

17 CHILDREN DIE IN TWO FIRES



COUNTRY GIRL BECOMES GLAMOUR GAL—Luscious Ava Gardner has come a long way since her cotton-picking days in Johnston County. Picture at left shows her as a native country girl;

shot at right pictures her as a sexy siren and goddess of love. The country girl learned to wear glamour like a custom-made gown.

FROM FARM GIRL TO FULL-FLEDGED SIREN

The Truth About Ava Gardner

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

MOVIE VISITOR, PEGGY LENZO AND H. BENNETT

One of Hollywood's top producers ate supper in Dunn Saturday night... George Cukor, producer of Judy Garland's big new hit, "A Star Is Born" drove up to Johnston's Restaurant in a new \$14,000 German-made car en route to Florida for a vacation... He turned out to be a regular fellow and very talkative... He was under the impression that Kay Kyser lived somewhere around Dunn and wanted to drop by for a visit... Said he had produced a couple of Kyser's movies... Among other things he wanted to know if Kyser still has the same wife... "Kay made a lot of dough and then quit," said Cukor... He pointed out that Kyser "or nobody else can make that kind of money with taxes the way they are today..." He said Kay made his before (Continued on Page Two)

This is the eighth in a series of articles on Ava Gardner, the Goddess of Love from Johnston County. Copyright 1955 by the New York Daily News.

By JESS STEARN

While off on location, actresses Ava Gardner and Grace Kelly went on a shopping tour together. To the astonishment of Miss Kelly, daughter of a Philadelphia millionaire, Ava bought up about every toy on the store counters, laughing happily all the time she was making her purchases.

"But Ava," the blonde Miss Kelly protested, "what are you going to do with all those toys? You'll never squeeze them into that room of yours."

The green-eyed goddess of love gurgled contentedly. "I know, Grace. But don't stop me, please. I just can't resist all those beautiful toys—I never had the money for them when I was a kid."

The Hollywood beauty has come a long way since her barefoot days back in North Carolina, but she has never quite got her childhood out of her system.

"After three broken marriages," a friend observes, "Ava has only her own family to cling to. It seems to be the only secure spot in her life."

At the recent premiere of "The Barefoot Contessa," Ava, despite her separation from Frank Sinatra, was her radiant best because she was surrounded by her kinfolk from North Carolina. These included her bachelor brother Jack, her married sisters, Mrs. John Grimes and Mrs. D. A. Creech of Smithfield, N. C., and their family. (Continued on Page Two)

Hobgood Conducts Big Purdie Event



A. T. HOBGOOD

A. T. Hobgood, who formerly was connected with Purdie Equipment Company's sales staff, has returned to Dunn to conduct a gigantic furniture sales promotion for Purdie's.

Announcement of the sales event is carried in today's Daily Record, an event which Mr. Hobgood says will make furniture history in Dunn. A new time payment plan is being put into effect, and new drastically lower prices have been established throughout the store.

Mr. Hobgood says the new plan permits the purchase of furniture on much easier terms, payments made within 90 days are without carrying charges, with very low charges for extensions after this period.

NEW SALES PLAN
Mr. Hobgood states that the new sales plan, based on higher volume and lower profits, assures the buying. (Continued on Page Eight)

Nudity Not Obscene But Watch Angle

WASHINGTON (AP)—In photographing nudes, avoid overexposure.

This was the lesson to be learned from a ruling yesterday by Federal Judge James R. Kirkland who made a page-by-page, picture-by-picture analysis of photographs published by two nudist magazines.

Some were art, others were lewd, the judge found. Those ruled obscene were ones showing what shouldn't be seen.

"Nudity is not per se of itself obscene," the judge held. "However, we must steer a course between what is art on the one hand and what is pornography on the other."

The case involved the February issue of Sunshine and Health and the January-February issue of Sun. Both are published by the Sunshine Publishing Co. of Mays Landing, N. J.

They were banned from the mails by postal authorities. Attorney O. John Roggs, representing the magazines, said he would appeal the decision.

Two Arrested On Liquor Charges

Rural police raided two houses in Erwin Monday morning and made two arrests for violation of state liquor laws.

Two jars of non tax paid whiskey were seized in a raid on the home of Pete Mason in South Erwin. Officers found one jar smashed on the kitchen sink as Mason's wife tried to empty it of its colorless contents.

Martha Hodge Snipes, who lives near East Erwin, was charged with illegal liquor possession for purposes of sale. Three quarts of "white" whiskey were found by officers on the floor by the sink in her home. The woman already is under a two-year suspended sentence for liquor law violations.

