 in expenditures for use in promotion of Sunday school, training union and student work.

CHARLOTTE (AP) — Former State Insurance Commissioner Walter Check has been elected president (Continued on page two)

MR. HERMAN DIES — Word has been received in Dunn of the death last night at 11 o'clock of M. I. Herman, 72, in Norfolk, Virginia. Mr. Herman was a brother of Mrs. D. H. Hood of Dunn. The sudden death resulted from a heart attack. Funeral arrangements were not known here today.

Damages which may range as high as \$15,000 resulted from a train-car crash at the W. Harnett Avenue crossing last night around 8:55.

The transmission on a 1951 Pontiac convertible, belonging to Milton Rayner Jr. locked while Eugene Ennis, of Strickland Motor Company, was checking it. Ennis said today that the car "had been acting up" and that he was driving it.

When the car started across the tracks, the train was in sight but far enough away to allow plenty of time to cross, Ennis stated. Just as the car crossed the tracks, the transmission locked, locking the back wheels. With the wheels locked, the car wouldn't crank.

GO OUT AND RAN — Ennis said by the time the wheels locked, the train was "too close for comfort" and that he got out and ran. Rayner, who was also a passenger in the car, got out and tried to flag the train with his (Continued on Page Six)

Double Suicide Turns Out To Be Bizarre Murder

NEW YORK (UP) — Two frail and scholarly youths were hauled before the bar of justice today and charged with mixing poetry, cyanide, and champagne into a toast of death.

In one of the most fantastic crimes ever to emerge from the macabre files of the big town, a poetry-quoting chemistry student lifted his glass in a poisoned toast to his parents, police charged, and then watched them writhe to their deaths on the kitchen floor.

Then, calling police, he quoted the poetry of Keats and Shelley as he asserted he had found a double suicide.

INSURANCE MOTIVE

Today, four months later, police charged it was double murder. They charged the motive was to collect some \$150,000 in insurance and savings.

They booked on homicide charges Harlow Fraden, 22, the son; and Dennis Wepman, 20, the companion who spilled the story to a girl friend when his conscience began bothering him.

The parents, who—according to Wepman's story—had happily thought they were toasting their son's decision to get a job, were Dr. William Fraden, 53, a City Health Department director, and his school-teacher wife, Shirley, 50.

The strange case broke when Wepman went out last week with an attractive, 22-year-old, brunette United Nations receptionist. Her name was not disclosed. After a few drinks, Wepman, a free-lance writer, and Fraden had planned and executed the plan.

Terrified, she told the police. The two were arraigned shortly before noon in Bronx magistrate's (Continued on page six)

Post Office Uraes Do Mailing NOW

Postmaster Ralph Wade of Dunn urged post office patrons to get all Christmas mail off as soon as possible.

In a statement issued today, Wade thanked those who have already mailed packages and Christmas cards, and urged persons planning to mail Christmas things to do so immediately.

"It would greatly help the post office department if residents would get all Christmas mail off by Saturday, Dec. 19," Wade stated. To assist late mailers, the office will be open all day Saturday, he added.

The post office will be closed Christmas day with only special delivery mail being delivered.

Kidnapers Will Eat Chicken; Go To Their Deaths At 12:01

By WARD COLWELL (UP Staff Correspondent) **JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** (AP) — Carl Austin Hall and Bonnie Brown Heady will meet for a last visit in the Missouri Penitentiary today and then await their trip to the gas chamber to die side by side at 12:01 a. m. Friday for the Robby Greenlease kidnap-murder.

Prison officials said the kidnapers, who had not seen each other since they entered "death row" at the prison Nov. 20, acted calm and resigned as they began their last full day of life.

TO GET LAST TALK — Hall and Mrs. Heady were to be allowed to talk to each other today in the presence of guards and min-



SGT. AND MRS. ODIS JONES AND FAMILY

Erwin Man Can't Talk With French-Speaking Children

1954 Chevrolet Goes On Display

More power, an extension of the automatic transmission option to all cars, and design revisions to accentuate the low, flowing beauty of the three body series highspot the 1954 Chevrolets.

The beautiful new Chevrolet line will go on display tomorrow at Westbrook Chevrolet Co. in Dunn. The latest models, scheduled to (Continued on page six)

By CARL CONNER
Record Staff Writer

An Erwin, Route 1, serviceman who speaks only English will have to resort to sign language soon if his two children, who speak only French, don't learn English.

Staff Sgt. Odis Jones 25, was faced with the language problem on returning from England where he spent 18 months as an air police investigator.

Jones' wife, a French Canadian, returned to Canada to live with her parents after her husband left for England. Now the two-year, eight-month old son, and his 15-month-old sister understand and speak only French.

Sgt. Jones was born in Erwin and attended public school there. Following his schooling, he was employed in Erwin Mills until he joined the U. S. Navy in December, 1945.

The following year he was released from the Navy and two years later, in January, 1948, enlisted in the Air Force.

