

# Jernigan's Assailant To Be Returned

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## WEATHER

Cloudy with scattered thunder-showers today, beginning in west and spreading over late this afternoon and tonight.

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# 12 DIE, 23 HURT IN PLANE CRASH



AT COUNTRY CLUB BANQUET—Pictured here are the principals at the annual banquet of Chicora Country Club which took place here Friday night. Seated are Mrs. Peggy Kirk Bell, left, famous golf pro who delivered the principal address, and Nathan M. (June) Johnson, right, who introduced her; standing, Earl Jones, who served as master of ceremonies, and Dr. Charlie Byrd, president of the club. (Daily Record Photo.)

## Indian Caught In Richmond; Admits Crime

Dunn police planned to return a 27-year-old Fayetteville Indian here from Richmond, Va., to stand trial for the robbery-beating of an elderly Dunn storekeeper Friday.

A 27-year-old Fayetteville Indian, arrested in Richmond, Va. Sunday morning on information furnished by Police Chief Alton Cobb of Dunn, admitted that he robbed and then beat into unconsciousness an aged and crippled Dunn merchant Friday morning, and then stole the man's car and fled.

The bold daylight robber listed his name to Richmond police authorities as Friendly Barnes, who said his last address was Fayetteville.

### MAY BE TRIED THIS WEEK

Police Chief Alton Cobb left early this afternoon for Richmond, Va. to return Barnes to Harnett for trial.

District Solicitor Jack Hooks conferred with Cobb just before he left and said he planned to send the case to the grand jury tomorrow morning.

Unless something unforeseen happens," said Hooks, "I intend to try this case before the week ends."

Hooks branded it as "a horrible, merciless crime" and said he would demand the maximum penalty on each count.

Floyd Jernigan, 68, a victim of polio who has never walked a step in his life, is still in a serious condition in the Dunn Hospital as a result of the brutal attack.

Major J. M. Wright, chief of Richmond city detectives, said Detectives C. E. Fagan and Sgt. A. R. Withers took the swarthy, mustached Indian into custody Sunday morning about 10 o'clock at 100 S. Addison Street in Richmond.

### CHIEF TRACED HIM

Chief Cobb, who has been working on the case night and day since the bold robbery occurred on Dunn's Main Street, traced Barnes' movements to Richmond and tip-

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TIME OUT TO EAT—Pat Ward, star prosecution witness in the retrial of Minot "Mickey" Jelke, takes time out to eat during a court recess in New York City. Miss Ward, left, smiles; appears thoughtful, center, and then prepares to return to the courtroom, right, after finishing her meal. The state claims Jelke set Miss Ward up as a prostitute and then lived off her earnings.

## Pat Ward Clams Up Today

NEW YORK, UP—Pat Ward refused on the witness stand today to discuss her intimate life since the first trial of oleo heir Minot (Mickey) Jelke on the grounds that her answers might "tend to disgrace or degrade me."

Chief defense counsel George W. Herz, in the third day of his cross-examination of the 21-year-old call girl, asked her if she had engaged in intimacies with "any male or men since the last trial."

The witness, her face pale, turned to her attorney, seated beside her, after Judge Francis L. Valente overruled the objection of Asst. Dist. Atty. Anthony J. Liebler and directed Miss Ward to answer.

She and her attorney, Stanley Nussbaum, conferred for several seconds and Miss Ward announced her refusal.

Miss Ward, on the stand for the fifth day at the retrial of Jelke on two counts of compulsory prostitution, had difficulty in recalling just what she has done since the oleo heir's first trial in February 1953.

She said she had a job as a bookkeeper "for several months" in 1954, but could not remember

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## Airliner Hits Muddy Field In Missouri

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., UP—An American Airlines plane with 35 persons aboard crashed in a muddy field while approaching Municipal Airport here Sunday night, killing 12 persons and injuring 23.

Two of the dead were crew members—Co-Pilot J. E. Walker and Stewardess Rita Madaj, both of Chicago.

The airline, after a night-long check of hospitals and funeral homes, issued a corrected list of dead and injured at dawn, some seven hours after the crash.

The plane, flight 711 out of Newark, N. J., bound for Tulsa, Okla., crashed as it was coming in for a landing at Springfield.

One of the survivors, B. H. Mayes of Cushing, Okla., said there was no warning whatsoever of an impending crash.

The plane plowed into a muddy, open field about a mile north of the airport. One witness reported a flash of light at the time of the crash, but the wreckage did not burn.

