

67 Paratroopers Die In Crash Of Flying Boxcar

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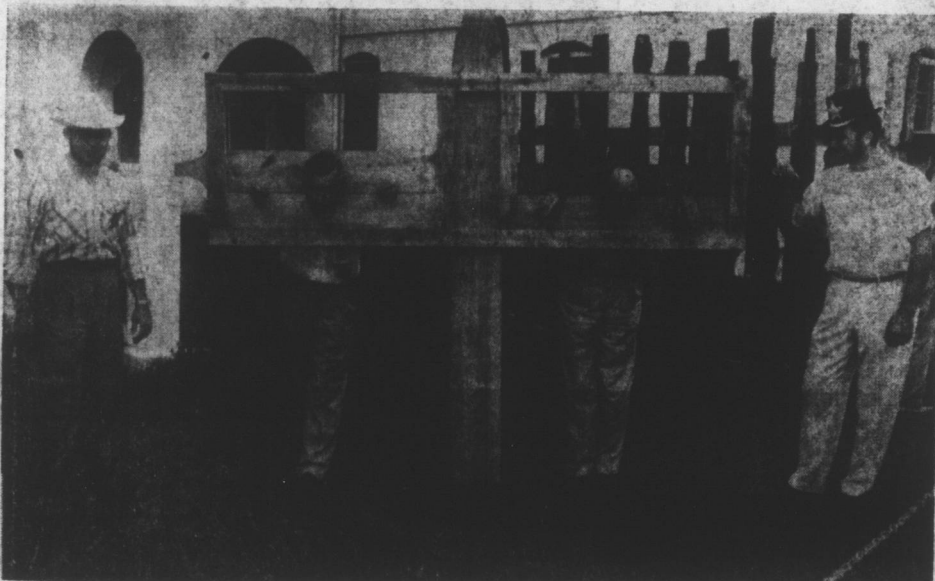
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CONNIE MOVING INLAND



GUILTY — Lee Kelly, left and Joel Layton, Jr., right were found guilty of being clean shaven when the Lillington Junior Chamber of Commerce held a mock court Saturday morning on the courthouse square. When Kelly and Layton failed to produce their Centennial shaving permits, they were sentenced by "Judge" Bob Baggett to the stocks as Jaycee President Joe Caviness, Jr., left, and "officer" Billy Ray Matthews stand by with a growth of beard already underway. The stunt was all part of the Jaycees' promotion to stimulate interest in the Centennial Fund Drive now underway in all parts of the county. (Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

On Training Flight Near German Base

STUTTGART, Germany (AP) — Two U. S. Air Force Flying Boxcars loaded with American paratroopers collided near Stuttgart today and crashed in flames, killing 67 men, an Air Force spokesman announced.

The announcement by the 12th Air Force said: "Two Air Force C119 troop carriers crashed this afternoon about 30 miles west of Stuttgart and initial reports indicated that 67 persons on board were killed.

"The C119s were part of a nine-plane flight which had just taken off from Echterdingen airfield near Stuttgart, on a training mission with troops from 7th Army aboard. "Initial reports said that one plane developed engine trouble just a few minutes after takeoff, after reaching a cruising level of 4,000 feet.

"The crippled plane lost altitude momentarily, then pulled up abruptly across the front of another aircraft in the formation. "The crippled plane went down immediately.

"The first plane to crash had 42 passengers and a crew of five plus one loadmaster on board.

"The second plane carried 14 passengers, a crew of four and a loadmaster.

"The crashes occurred at 2:18 p.m. German time (7:18 a.m. EST). The second plane flew level for almost one minute, then went out of control and nosed into the ground.

"The accident occurred less than 15 minutes after takeoff.

"Helicopters were dispatched to the scene immediately and air rescue aircraft from the 84th Air Rescue Squadron at Rhein-Main Airbase arrived a few minutes later.

"Helicopter pilots reported no immediate indications of survivors. "The aircraft were from the 60th Troop Carrier Wing at Rhein-Main, on a training mission to give air transportability training to 7th Army troops at Stuttgart.

"An Air Force investigation team was dispatched to the scene this afternoon to try to determine the cause of the crash. Names of the

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HERBERT B. TAYLOR . . . Dunn's Mr. Baseball TAYLOR TO OPEN BIG GAME

League's Founder Will Be Honored

They're going to honor The Old Kneepanter here Friday night and it's going to be a great occasion for him, the midget baseball players, all the other kids in town and their mammas and papas, too.

The occasion will be Dunn's annual Kneepants League All-Star Game and it has been designated as "Herbert Taylor Night" in honor of the little man who founded the famous boys' baseball league here 35 years ago.