Officers Leon Smith, Stanley Byrd, Walker O'Quinn, and G. E. Moore participated in the raid.

China Demands Support Of Red Resolution

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—Communist China demanded today that the United Nations junk a New Zealand proposal for a Formosan cease-fire and support a Russian resolution labeling the United States as an "aggressor."

The demand was a broad hint Peiping would reject the United Nations invitation to participate in Security Council discussion of the New Zealand measure but would be willing to sit in on discussions of the Russian measure.

The Security Council held up further discussion of the Formosan situation until an official reply is received from Chou En-Lai, the Chinese Communist premier and foreign minister. But Peiping Radio broadcasts announced in advance the reply would be negative.

The Security Council voted 9 to 1 Monday night to invite Red China to New York and an hour later Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld dispatched a cablegram to Chou. The United States voted for the invitation but made it clear its vote did not affect U. S. opposition to Red Chinese membership in the United Nations.

Nationalist China, which voted against inviting Red China, was bitter over the U. S. move.

LITTLE WAR CONTINUES
The "little war" off the China mainland raged unabated and Communist artillery shelled Tachen Island where the mighty U. S. 7th Fleet, now including five great carriers, stood by ready to remove the nationalist garrison. Formosa dispatches indicated the evacuation order was being held up in hopes a cease-fire could be obtained first and there would be no conflict between the United States and Red China.

Children Mixed In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (AP)—Negro and white children in St. Louis public high schools prepared today to attend classes together, with no advance hint of racial trouble.

The schools were integrated administratively yesterday, and the first mixed classes were set for this afternoon or tomorrow, as a new semester begins at non-technical schools.

Thieves Frightened Away By Officer

The county sheriff's office today was investigating an early Saturday morning break-in at Coats Milling Co., located on the Coats Erwin highway, where two would-be robbers were surprised by the timely arrival of rural policeman Clarence E. Moore.

Policeman Moore said that in answer to a telephone call from a friend received around 1 a. m. about unusual noises in the vicinity of the mill, he dressed and immediately rode to the feed mill. The officer said he drove his car in the yard without lights, and as he cut them on unexpectedly he saw two men run out of the office, jump off platform and run toward the woods. They left behind in their haste a 1953 Studebaker pickup truck with key in the switch.

Moore said he found an outside window had been prized loose with a crowbar, later found in a chair in the office. The desk was rifled and the key to the coke machine was missing. Owner Graham Byrd was notified immediately.

Meantime, an investigation revealed that the truck was stolen from the used car lot of the W. and S. Motor Company in Dunn early Friday night. However, officer Moore said his investigation had shown that the lock on the parking lot gate had not been disturbed in any way.

+ Record Roundup +

THEFT REPORTED—Two visiting truck drivers, Ernest Sword and Robert Hatcher, both of Springfield, Ohio, reported to Dunn police that \$131 in cash was stolen from them Sunday night in their room here. Sword said the thief took \$81 out of his pocketbook but left \$12. Hatcher said all of his \$50 was taken from his billfold. They are employees of Howard Sober Co. of Lansing, Michigan, and were making a trip through Dunn. Local police are investigating.

LOTS OF TRANSPORTATION—The State Department of Motor Vehicles reported today that a total of 15,307 passenger cars are registered in Harnett County. And Monday night was the last day for buying license plates.

BAND CONTEST—Director Harold Grant announced today that members of the Dunn High School Band will go to Raleigh on March 11 to participate in the annual district. (Continued on Page Three)



MRS. ROSALIE HERMAN HOOD

Mrs. David H. Hood Dies Here At Age 82

Mrs. David Henry Hood, 82, one of Dunn's oldest and most beloved citizens, died in the Dunn Hospital Tuesday afternoon at 12:15 o'clock.

"Mama Hood", as she was known to most residents of the town, had been in failing health for some time and suffered a heart attack Monday night. She was taken to the hospital shortly afterwards.

Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Hood had made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Hugh W. Prince, on West Divine Street.

Funeral services will be held at the Gospel Tabernacle Church here Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

LIVED HERE 63 YEARS
Mrs. Hood, member of a family (Continued on Page Eight)

Mother, 30, Is Held For Killing Baby

THOMASVILLE, N. C. (AP)—Mrs. Dorothy Broom, accused of murdering her new-born son on or about Christmas Day and fleeing to Maryland, was returned here last night by Thomasville and Davidson County authorities.

The 30-year-old mother of six children is accused of placing her baby in a shirt box and leaving him in a trunk on the back porch of her apartment in almost freezing weather.