Mrs. Lloyd Blankenship, who lives nearby, said she and her husband heard screams for help and my husband ran to the scene."

Persons living in the area notified police the Conval had crashed. Ambulances were rushed to the scene, but bogged down in the mud. Some of the injured had to be carried a half-mile through ankle-deep mud to be loaded on the ambulances and taken to hospitals.

Bob Tubert, newsmen for a Springfield radio station, said he saw 12 bodies near the wreckage.

"I carried two of the injured about a half-mile to ambulances, one of them a two-year old boy," Tubert said. "He appeared to be badly hurt."

Tubert said the stewardess, Rita Madaj, and First Officer J. E. Walker, both of Chicago, were among those killed instantly in the crash. The pilot, Capt. Jack Prish of Chicago, was pulled from the wreckage "in critical condition," Tubert said.

JAMMED IN COCKPIT—The pilot and co-pilot, the newsmen said, were wedged into the

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## Hinson Indicted In First Degree

A one-week criminal term of Harnett Superior Court opened this morning in Lillington with Judge Grover A. Martin of Smithfield presiding.

Grand jurors this morning returned in open court a true bill charging Linzo Hinson, Dunn Restaurant employee, with first degree burglary.

Hinson was not arraigned immediately. He is charged with breaking into the home of a girl friend, Mrs. Mattie Wilson, on the night of January 14th with the intent to murder Mrs. Watson.

During the wild episode and a chase with county officers, he threatened to kill Harnett Sheriff Claude R. Moore and other deputies.

Granville Tart entered a guilty plea to forging the name of R. E. Barefoot on a \$20 check given to Archie Burns, Dunn fuel dealer. Tart was given one year in State prison, suspended for five years on condition he pay the court costs and the check. He was also ordered to pay to his estranged wife for the benefit of his two children \$8 a week, and observe good behavior.

Tart claimed he gave the check while drunk. He is now employed

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## Driver Sued For \$25,000

A suit for \$25,000 damages against Mitchell C. Monroe, 28-year-old Spring Lake Negro, in Harnett Superior Court in the highway death of Elizabeth James, a 36-year-old Fuquay Springs mother of two.

Mrs. James was killed in an automobile crash near Lillington on February 19 when the 1950 Hudson Jet owned and operated by Monroe allegedly entered Highway 210 at a high rate of speed after falling to stop at a stop sign and collided with a 1951 Ford sedan in which the woman was riding.

FACES CRIMINAL COURT—Monroe is awaiting trial in Harnett Superior Court on a charge of

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## Lockamy Given Road Sentence

Glenn Lockamy, Dunn-Erwin restaurant operator and former manager of the Raleigh Caps baseball team, has appealed a four-months road sentence given him in the Benson Recorder's Court for larceny.

The former baseball star was charged with stealing gasoline and oil from the Log Cabin station at Benson on the night of March 8.

Lockamy is also awaiting trial in the Dunn city court on a charge of public drunkenness.

Judge Ed Johnson, in giving Lockamy four months on the roads, commented "It's bad enough to steal, but it's much worse for a man to steal when he doesn't have to."

A co-defendant, G. W. Langdon, Jr., was tried with him.

Benson Policeman Charles Woodall testified that he saw Langdon get out of Lockamy's car, put gas into the vehicle, roll back the pump meter and then take some cans of oil and throw them into the car.

COMPANION CONFESSES—The officer said Tommy Johnson, attendant on duty at the station was asleep at the time the theft took place.

Lockamy took the stand and swore that he was asleep in his

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## Banquet At Chicora Club Big Success

More than 300 people from Harnett and the surrounding area attended the second annual banquet of Chicora Country Club, held Friday night in the Dunn High School Cafeteria. It was acclaimed as the most successful event ever held by the group.

An address by Peggy Kirk Bell of Southern Pines, famous golf pro, and the presentations of trophies to golfing champions of 1954, highlighted the star-studded banquet.

Earl Jones, well-known Dunn business man and popular humorist, served as master of ceremonies and kept the crowd laughing throughout the evening.

Mrs. Bell, internationally-famous golfing figure, spoke informally to the group. She told a number of interesting anecdotes and stories concerning her golfing career.

Pointing out what golf had meant to her, she said it had earned her not only money, a trip around the world and other rewards but had meant much more to her from a standpoint of friends made and her happy association with golfers.

