

# WEATHER

Partly cloudy and cooler today. Increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight, followed by rain Saturday.

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Dunn's City Wide GREATER BARGAIN DAYS

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## MURDER SUSPECT ELUDES 100 COPS



PLANNING DUNN APPEARANCE — Officers of the A Cappella Choir of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee, planning the itinerary of their annual spring tour which this year will take them to engagements in five states. The forty-five voice Choir, will appear in Dunn at the First Baptist Church Sunday night at 7:30. Left to right are Betty Ruth Shelby, Secretary; Glen Privette, President; Herbert Cox, Business Manager; Warren Wierman, Director of Public Relations; and Shirley Kennedy, Reporter. Miss Mary Lou Frink of Dunn is a member of the choir.

### Hodges Differs With Proposal On Segregation

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Luther H. Hodges differed sharply today with the author of a proposal that would permit North Carolina to abolish its public school system and substitute state-supported private education to preserve racial segregation.



BARGAINS BY THE ARMFUL — Dunn today was filled with shoppers and they were grabbing up bargains by the armful. Pictured left to right are: Mrs. Tim Spell of Dunn, Route 5, Mrs. J. R. Mason of Dunn, Route 2 and Mrs. Connie Coffield of Dunn. Visitors said they were delighted with the big values found here. Bargain Days will continue through Saturday night, with free parking all over town. (Daily Record Photos by T. M. Stewart.)

### Ex-Con Makes Escape After Gun Battle

NEW YORK (AP)—A man believed to be the assassin in a gangland ride killing eluded arrest twice today and then apparently slipped through an elaborate blockade of police armed with machine guns, shotguns, rifles, revolvers and tear gas.

### These Little Things

LITTLE NOTES ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS  
Buck Currin, widely-known Dunn tobaccoist, says he isn't worried about the Governor's proposed new tax on tobacco because he's sure it will be defeated by the legislature. Incidentally, reports that Currin won't operate the Planters Warehouses in Dunn this year as untrue, just so much talk. As a matter of fact, "Mr. Tobacco" has just signed a four-year lease on the local warehouses. Two Dunn firms have unique trade-in events during Bargain Days. At Mattox Department Store, you can trade in your old shoes and at The Men's Store, your old tie is worth a half buck on a new one. Major George Pope McKay, home from the Far East, will tell Dunn Rotarians about the situation over there tonight. Gilbert Porter is serving something new and different at Porter's Restaurant these days. It's Passion Fruit Jello. No kidding—that's really the name of it. He gave us a two-pound box to take home the other night. Manager Norman Suttles of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce was here Wednesday night having a steak with Hubert and Emma Peay. According to the experts, lace bathing suits will be the vogue for girls this summer. Dr. Randolph Dofermyre blossomed out in one of those new-type green shirts the other day. Everybody seems happy over Bargain Days.

### Negro Is Held In Highway Fatality

Walter Tucker, Negro sawmill worker, was ordered held for the grand jury Thursday night in the death of David Ross Stewart, 25, of Broadway, Route 1, who was killed in a highway accident Wednesday night about 9:45 o'clock.

The inquest was conducted by Assistant Harnett Coroner Ed Black Jr. of Dunn in the county courthouse. Bond for Tucker was placed at \$1,500.  
Stewart was killed when the 1955 Ford he was driving went out of control and overturned 13 miles from Lillington on the Johnsonville road. The car swerved in a large semi-circle and traveled 43 feet after the point of the impact.  
The defendant and four other witnesses were heard at the inquest conducted by Mr. Black.  
TELLS OF CONVERSATION  
Fletcher Holder testified that Tucker told him after the accident and before the inquest that Stewart had side-swiped his automobile while it was parked at Clark's Store and that he gave chase and ran Stewart off the highway and kept going.  
Clarence Graham, another witness, testified that he was at Clark's Store when Tucker's car was side-swiped and that Tucker gave chase.  
Another witness, Clyde Ferrell, testified that he saw two cars in front of him apparently racing each other. Ferrell said he was traveling 65 miles an hour and that the other cars passed him easily.  
Tucker took the witness stand and denied the conversation related by Holder. He admitted that his car was sideswiped and that he gave chase, but denied he ever saw Stewart's automobile and knew nothing about the accident or his death.  
OFFICER TESTIFIES  
The other witness was State Trooper ... (Continued on Page Two)

### Tallahah Visited By Mamie, Solons

WASHINGTON (AP)—Tallahah Bankhead, noted for her sultry romantic conquests on stage, kissed House Speaker Sam Rayburn and former Speaker Joe Martin Thursday night—but backstage and only on the cheek.  
"I can't compromise them," Tallahah explained, "they're both bachelors."  
Tallahah invited the two political leaders backstage after they had watched a performance of her play "Dear Charles," a rowdy drawing room comedy which both visibly enjoyed.  
Tallahah greeted the "divine people" in her dressing room with "dahling," shouted above the yipping of her maltese terrier.  
Both Rayburn and Martin knew Tallahah's father, the late William B. Bankhead, speaker for four years before Rayburn took over in 1940.  
The huddle soon became practically a congressional caucus as Rep. Leo Allen (R-ID.) who came with Martin, Rep. Frank W. Boykin (D-Ala.) who came with Rayburn, and Rep. Carl Elliott (D-Ala.) filed into the crowded dressing room.  
Mrs. Eisenhower visited Tallahah backstage earlier in the week.