In founding the league, the Dunn insurance man launched a boys youth baseball program that has grown nation-wide in scope and year after year has brought nationwide publicity and honor to the Town of Dunn.

As far as it can be determined, Dunn's Kneepants League, operated by the same rules—but on a miniature scale—as the big leagues, was the first organized in the nation. Now, midget teams have

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Scheduled To Hit State Tonight; Loses Some Force

CAPE HATTERAS, N. C. (AP) — Hurricane Connie, her punch diminished by two days of aimless wallowing at sea, is expected to move inland into North Carolina tonight, the weather bureau said today.

In a special 1 p.m. EST advisory, the Washington weather bureau called off the hurricane alert for the coastal areas from New York to the Delaware breakwater, and said there no longer appears to be any danger of hurricane winds from Connie north of the Virginia Capes.

After passing inland, the advisory said, Connie probably will "move slowly northward on an inland course."

"Although the hurricane will diminish in intensity before it can move as far north as central Virginia there is still a possibility of hurricane force winds on the Virginia Capes and the Norfolk area late tonight and early Friday." The aerologist of a Navy hurricane hunter plane which flew through Connie this morning said the storm has lost at least 40 per cent of its punch and is definitely dying.

But even so, said Lt. C. C. Burnash, Cranford, N. J., it appears Connie will "hit the coast and break up with considerable force."

CHURCHES OPEN

Dunn ministers announced this afternoon that all local church basements are open to any citizen who might need shelter because of the impending blow from Hurricane Connie.

The Miami weather bureau had reported two hours earlier that Connie had lost some of her strength with highest winds rated at 100 miles per hour a drop of 15 miles per hour.

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Dunn Gets Ready For Storm Blow

Dunn Prepares. Last October a hurricane in the middle of the state of North Carolina was unhard of. "Hazel" taught us differently. Today we know it can happen and we are preparing.

Chief Ralph Hanna announced today that the three trucks and their crews will be dispersed overnight at strategic spots throughout Dunn—Harriet's County Training School; near the Greenwood Cemetery and near the Armory. Each truck will be maintaining radio contact back with the police station. Hanna also stated that all the city's trucks, grading equipment and their crews will be on stand-by, ready for immediate action in clearing away the debris.

POWER AND LIGHT

Bob Hadley, head of the local division of the Carolina Light and Power announced that as soon as the surrounding areas report to him over short wave radio he will dispatch line crews from the

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ALLAN NIKES ADLAI CHICAGO — Governor Allan Shivers of Texas said today that he would support "practically anybody" except Adlai Stevenson for the Presidency in 1956.

Air Force To Test New Rocket Plane

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force will begin test flights this year with a stainless steel rocket plane designed to reach a speed of about 2,250 miles per hour at altitudes of 100,000 feet.

The Air Force today announced the forthcoming flights of the Bell X2 will take place at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. Details of the plane's expected performance were obtained from responsible sources. The X2 is designed to investigate the so-called "thermal barrier." This refers to the enormous heat generated on the skin of a high speed airplane by air friction. At a speed of about 2,000 miles an hour the temperature rises to 600 degrees and would dangerously

ly weaken the normal aluminum alloys now used in aircraft construction. Consequently, the X2 was designed with a high content of stainless steel which does not weaken until temperatures of about 1,600 degrees are reached. Friction would cause such a temperature at about 3,300 m. p. h. The X2 is a descendant of the famous XI, the first plane ever to exceed the speed of sound, and the X1A which holds the present world speed record of 1,660 miles an hour and also has been flown to a record height of 90,000 feet.

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Dunn's Radio Hams Are On The Job

The Dunn radio amateurs called off their meeting last night in lieu of more important work. The Dunn "hams" have gone on 24 hour alert with a man on one of the local short wave radios at all times.

The shifts are arranged so that only one man at a time is away from work. Should disaster strike, all the amateurs will man their radios to insure communication between Dunn and the outside communities.

Even if the power goes out in our community the communication will be maintained. In this event power will be made available from the city's gasoline powered generators.

Local short wave enthusiast, Henry D. Hood, explained that the Military Amateur Radio Service and the Tar Heel Network of "Hams" had all been alerted.

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Governor Names Storm Relief Force

RALEIGH (AP) — A "task force" of state officials directing health, welfare, police, highways and food was mobilized today to speed possible hurricane relief.

Five batteries of National Guardsmen stood by for possible duty in the hurricane area of the coast.

