

Tuesday Proclaimed B-J Day In Dunn

WEATHER

Scattered showers and mild today except turning colder in west. Showers tonight; partly cloudy and colder Tuesday.

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16 DIE IN WEEKEND CRIME WAVE



VICTORIOUS CAMPBELL TEAM — Presenting the 1955 North Carolina Junior College basketball champions who won nineteen straight games in conference play including their three victories in the tourney at Bules Creek last week. It was the second straight title for the Camels in North Carolina in two years and ended the most successful basketball season in the history of the school. Left to right are, front row, Harold

Big Industrial Drive Slated For Completion

George Washington's birthday will have a double meaning for the citizens of Dunn. Mayor Ralph E. Hanna has officially declared Tuesday as "B-J Day" in Dunn.

Between 8 a. m. Tuesday morning and 8 p. m. Tuesday night, 100 leading business and professional men of Dunn will conduct an intensive block-by-block campaign to raise \$150,000 for construction of a new building here to house the enlarged plant of Benjamin and Johns, Inc.

Plans for the all-out campaign were announced today by Emmett Aldredge, president of Dunn Investors, Inc., a non-profit corporation chartered by a group of Dunn business men and women for the purpose of erecting this one building.

Approximately \$50,000 worth of stock has already been subscribed and the group is determined to raise the rest of the \$150,000 before the clock strikes 8 p. m.

With a "now or never, do-or-die" spirit, the 100 citizens, divided into teams of two, will button-hole the other citizens of Dunn and sell them on the plan, which guarantees a sure return of four and a half per cent interest on the investment.

The group of 100 will meet at Johnson's Restaurant for breakfast and to receive a final briefing before starting out on the campaign.

When the new building is completed, Benjamin and Johns will (Continued On Page Five)



CHAIRMAN—Bob Price, shown here, manager of Leder Brothers Department Store in Dunn, has been elected temporary chairman of a local group which is organizing an Optimist Club for Dunn. Mr. Price has been active in the Optimist Club for years and was a member of clubs at Jacksonville and Concord before coming to Dunn. A final organizational meeting will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Johnson's Restaurant and all men interested in becoming members are invited to attend.

Mass Murders, Gun Battle, Are Reported

By UNITED PRESS
Mass murderers, a spectacular police gun battle, a sex fiend, and suicides have claimed 16 lives in a nationwide rash of bloody violence.

The biggest gun battle in the history of New York City ended when a desperate gangster was killed, his chest ripped open by a hand grenade and police bullets, Sunday.

Two hundred policemen had laid siege to pint-sized Augusto Robles' last hideout for 90 minutes. Thousands of New Yorkers watched the gun battle and some cheered the desperado.

At Atlanta, Ga., Alton Nix Tredaway, apparently crazed with jealousy, broke into a home where a drinking and dancing party was in full swing. He killed the woman he had been dating, who was clad only in a slip, and two men. Then he took his own life.

NUDE BODY FOUND

An even more grisly mass murder was uncovered at Hoover, Pa., when police broke into a mining town house to find the bodies of Robert L. Miller, his wife, his daughter, and two men.

In other crimes and suicides across the nation Sunday.

The nude body of Mrs. Karl Rogers Graham, 39, was found in her blood-spattered Los Angeles apartment. Mrs. Graham, an art school executive, had been raped and beaten to death following a midnight swimming party. Police searched for a one-time boy friend, identified as a former mental patient.

In the "Atomic City" of Los Alamos, N. M., a prominent pediatrician, Dr. Malcolm M. Cook, 48, apparently shot himself to death after he was indicted on charges of transporting two little girls across state lines in his private airplane for immoral purposes.

HUSBANDS KILL WIVES

Two husbands shot and killed their wives and then committed suicide within a few hours in Ohio. At Pueblo, Colo., ex-convict John Kruta, 25, was accused of kidnapping Mrs. Dorothy Beauford, 21, raping her, stabbing her eight times, and then abandoning her on a lonely road in the teeth of a wild snowstorm.

A 32-year-old divorcee, Mrs. Helen Williams, crashed her car through a guard rail and sent it tumbling 84 feet down a slope at San Francisco's scenic Twin Peaks. Police said Mrs. Williams' suicide which was witnessed by hundreds, stemmed from a thwarted romance.

