

BOMBER SMASHES HOUSES; 5 KILLED



IT'S EASIER THIS WAY—Mrs. James Tadlock of DUNN, Route 3 is shown here trying out the new drive-in mail box that has just been installed in front of the Dunn Post Office. It's gadget so simple that it's amazing somebody didn't think of it years ago. Postmaster Ralph Wade said today the drive-in mail box is proving very popular—particularly on rainy days. (Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

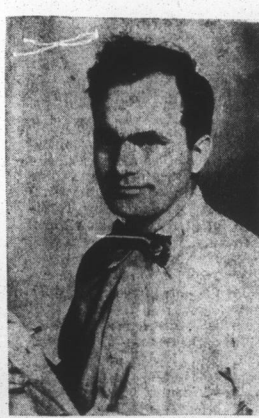
Cottingham Promoted To Gen. Manager

President William H. Ruffin of Erwin Mills, Inc. today announced several top-level changes in the company's executive personnel.

E. W. Seigler, vice president in charge of manufacturing for the Abney Mills in Greenwood, S. C., will assume the position of vice president of Erwin Mills and in this capacity will relieve Carl R. Harris of his manufacturing duties.

Marchant C. Cottingham, who served in the headquarters office as executive assistant in the manufacturing department three years and for the past two years as assistant manager of the company's plants at Erwin, has been named general manager of the Erwin Mills Co. In that position, he will be working with Mr. Seigler.

Mr. and Mrs. Cottingham now reside in Dunn.



NEW PRESIDENT — Pictured here is Ralph Delano, new president of the Benson Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Delano, who is publisher of The Benson Review, took over the presidency at the annual banquet on Friday night. He is prominent in the business and religious affairs of the town.

Couple Burn To Death In Their Home

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — A crippled B47 Stratojet bomber, on a radar-guided emergency approach to its fogged-in base, crashed and exploded into five houses and several trailer homes late last night.

Five persons—the plane's three-man crew and a young couple in the one house which burned—perished in the fiery crash. A man who was in a trailer which was destroyed was badly burned.

The six-jet bomber, one engine dead, struck power and communications lines, cut a swath through the tops of a pine forest crashed to earth at the edge of a line of trees and skidded about 60 yards before exploding.

The initial explosion and a series of lesser blasts apparently from its practice bomb load scattered fiery wreckage over the residential area. The scene was four and a half miles northwest of the Lake Charles base.

Had the plane crashed 500 yards short, it would have plowed into a more densely populated residential area, authorities said.

Officials of Lake Charles Air Force Base said the pilot appeared to have swerved the big bomber to avoid hitting the houses which were directly in its path.

ATTEMPTED RESCUE

Albert Morgan, 24, and his wife, 20, were burned to death in their home which was nearest the exploding plane.

A neighbor, Cole Olen, dashed across the street and kicked in the front door to the Morgan home. He said he went into the front bedroom and did not find anyone there. He tried to enter the second bedroom but flames drove him back. The bodies were found later in the bathroom.

*The air base identified the dead crewmen as Capt. Clarence Wilson, 34, of California, Pa., pilot and commander of the plane; Mark Veck, 35, Downsville, Calif., copilot, and Capt. Elwyn McBee, 33, Fort Worth, Tex., observer.

Lt. Robert Freshman, assistant public information officer at the base, said the plane hit in an open area between a wooded area and a residential area.

"From the position of the plane and the approach to the air base, it appears the pilot swerved the plane to avoid the residential section," he said. "It's just lucky the plane didn't hit in the center of that section."

"The pilot had radioed the air base that one of his engines was out," a spokesman said. "Crash crews were standing by at the base when the crash occurred."



THOMAS HAUGHTON SANSON

Sansom Services To Be Wednesday

Thomas Houghton Sansom, 63, chairman of the board of Johnson Cotton Company in Dunn and president of its 18 affiliated corporations in the two Carolinas, died at 8:10 o'clock Monday night in the Dunn Hospital. He was one of the best known cotton men in the South.