### Bargain Days Crowds Larger; Shoppers Happy Over Bargains

Dunn's Bargain Days crowds grew larger today as shoppers from far and near flocked here to take advantage of extra-special savings offered by local stores.

### Five Couples Seek Divorce

Five divorce suits have been filed in Harnett Superior Court. In two of the cases, the custody of children is at stake.  
Barbara Guthrie is seeking a divorce from Edgar M. Guthrie on grounds of two years separation.  
Archie Edward Mason is suing Viola Norris Mason for divorce on grounds of two years separation.  
Joan Allen Strickland is seeking ... (Continued on Page Two)

### Teenager Butchers 9-Year-Old Girl

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP)—Oakland county authorities today sought jurisdiction over a teenager who admitted stabbing and stoning a 9-year-old girl to death last night because he was afraid she would reveal his sexual advances toward her.

County Prosecutor Fred Zelm asked probate court authorities to waive jurisdiction over the youth, Floyd Diamond, 16.  
He was held in the county juvenile home on a tentative charge of investigation of murder after he confessed stabbing and crushing the skull of little Kathleen McLaughlin, also of Farmington.  
The battered body of the girl was found in a pond near her home by her father. Her skull had been fractured and there were "10 or 12" knife wounds in the body, police said.  
Diamond said he stabbed Kathleen because she attempted to run from him after he had partially disrobed her in a wooded area. (Continued on Page Four)

### Escapes In Dark

In response to the detectives' call (Continued on Page Two)

### Benson Group To Hear Hulme

Stephen A. Hulme, of Raleigh Public Relations Director in North Carolina for National Old Line Insurance Company of Little Rock, Arkansas, will be the guest speaker at the annual banquet of the Benson Chamber of Commerce Friday night, February 25.  
Mr. Hulme is a former Chamber of Commerce executive and for 22 years was engaged in newspaper and radio publicity and promotion work. During World War II he served as an official Army correspondent in the European Theatre and was editor of the Stars and Stripes edition published in Southern Germany.  
"We feel very fortunate in having Mr. Hulme as your speaker," stated Z. V. Stephenson, program committee chairman. "Although he is a newcomer to our state, he is widely known throughout the South for his public relations work within the Chamber of Commerce (Continued on Page Five)

### Mrs. Northam To Receive \$8,500 Year

Following a hearing held before Superior Court Judge Chester Moore, the sum of \$8,500 was set as a proper yearly allowance for Mrs. Rena Northam, widow of the late J. T. Northam of Lillington, pending final settlement of the estate.  
An exception to the previous \$9,000 allowed was filed by John McLeod, one of the heirs to the large estate which includes, among other ... (Continued on Page Two)

### Man Accused Of Breaking In Home, Shooting Woman

Lewis A. Wilson, 33-year-old Harnett man, is in the Veterans Hospital with his arm broken in two places, suffering from five heart attacks and awaiting trial for first degree burglary.

He is also charged with seriously wounding an aged resident of Broadway, Route 1 who may lose her foot as the result of a shotgun blast fired through it.  
Harnett Rural Policeman Walker O'Quinn, who investigated, said Wilson allegedly went to the home of W. T. Ferguson, Jr. Tuesday night with his shotgun, swearing violently and threatening to kill the Fergusons. He was drunk at the time.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson said they fled from home and went across the road to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ferguson. (Continued on Page Four)

### ORPHANS WHO FELL IN LOVE

Married Couple Finds Out They Were Brother, Sister  
HEREFORD, England (AP)—Two young orphans, who fell in love at first sight and were married, learned after the birth of their second son that they were brother and sister, the tearful mother said today.  
The story of the tragedy was told by 24-year-old Marjorie Hughes, who separated five months ago from her husband-brother Geoffrey Hughes, 23, a timber cutter, after an anonymous tipster told her of her true identity.  
They have not seen each other since then but Geoffrey said, "I hope to see her today to clear up this whole terrible mess."  
The mixup began in 1934 when their mother died and the three sisters and three brothers were sent to separate county homes. Marjorie, barely 3-year-old at the time, was adopted by a family named Stanham and was known from then on as Marjorie Stanham.  
MET AT DANCE  
Geoffrey remained in touch with his other brothers and sisters but did not meet Marjorie again until 1948 at a dance when she was a WAAF—a member of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. She was engaged to another man but fell in love with Geoffrey and broke the engagement.  
"I kept in touch with two of my sisters but I did not hear of Marjorie until I was 19," young Hughes said. "I remember the night very well. I went to a dance at Hereford and met a very pretty WAAF called Marjorie Stanham.  
"I got very much interested in the girl... we fell very much in love: we used to talk much of the past, but Marjorie could not tell much of her family because she said she had no near relatives."  
They were married Sept. 12, 1951 (Continued on Page Four)

### ATTEND LUNCHEON

Mrs. M. A. Peacock, and Mrs. J. C. Warren representing the local Red Cross organization, attended the North Carolina and South Carolina area luncheon of the organization held at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh on Thursday.

### MUSICAL VARIETIES

Mrs. Rena Whittenton has announced who will appear on her radio program, "Musical Varieties," next week. On Monday, Mrs. Whittenton will present an organ program; Tuesday, Mrs. B. L. Frink will render piano (Continued on Page Four)

### HAS HEART ATTACKS, BROKEN ARM

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### SHOT THROUGH DOOR

According to their story, Wilson backed away and fired the 12 gauge shotgun blast through the door. The lead struck Mrs. Ferguson, Sr., who is 70 years old. (Continued on Page Four)