In Atlanta, meanwhile, police said the motive for Tredaway's murder spree was "jealousy—period."

The bodies of Mrs. Ella Warren, a 39-year-old widow, and of John Birlyn Booth, 49, and Ira D. Lane, 49, were scattered through Mrs. Warren's five room house. Another woman, Mrs. Anna Padgett Cons, 45, was in serious condition with a bullet in her abdomen.

RESENTED OTHER MEN

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"BEST IN SHOW"—Champion Kippax Fearnought, owned by Dr. J. A. Saylor of Long Beach, Calif., was declared "best in show" at the 69th annual Westminster Kennel Club's all-breed dog show in New York. The bulldog is shown above with one of his trophies, which rests on top of the first-place ribbon.

1 Killed, 6 Others Hurt

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

LIB GETS MIXED UP;

MRS. McLAMB IS 90

We've just been invited to take another man's wife out for an evening.

The invitation came from a very highly-respected organization too — one that ordinarily wouldn't be expected to approve of such a thing.

But that's what it says, in black and white, in a letter from the Benson Chamber of Commerce asking us to attend its annual banquet Friday night.

"We would like very much," says the letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Ferguson executive secretary, "for you and Mrs. Thomas to be our guests."

Lib didn't mean it, of course. What happened was that in dictating letters to us and to John G. Thomas, editor of The Dunn Dispatch, she got mixed up.

Our wife thought it was funny and got a big laugh out of the error but we're quite sure that Mrs. Thomas, who is a very fine lady and a leader in the First Baptist Church here, wouldn't approve at all.

We told Lib she owes Mrs. Thomas an apology for such a brazen suggestion.

BIRTHDAYS: Celebrating birth — (Continued On Page Four)

A jury impaneled by Harnett Coroner Grover C. Henderson ordered Monroe Mitchell, 28-year-old Spring Lake Negro, held for the grand jury under \$2,000 bond in the highway death of Elizabeth James, 34-year-old Fuyaj Springs Negro woman.

Four other persons were injured in the two-car collision that occurred Saturday night about 10:30 o'clock, two miles south of Lillington Highway 210. The woman was pronounced dead on arrival at the Dunn Hospital.

It was Harnett County's third highway fatality in four days and the fifth this year.

Coroner Henderson conducted the inquest Sunday afternoon at the sheriff's office in Lillington.

Only witnesses heard were Corporal Rommie Williamson and Highway Patrolman Paul Lucas, who told of their findings at the scene and of their investigation.

The officers said the accident occurred when the 1950 Hudson Jet owned and operated by Mitchell allegedly entered Highway 210 at a high rate of speed after failing to stop at a stop sign and collided with a 1951 Ford sedan traveling north toward Lillington.

Ernest James, 43, husband of the dead woman, was driving the Ford, which was knocked all the way across the highway by the impact of Mitchell's car. Both vehicles were almost completely demolished.

The James woman was riding on the right front seat of her husband's Ford at the point of impact. Dr. C. B. Coddington, who pronounced her dead at the Dunn Hospital, said her neck apparently was broken in the crash.

DRIVER ALSO HURT
James, driver of the car, is in the Dunn Hospital with severe internal injuries but is expected to (Continued on page five)

Injured Driver Facing Charges

J. W. Hamilton, 20, of Angier, Route 2, was recovering from head injuries today and facing trial in court for improper passing as the result of an automobile accident Saturday night that completely destroyed two automobiles.

One of the cars landed down a steep embankment and the other crashed into a telephone pole.

State Highway Patrolman David Matthews, who investigated, said Edward Marvin Stewart, 16, of Dunn, Route 3 was operating a 1948 Chevrolet in Erwin, two blocks south of the stop light. He was in the line of traffic coming toward Dunn.

Hamilton was passing the line of traffic and just as he got beside Stewart's automobile, Stewart made a left turn. One car rolled down an embankment and the other car crashed into a telephone pole.

Patrolman Matthews said he had indicted Hamilton for improper passing.