TAX ON CHILDREN, WORKING PEOPLE

Harnett Solon Will Oppose Special Tax On Soft Drinks

These Little Things
By HOOVER ADAMS

ONE BULLET PUTS 10 HOLES IN A WOMAN

Attorney L. L. Levinson of Benson, who has become an authority on the subject of worrying, tells a story on one of his fellow citizens to illustrate how most people worry unnecessarily.

One morning a few months ago, Levinson phoned a cleaning establishment in Benson and requested that his blue serge suit be sent home because he planned to wear it late that afternoon.

Miss Jerry Britt, an employee of the company phoned back in a few minutes to tell him that he had no blue serge suit at the cleaners.

"Oh, yes, I do," insisted Levinson. "I'm positive I have. Just keep looking for it and you'll find it. But be sure you have it here by 4 o'clock."

Miss Britt kept looking and Levinson kept waiting.

Finally, he got disgusted. His patience had worn thin, so he gave up and decided to wear another suit instead.

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Harnett Representative Carson Gregory today branded the proposed special tax on soft drinks as "nothing but a tax on children and the poor people" and predicted it would be soundly defeated during the present session of the legislature.

Rep. Gregory, member of the important House Appropriations Committee, said he would cast his vote against the soft drink tax and "will fight it as vigorously as I know how."

At the same time, the Harnett solon said he was equally opposed to the increased tax on tobacco and likewise predicted defeat for that proposal.

"Nobody knows better than I do the need for additional revenue to operate our State," said Gregory, now serving his third term, "but I am not going to vote this extra tax on the children and working people of our State. We can get the needed revenue somewhere else."

Man Finally Buried After 38 Years

MEMPHIS (AP) — The well-served body of El Cochran lay in its final resting place today after spending 38 years in an open casket at a Caruthersville, Mo., funeral home.

Era Lee Cochran, 66, after three wars, finally got around to burying his long-dead brother, a duty he said his wife, Beatrice, had "been after me to tend to."

JUST PUT IT OFF

Era Lee, a Negro, said he could not afford a funeral for Brother Ed when he died Sept. 13, 1917, and after that kept putting it off.

The Rev. L. D. McGhee, who was born two months after Brother Ed died, likened the dead man to a "modern-day" Joseph. He told of how the brothers of the Biblical Joseph, after selling him into slavery, later brought his body back for burial in his home land of Shechem.

STANDING ROOM ONLY

There was standing room only in the small funeral home, packed with 150 persons, when the Rev. McGhee officiated.

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DEVYER RETIRING

Mr. Harris will be given responsibility as vice president for the company's industrial relations and personnel activities, from which responsibility Dr. Frank T. DeVyer, as previously announced, will retire on June 1 and resume his full time duties as professor of economics at Duke University.

Associated with Mr. Harris in the company's industrial relations and personnel activities will be Chauncey W. Lever and Sidney S. Marsh. The changes become effective immediately, Mr. Ruffin said.

BRILLIANT CAREER

Mr. Seigler began his career in textiles at an early age. He rose to the position of general overseer of weaving of the 96 Cotton Mill in 1929. Previously, he had worked in Grendel Mills Number 2 of Greenwood Mills.

In 1937 he was named assistant superintendent of weaving of the Springs Cotton Mills in Lancaster, S. C. He returned to Greenwood in 1938 as superintendent of Grendel and Tanola Mills. In 1941, he was named general superintendent of manufacturing of Grendel, Tanola, Belton, Anderson and Courtney Mills.

After Mr. Abney's death in 1942, Mr. Seigler was elected general manager of all of the Abney Mills (Continued On Page Two)

Harnett Officer Is Seriously Ill

Harnett Rural Policeman Leon Smith of Duncan is in the Dunn Hospital seriously ill.

The popular rural policeman suffered a severe heart attack about 6 o'clock last night shortly after bringing in a prisoner.

He was reported to be resting comfortably today at the hospital, but still not out of danger.

Marilyn Monroe Gets Vote In Japan

TOKYO (AP) — Several Japanese voters in Sunday's national election apparently wanted to throw curves at the government.

They wrote in the name of Marilyn Monroe on ballots for the House of Representatives.

VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller and daughter, Bonnie, of Fayetteville, spent Sunday in Dunn visiting Mrs. Miller's sister, Mrs. William New-some and family.