It was while on duty in Massachusetts in April, 1950, that Jones married Miss Lucille Demarais of Quebec, Canada. At that time she was working in a thread mill in Massachusetts. While she was born (Continued on page two)

1954 Pontiac Will Be Shown

PONTIAC, Mich. — An entirely new line of cars—bigger, longer and more luxurious—plus an improved and newly styled line of Chevrolets for 1954 was announced today by R. M. Critchfield, general manager of the Pontiac Motor Division.

The new Pontiac line will go on display here Thursday at Strickland Motor Co.

They will go on display in dealers' showrooms across the nation for a two-day announcement period beginning Friday, Dec. 18.

The new line, to be known as the (Continued on page two)

Russia's Most Feared Man Is Held In Treason

MOSCOW (UP) — The Soviet government said today ousted Secret Police Chief Lavrenti P. Beria had been ordered to stand trial before Russia's highest court on treason charges which could result in his death.

A state prosecutor's office announcement disclosed also that six high officials of the secret police would share the prisoners' dock with Beria, No. 2 man in Russia until his downfall.

Beria was accused of "the gravest crimes against the state," of plotting to undermine the government in the interest of foreign capital, and of conspiring to wreck the Soviet defense structure and its economy.

By HENRY SHAPIRO (UP Staff Correspondent)

Lavrenti P. Beria's expulsion from the government and his arrest has proved one of the most popular of a long series of measures characterizing the "new look" of Premier Georgi M. Malenkov's regime.

MOST POWERFUL — Beria, the second-ranking man in the country, was one of the most powerful and certainly the (Continued on page two)

Dear Santa;

More letters to Santa on back page of Second section today.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am two years old. I want you to bring me a doll, a doll stroller, and a fire truck. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. They will be looking for you too.

Love,
Betty Ann Starling,
Angier, Rk. 2.

Dear Santa:
I am a big boy, nine years old. I am in the 5th grade. I am in Miss H. H. Ragland's room and I love her very much. Please bring me a basketball set and a pair of boots. Merry Christmas. Please don't forget the other boys and girls.

Archie McNeill,
Erwin, N. C.

DEAR SANTA,
I am a little boy seven years old and I'm in the second grade and I go to school at Mary Stewart. My name is Anthony Morris. Please bring me a watch and a gun and holster, and some clothes. I want (Continued on Page Eight)

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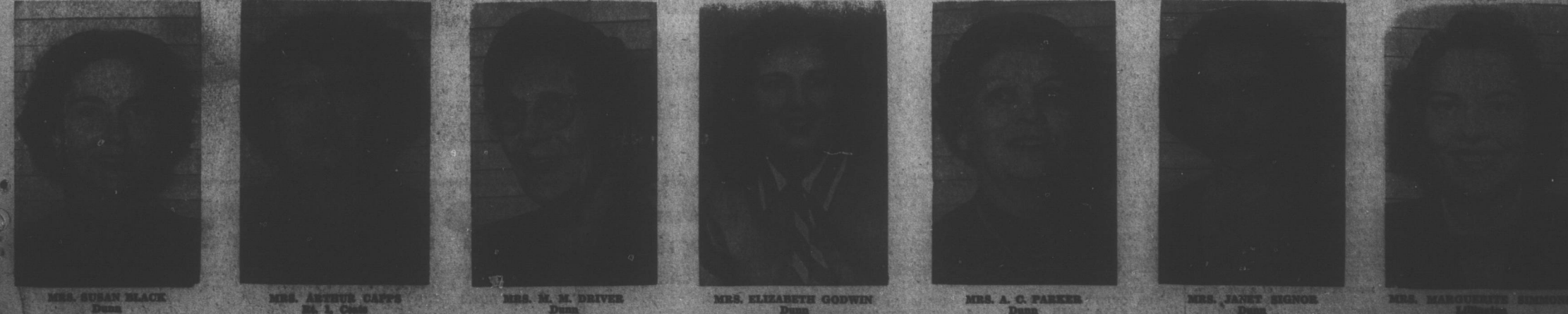
FIRE—A Gulf Oil truck caught fire yesterday and the local Fire Department was called to fight it, but the fire was extinguished before the truck left the station, Howard M. Lee, secretary-treasurer of the Department, said today. Twenty men were out for the alarm.

COMPANY PARTY—Wellons Candy Company will entertain employees

of the company tomorrow evening at 7:00 o'clock, at the annual Christmas party at the Dunn High School cafeteria. A dog show is to be featured, it was announced today by Bill Marshburn, sales manager of the company.

MARRIAGE LICENSE—December is the month most favored for wed- (Continued on Page Eight)

HAVE YOU HELPED YOUR FAVORITE DAILY RECORD CONTESTANT? TIME IS RUNNING OUT. CONTEST CLOSES 11 A. M. DEC. 19TH.



MRS. SUSAN BLACK
Dunn

MRS. ARTHUR CAPPS
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MRS. H. M. DRIVER
Dunn

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Dunn

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Dunn

MRS. MARGUERITE BURNING
Lillington