Chevrolet Back In Leadership

DETROIT (AP) — Chevrolet, the traditional No. 1 seller among American automobiles since 1935, has edged back ahead of Ford in their close battle for 1954 sales with only a few figures still to be counted. Automotive News reported today.

The trade newspaper said with registration of new cars for only 15 states for December still to be reported, Chevrolet has edged 1,118 ahead of Ford, which has been leading for the past three or four months. The count showed Chevrolet ahead 1,318,107 to 1,316,991.

Back To God Campaign Aided By Ike

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said last night that recognition of God "is the first and the most basic expression of Americanism."

He appeared on a filmed television program sponsored by the American Legion, which is conducting a "Back to God" campaign aimed at encouraging regular public worship, daily family prayer, and religious education of youth.

"Each day we must ask that (Continued On Page Five)

Sampson Farm Meetings Set

"Make Sampson Stronger" in the general theme of a series of farmer meetings to be held in the schools of Sampson County during the coming weeks, according to an announcement made today by Oliver O. Manning of Dunn, agricultural instructor at Mingo School.

Others participating are M. J. Herring, J. A. Watson, Marion Butler, Clyde Weathers, agriculture teachers, and Miss Audrey Beaman, assistant home demonstration agent for Sampson.

The first of these meetings will be held in the Mingo school auditorium Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock and the various agricultural workers will be introduced by Mr. Manning.

Those on the program will include: M. J. Herring, C. M. Butler, J. A. Watson and Miss Beaman, with each person explaining one phase of the Sampson challenge program.

FILM TO BE SHOWN

The program will include a showing of colored film slides of various Sampson farms with an explanation by the different agricultural workers present.

The theme "Make Sampson Stronger" is being used as the title of a special printed booklet which will be distributed free to all farmers. (Continued On Page Five)

Woman Is Shot Man Being Held

Josephine McLean, 50-year-old Negro woman, is in the Dunn Hospital in a critical condition as the result of shotgun wounds received in the stomach early Monday morning.

Harnett Sheriff Claude R. Moore said Van McLean, also about 50, was being held in jail without privilege of bond pending the outcome of the woman's condition. (Continued On Page Five)

The sheriff said he understood the two lived together but were not married.

The shooting occurred about 12:30 Monday morning. The woman told officers McLean shot her intentionally. McLean claimed they were scuffling over the gun.

Sheriff Moore said he learned the row started when she accused McLean of (Continued On Page Five)

Benson Wife-Slayer Given 18-25 Years

Sexton Blackman, 55-year-old farmer of near Benson, must serve 18 to 25 years in prison for the slaying of his estranged wife. Judge J. Frank Huskins of Raleigh sentenced him in Johnston Superior Court.

He had been indicted for first degree murder, but Defense Attorney L. L. Levinson pleaded him guilty to second degree murder and District Solicitor W. Jack Hooks accepted the plea.

Mrs. Lula Pearl McLamb Blackman, 36, was killed instantly on Friday afternoon, October 8 when shot in the face with a .12 gauge shotgun in the living room of their home. Blackman surrendered to officers two days later, claiming he had killed his wife accidentally.

The defendant, father of eight children ranging in age from six to 22 years old—two of them in the armed forces—did not take the witness stand in his own behalf.

Deputies Hugh Lamm and Woodrow Massengill described the scene of the crime. They told the court that Blackman had no criminal record previously, but had a reputation for drinking.

Mrs. Lula McLamb, mother of the slain woman, testified that a few days before the shooting Blackman (Continued on Page Two)

Allen Is Facing Federal Court

Marvin Isham Allen, 25, of Four Oaks, Route 3, is facing trial at the April term of U. S. District Court on charges of violating the federal liquor laws.

Allen was bound over for trial at a preliminary hearing held in Dunn before Mrs. Mallie Jackson, local United States Commissioner. Commissioner Jackson found probable cause and set bond for Allen at \$300.

Federal ATU Agent C. S. Coats arrested Allen in a raid conducted near Allen's Crossroads.