Jane And Husband Have Parted Ways

MIAMI BEACH (AP) — Separation added a new chapter today to the storybook romance of singing star Jane Froman.

She announced that she and the airline pilot she married after he saved her life in a Lisbon plane crash have been separated for two months. There are no immediate plans for divorce.

A spokesman at the Miami Beach hotel where Miss Froman talked briefly with reporters said her husband, John Curtis Burn, telephoned her Monday. He is in Acapulco, Mexico, for a month of fishing and rest. She is to leave for New York March 9, but they will see each other when he returns. She declined to say whether there will be an attempt at reconciliation.

"John and I have agreed to separate for the present, but I'm afraid I can't tell you why because it's pretty personal," Miss Froman smilingly but nervously and pretty, told newsmen here.

She said the two had agreed about two months ago on "a trial separation because of some personal problems."

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Bette Davis Back Out Of Retirement

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Bette Davis, back from the wilds of Maine for her first movie in three years, told today a critical operation kept her off the screen and nearly spelled curtains for one of filmdom's first ladies.

The big-eyed Miss Davis, a little curvier but still with her decisive brought a little life back to Hollywood when she swept into town to star in "Sir Walter Raleigh" at 20th Century-Fox.

For three years she has been

living in virtual retirement near Portland, Me., with her husband, actor Gary Merrill. But it wasn't just the beauties of Maine that kept her from the film cameras, she said.

STRANGE EXPERIENCE

"I was operated on two years ago for a bone tumor on my jaw," she explained as she rested in her hotel room after a day of wardrobe tests at the studio.

"Two years ago last month, and I'm only now recovered! It was

a very strange experience. I haven't been in pictures because I wasn't allowed to work. I've been quite ill, but I'm much better now. My face will always be a little numb. I guess.

"It took me so long to get back to feeling good. After such an operation you have to rebuild your entire system. Any doctor will tell you there's no rushier operation."

No scars are visible on the famous Davis face, however. As she was being fitted earlier at the studio for 12 neck ruffs she'll wear in the movie, she looked much the same as she did when she created the identical Queen Elizabeth role in 1939 for "The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex."

FAVORITE ROLE

"This always has been one of my favorite parts," she said. "They (Continued On Page Eight)

+ Record Roundup +

PTA TO MEET

The Erwin PTA will hold its monthly meeting tonight at 7:00. Mrs. Kincannon will have charge of the program.

NEW OFFICE

Robert Wright, Harnett County Wildlife Protector, has a new office. His headquarters are on the second floor of the Lillington Town Hall. Already an attractive map of North Carolina and colorful bird prints are on the walls. There also is a bulletin board posted with new information about hunting and fishing regulations. The new office loca-

SPACE PROBLEMS

The efforts of county commissioners to find needed space resembles the old game, "Fruit Basket Turn-Over." The transfer of the home agents to the quarters formerly used by the health department will permit that space to go to the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. That first move of course hinges on the pro-

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Mother, Children Accused Of Murdering Her Husband

MARYVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A 41-year-old mother and her three children, aged 8 to 14, have been charged with first degree murder in the fatal beating of their ex-convict husband and father in the family car.

Mrs. Sam Davis Jr. told officers she and her 14-year-old daughter, Shelby, beat Davis to death with a monkey wrench while an 11-year-old daughter and an 8-year-old son held the drunken man across the back of the seat with a belt.

The woman told Sheriff Ed Guinn that Shelby grabbed the wrench and began beating her father when he threatened to drive them over an embankment. Mrs.

Davis then took the wrench, climbed over the body and out of the car and began striking him, according to Guinn.

Mrs. Davis said she and her husband had argued as they drove about 15 miles east of here around 11 p.m. Sunday. During the argument, the woman said, Davis slapped her and the 11-year-old daughter, then started driving recklessly. He pulled to the roadside near

a steep embankment. Mrs. Davis said, and warned them to "Say your prayers, we're all going to hell together."

The three children and Mrs. Davis stayed overnight at a nearby farmhouse and caught a bus into town Monday morning to report the slaying.

Mrs. Davis was jailed without bond and the children were in the care of a neighbor pending a preliminary hearing tomorrow.

Davis and his wife had been divorced and only recently remarried, Guinn said.