She was arrested yesterday in a small town in Maryland which police did not name.

Police said Mrs. Broom had been living with her mother and four of her children in Maryland since the baby's death.

Monroe To Speak Wednesday Night

Dr. David Monroe, professor of political science at the University of North Carolina, will speak in the Campbell College auditorium at Buie's Creek Wednesday night at 7 o'clock.

He will be the third in a series of speakers on economic education, sponsored by Harnett schools. Miss Bessie Maseclegg of Dunn is in charge.

Dr. Monroe will speak on the topic, "State and Local Government," with emphasis on North Carolina.

The public is invited.



A specialist is a fellow who charges more for the diagnosis than for the cure.

6 In One Family Trapped, Burned In Virginia House

AMSTERDAM, N. Y. (AP)—At least 12 persons, 11 of them children, were trapped and burned to death today when a spectacular fire raced through a brick-frame tenement building.

Firemen said an exploding oil stove touched off the fire. Among the dead were a Puerto Rican father and five of his children.

Eight bodies had been removed from the smoldering ruins by mid-morning. Police and firemen searched for the missing.

The known dead were: Juan Iñbera, 42, his children, John 14, Ilda 11, Domingo 9, Angel 5, and a baby about a year old.

Missing and known to have been trapped were: Anne Mateka, 14, her sisters Veronica, 6, Patricia 9, and a brother John 12.

Also missing were Donna Heaton, 3, and a baby, believed to be her sister.

CHUCKATUCK, Va. (AP)—The six children of Negro tenant farmer Robert Lee Eley were trapped and burned to death in a four-room shack here last night.

The victims were trapped in an attic bedroom. Eley, his wife and mother-in-law were away from the home when the blaze started shortly after 9 p. m.

GRANDFATHER HELPLESS
The children's grandfather, Willie Weal, about 50, was sleeping with the children. Weal suffered burns in escaping down a narrow stairway. He was unable to rescue the children, who ranged in age from three to 12 years.

Chuckatuck, a village of about 500, has no fire department. The house had burned to the ground before volunteer firemen arrived from nearby Smithfield, Va. The Eleys lost their only other child in a drowning tragedy about a year ago.

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Daring Plot Is Revealed At Sing Sing

OSSINING, N. Y. (AP)—Warden Wilfred Denno told today of a fantastic plot to free at gunpoint every felon in the Sing Sing Prison death house by torturing the warden's wife.

Details of the desperate scheme, disclosed in a copyrighted story by the New York Daily News, called for "outside" thugs to seize Denno and his wife in their home near the prison.

The desperadoes then planned to torture and beat the warden's wife and threaten her with death until Denno agreed to help a gunman pass through the prison gates and into the death house.

"The scheme... was doomed to failure from the very beginning," Denno told the United Press.

A death house inmate, who apparently hoped to receive clemency, told of the plot last summer. However, the conspiracy was not made public until prison officials and detectives conducted a thorough investigation.

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Love Slayers Deny Positive Identity

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Technicalities delayed extradition today of Edsel Heslip, 30, and Mrs. Dorothy Long, 19, wanted in North Carolina to face murder charges in the death of Mrs. Long's husband.

At an extradition hearing yesterday, Heslip's attorney said papers from North Carolina did not positively identify his client. He said the papers contained no pictures or fingerprints of Heslip.

Alfred Fitt, legal aide to Michigan Gov. G. Mennen Williams, (Continued on Page Eight)

He would seek further identification of Heslip from North Carolina. Once the additional information is received, Williams will order the pair's extradition, Fitt said.

Heslip and Mrs. Long are charged in Harnett County, N. C. (Continued on Page Eight)

Bennett's Trading Post Opening Set

Bennett's Trading Post, this section's newest business firm, will hold its grand opening Wednesday night at 7 o'clock with a big sales event, an auction sale and free refreshments for all who attend.

Plans for the opening were announced this morning by Howard Bennett, popular young Dunn business man and owner of the establishment.

Bennett's Trading Post is located in East Erwin in the building formerly occupied by Fowler Radio Co. The building has been completely renovated and redecorated.

The new store will carry a complete line of used clothing and furniture — with everything for the home and for the wardrobe.

NEW TYPE BUSINESS
It's something new and different, the only store of its kind in this section of the State.

Mr. Bennett has just returned from a two-weeks buying trip to New York, where he bought merchandise for his company.

Bennett's Trading Post will buy and sell used furniture and clothing and will engage in the wholesaling. (Continued on Page Two)

HOWARD BENNETT