Gov. Luther H. Hodges organized the "task force" and told the group he wants it to rush all preparations for relief and rehabilitation in advance of the storm. Hodges appointed the group last night after flying home from the National Governors' Conference by jet plane. He first conferred with

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SERVICES TO BEGIN — Revival services will begin August 14 and will continue through August 19 at Davis Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, Route one, Erwin. Services will begin each evening at eight o'clock.

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Disaster Shelters Set Up At Wilmington; Hodges On Scene

WILMINGTON, N. C. (AP) — Hurricane Connie slowly hurled her winds and rain against the North Carolina coast today.

The inland path of the eight-day old hurricane lay across the same tidal low country and beaches hit by the fury of Hurricane Hazel last October.

GOVERNOR ON SCENE — Gov. Luther H. Hodges left Raleigh early this afternoon to come here with his staff and top state officials to take personal command of relief work. This port city of 45,000 seemed to lie almost directly in Connie's course. Some power lines and communications were knocked out shortly after noon EST although the high-

est winds were not expected before late today. Damage reports mounted.

Red Cross disaster officials here said wind and tide conditions were "much worse" than at a corresponding location of Hazel before dawn last October 15. But the area was "far better prepared" for Connie.

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Quarles Is Named Air Force Chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower today appointed Donald A. Quarles, now assistant secretary of defense for research and development, to be secretary of the Air Force.

Quarles will succeed Harold E. Talbott who resigned during a controversy over his private personal business while serving Air Force secretary.

Quarles has been assistant defense secretary in charge of all the department's research and development, including guided missiles. Previously he had been an official of the Bell Telephone Laboratories. He was vice president when he quit to join the Defense Department.

After serving as a field artillery captain in World War I, Quarles went with the Bell Laboratories in 1919. He is 61, and a fellow and former president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. His home town is Englewood, N. J., where he once was mayor.

He is married and has four children. His appointment was announced as the Air Force prepared an elaborate farewell ceremony today for Talbott.

Schools Set For Opening On Sept. 1

Dunn Schools will open Thursday, Sept. 1. Principal A. B. Johnson announced today. The teachers will spend Aug. 31 in a co-ordination meeting.

On Thursday and Friday the students will receive schedule cards and will only attend classes half a day. Full day classes begin Monday the fifth. On Monday the cafeteria will begin serving lunch. Football practice will open Aug. 15 at 7:30 in the morning. At this time Coach Jim Brown will decide with the candidates when the future practices will be held. Anyone interested in going out for the team is invited.

The band will begin its organization Aug. 18 at 10:30 a.m. Those interested are invited to attend. Newcomers to the Dunn Area are advised to register before school opens so that their schedules will be prepared Sept. 1 with the other students.

The Student Council, will prepare traffic markers and an opening day will act as guides to new students. Virginia Turlington is president of the Student Council.

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These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

CADILLACS, AIRPLANES OTHER LITTLE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Allen will leave this weekend for a visit with his family in Kentucky. "If I knew for sure the hurricane was going to hit here," declared Mrs. Allen last night out at Crafton Tart's Open Air Market, "we'd leave right now."

Mr. and Mrs. Allen followed the Kentucky governor's race closely and says they can't figure out how anybody with backing of Senator Alben Barkley could lose. A. B. (Happy) Chandler, the Democratic winner, was opposed by both Sen. Barkley and Sen. Earl Clements.

It just proves again that nobody can tell the American people how to vote. Even the late Franklin Roosevelt, most popular politician of modern history, couldn't do that.

He called for the defeat of Senator Walter George in Georgia and Sen. Cotton Ed Smith in South Carolina and both men rolled up their greatest victories that year. A. B. Smith, Jr., Earl Mahone and Bob Young went fishing at Sneed's Ferry Friday and caught almost 100 fish.

We can remember when nobody in the Town of Dunn owned a Cadillac — and that wasn't too many years ago —

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DENIES HE'S AFRAID TO OPPOSE IKE

Adlai To Decide Before December 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Adlai E. Stevenson will announce within the next four months whether he will run again for President. If he makes the race he thinks he can beat President Eisenhower.

Stevenson made the promise and prediction last night after a dinner held in conjunction with the 47th annual National Governors' Conference here.

It was the 1952 Democratic presidential candidate's most straightforward statement to date on his political plans and on the chances of defeating the Republican President.

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Talk of Stevenson's future has dominated the governors' conference, even though his only connection with it is that he happens to live in a Chicago suburb.

Not Being Coy

Stevenson brought the conjectures to a boil last night with a flat statement to about 100 newsmen that "I shall tell you what I am going to do, and why, sometime."

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