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## Dunn Man Sues For \$50,000

Jessie Cleon Neighbors, Dunn truck driver, has brought a suit for \$50,000 damages in Harnett Superior Court against Johnson Motor Lines, Inc. of Charlotte as the result of a truck accident that occurred Nov. 3, 1954 on U. S. Highway no. 1, eight miles south of Fredericksburg, Va.

The suit was filed for Neighbors in Harnett Superior Court by his attorneys, Duncan C. Wilson of Dunn and W. A. (Bill) Johnson of Lillington of the law firm of Wilson and Johnson.

Neighbors was an employee of E. M. Whitenton, Dunn truck operator, at the time of the accident.

It is set forth in the complaint that Neighbors, driving a 1953 Autocar diesel tractor, pulling a

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### SPONSOR BARBECUE

The senior class of Dunn High School will sponsor a barbecue dinner, Saturday, March 26. The barbecue will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and again from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Griffin's of Goldsboro will furnish the barbecue which will be held at the Dunn High School cafeteria. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from any member of the senior class. Delivery service is available if wanted. The plates are \$1.25 for pork and \$1.50 for chicken.

VICE PRESIDENT—Miss Nancy Cooke of Dunn will be one of the officers to be installed as vice president of the East Carolina Playhouse, student dramatics club, at a meeting of the organization next Monday night, March 21. Nancy is one of the colleges outstanding students.

CLASS PLAY—Members of the Benson High School Junior Class will present their annual play, "The Campbells Are Coming" Friday night at 8 o'clock.

BENSON FILERS—City Judge Ed Johnson of Benson has filed as a candidate to succeed himself in Benson's town election, set for April 5. Constable David Wood has also filed for re-election. Judge Johnson was appointed to the bench when the court was established two years ago. The filing deadline at Benson will close Tues-

day, March 29, Benson's municipal election will be held April 5.

ORDERED TO PAY—W. A. Jones, 60, of Dunn, Route 4, pleaded guilty to a charge of disposing of mortgaged property in Johnston Superior Court at Smithfield. Prayer for judgment was continued on condition that Jones pay \$247.91 to Garland McLamb.

DIVORCE CASES—Two more divorce actions have been filed in Harnett Superior Court. Esther M. Johnson of Dunn is seeking a divorce from Mosselle Johnson on grounds of two years separation and is asking custody of their four-year-old son, Philip Garland Johnson. Sue Evelyn Turington Hamilton is seeking a divorce from Milton Everette Hamilton on

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## Larry Godwin, 6, Injured By Auto

Larry Godwin, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Godwin, Sr. of Dunn, was painfully injured this afternoon as he was leaving the Dunn Grammar School.

The first-grade student was struck by an automobile driven by Catherine Snider, age 22, on S. Elm Street. He was admitted to the Dunn Hospital with several broken ribs, severe lacerations and bruises.

## Power Co., Contractor Sued For \$102,000 For Accident

Five companion lawsuits have been filed in Harnett Superior Court asking damages totaling \$102,000 against the Carolina Power and Light Company and its contracted agent, Midland Constructors Co., Inc. of Charleston, S. C., as the result of a truck-car accident that occurred October 18 of

last year between Erwin and Buie's Creek.

The suit was filed by Attorneys Duncan C. Wilson of Dunn and W. A. Johnson of Lillington of the law firm of Wilson and Johnson, who are representing five of the seven passengers in the automobile who suffered injuries in the crash. Midland Constructors had been employed by the power company by Hurricane Hassel and Midland

employees were using the truck for that purpose when the accident took place.

The accident occurred at 9:30 p.m. on the night of October 18 as the 1947 Ford owned by Corina McLean of Erwin and driven by her son, Charles McLean, 12, went up the crest of a steep hill and crashed into the power line repair truck which was parked on the highway at the time.

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### PIONEER LEADER DIES

## Services For Lee Set For Tuesday

Permillas Arten Lee, Sr., 74, former Dunn mayor, city councilman, and member of the 1935 State Senate, died at his home on South Wilson Avenue in Dunn Monday morning at 9:05 o'clock.

He had been in ill health for several months and seriously ill for the past few days.

For more than 50 years, Mr. Lee had played an important role in affairs of the town, county and State. He was a former president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Divine Street Methodist Church. The Rev. J. W. Linberger, pastor, and the Rev. Jack Daniels, pastor of Hood Memorial Christian Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Funeral services will be: Nathan M. Johnson, Sr., William J. Thompson, Ira Lee, Earl H. Madson, C. O. Warren and E. B. Culbreth.

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