DUNN RELEASED
Freddy Dunn, 42, of Four Oaks, Route 2 was arrested with Allen, but Commissioner Jackson (Continued On Page Two)

Many Lose License

The Highway Safety Division announced today that the following persons in this section have lost their driving license after conviction of offenses in court:

Willie Blackmon, Dunn, driving drunk; Felix McArthur, Dunn, driving drunk; John Worth McQueen, Jr., Dunn, driving drunk; Albert Graham Overholzer, Dunn, driving drunk; Bob Eligha Sneed, Dunn, driving drunk; Charles Edward Holland of Kenly, convicted in Dunn for speeding over 70; B. B. Jernigan of Dunn, second conviction drunk; (Continued on Page Eight)

Dr. J. A. Saylor of Long Beach, Calif., was declared "best in show" at the 69th annual Westminster Kennel Club's all-breed dog show in New York. The bulldog is shown above with one of his trophies, which rests on top of the first-place ribbon.

42 Killed In Blizzard

By UNITED PRESS
The nation's worst blizzard in six years roared into Canada today, leaving mountainous drifts and at least 42 persons dead behind it.

The savage storm took a break out northward Sunday night after fanning parts of Nebraska, the Dakotas and Minnesota.

Heavily populated areas to the east were spared from the wintry blasts, but snow driven by howling winds blanketed most of southern Manitoba and northwestern Ontario today.

Bitter winter weather meanwhile struck in two other parts of the globe. The North Sea force and a

smoke-haze turned the sky green over Britain. In the China Sea, a violent storm which killed three persons and sank or crippled 39 vessels began to weaken.

This nation's blizzard was the worst since 1849, when a vast "Operation Snowbirds" was launched to rescue stranded ranchers, farmers and livestock.

It packed highways deep with snow and deaths caused by traffic accidents, over-exertion and exposure claimed a rising toll of lives.

NEW MEXICO TRAGEDY
The greatest weather — caused tragedy was in New Mexico, where

an airliner carrying 16 persons crashed into a mountain peak during a snow storm.

A 15-man rescue party reached the still-smoking wreckage Sunday. All 16 persons were dead.

In Nebraska, which felt the blizzard's full fury for three snow-bound days, four rescue workers were still missing today.

Snow plows had broken through wind-whipped drifts to rescue scores of marooned motorists today. But many other travelers were still stranded in small towns where they had taken refuge during the storm. (Continued On Page Five)

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ROUTE FOUR MAN WOUNDED
— Stanley Clark, 30-year-old resident of Dunn, Route 4, is in the Dunn Hospital with a shotgun wound in his leg. He said he was shot accidentally. His condition is reported as satisfactory.

SHRINERS TO MEET — The Dunn Shrine Club will meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at Johnson's Restaurant for an important business session, Secretary Ben

Hartfield announced this morning. It will be a turkey dinner.

DUNN MAN ARRESTED — Charles Slocott, 54, of Dunn, was listed among 25 persons arrested in a raid on an alleged gambling house four miles south of Cary in Wake County Friday night. It was a big game and approximately \$5,000 was found on those arrested at the place. Officers reported Slocott had (Continued on Page Eight)

Jealous Lover Kills His Fiancee And Two Others

ATLANTA (AP) — A jealous lover crashed a drinking party at the home of his fiancee last night and shot to death his prospective bride, two men, and badly wounded another woman, before committing suicide.

One of the victims was John Verlyn Booth, 46, widely known businessman, lawyer and former state legislator from Barrow County. He was a former son-in-law of Wiley L. Moore, Atlanta financier.

Police said Atlanta construction man, brot. out a glass panel in the front door, turned the light and entered the house of Mrs. Ella Warren, 39, an attractive widow for whom he recently purchased an engagement ring.

Tredaway found the two women in their negligee and a drinking party in progress. He used his pistol first as a club, then started firing away.

The bodies were scattered through the two bedrooms of the one-story brick bungalow, located in an upper-middle class section of Atlanta.

The fourth person killed was identified as Ira D. Lane, 49, Chattanooga, Tenn., manager of a Lexington, Tenn. shoe store and an employe of Pickett's women's apparel shop in Chattanooga. He came here for a shoe show.

JEALOUS OF VICTIMS
The lone survivor of the slaying, Mrs. Anna Padgett Cons, 45, (Continued on Page Three)