

WEATHER
Cloudy, windy and much cooler today with snow flurries likely in the mountains. Friday generally far and cold.

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TRIAL OF LEE AND ROSS DELAYED



ORPHANED BY SHOOTING SPREE—A shotgun fusillade at Groesbeck, Tex., orphaned these four children of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Andrews, Jr., Andrews, 35, who was separated from his pregnant wife, Audrey, 23, shot and killed her, her father and her uncle, and then turned the gun on himself. The children are, from left, Reba Gaye and Linda Kaye, five-year-old twins, Joyce May, 4, and Guy Dudley, 17 months.

BIBLE SALESMAN HAD TOO MANY WIVES

Bigamist Says Lord Forgave Him; Judge Gives Him 5 To 7

These Little Things
By HOOVER ADAMS

LITTLE NOTES ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

Judge George Fountain, who, incidentally, is one of the youngest Superior Court judges in the State, and Solicitor Jack Hooks, are staying at Hodges Motor Court in Dunn during this court session. . . . We might also add that Judge Fountain is also one of the most handsome judges to be found anywhere. . . . He's a good judge, too, and lawyers and laymen both like him and the way he conducts court. . . . Pat Godwin, home from Elizabethtown to attend to some farm business, says he had a good tobacco crop this year and was well pleased with the prices he received. . . . Pat is manager of the farm machinery department of Johnson Cotton Co. at Elizabethtown. . . . Harnett officers worked all night and until early this morning summoning witnesses for the trial of the county judge and solicitor. . . . Luther Turner is home from Duke Hospital, where he underwent an operation. . . . Mrs. Shirley Bass says it takes a lot of work—as well as money—to get a daughter married. . . . Daphne gets married Sunday. . . . She's a very popular young lady. . . . Dr. John Messick, president of East Carolina College (he married a Falcon girl) is among

Faced with two angry wives yesterday, Homer Childress of Burlington did what he could to stave off prison sentence on a bigamy charge, but it wasn't enough.

Despite Childress' plea that the Lord forgave him while he was in jail awaiting hearing, Judge Fountain gave him five to seven years in prison today in Harnett Superior Court.

Childress, a six-foot tall itinerant logging and construction man who has been known to act as a Bible salesman and preacher, was convicted on the testimony of the wives he married in 1945 and 1949.

HE LIKES 'EM YOUNG
The second marriage was without benefit of divorce. In both cases, he had married 14 year old girls. His first wife, Glennie Martin when he married her and now a Mrs. Morse of Newport News, Va., is a slim blonde who wears glasses and is dignified looking. The second, whom he married four years later, is Runelle Smith of Duncan. She is a striking brunette.

Both testified Childress had told them he was 37. "You were determined to stay under forty, weren't you?"

Injured Youth Asks \$150,000

A suit for \$150,000 damages was filed in Harnett Superior Court today against three defendants for injuries allegedly received by Edgar Rayner Messer, 16, of Erwin. The suit was brought by his father W. A. Messer as next friend. Named as defendants are: the Brown Tobacco Company of Fuquay Springs; James F. McCutchen, a truck driver employed by the

GOLDSON DRIVER EXONERATED

Child's Death Brings County's Highway Death Toll Up To 21

A four-year-old Negro child was killed instantly in Harnett Wednesday afternoon, bringing the county's highway fatality toll for the year up to 21.

Harnett Coroner Grover C. Henderson of Dunn identified the victim as Mary Elizabeth Moore of Lillington, Route 3, daughter of Mrs. Fannie Moore.

The child was struck when she ran out into the road in front of

a truck driven by Billy Rives, 22, of Goldston.

A jury impaneled by Coroner Henderson ruled that the fatality was unavoidable and the Goldston man was released.

Harnett County ranks seventh among the ten top counties of the State with the highest number of fatalities so far this year on its highways.

Coroner Henderson said Mrs. Moore and the child had just gotten out of a pick-up truck owned by

Prince Wants Stripper Wife; Family Objects

TAORMINA, Sicily (AP)—Italian Prince Pier Francesco Borghese said today he feared the opposition of his noble family might foil his plans to marry Ella Fudge, a 21-year-old strip-tease showgirl.

"I love Ella and we consider ourselves engaged," the 28-year-old prince told reporters. "But my family is opposed to the match and I fear they will make things difficult."

Ella was known as Lynn Russell when she appeared on the stage with Gypsy Rose Lee. She is the daughter of a \$28-a-week London housepainter and has stripped in the United States, Spain and Italy.

In Palermo the prince's aunt, Princess Moncada di Paterno, said the prince planned to marry Ella in a Palermo church Saturday.

The prince talked briefly with reporters in a Taormina night club where he took his fiancée and her 16-year-old sister, Pat. Ella sent plane tickets to Pat in London and the young sister flew to Sicily yesterday.

Prince Borghese, an architecture student, is a scion of one of Italy's most famous noble families. His father, Gian Giacomo Borghese, former governor of Rome, died Sept. 28, 1954.

Baptists Take No Action On Harnett Move

ASHEVILLE (AP)—The North Carolina Baptist Convention went on record today as favoring a statewide liquor referendum but made no effort to actively campaign for one.

The resolution "favoring a liquor referendum" was adopted by the convention along with a number of other routine resolutions presented by Clyde E. Balcombe of Wilson, chairman of the resolutions committee.

There was no attempt to put up a more aggressive resolution on liquor as proposed by the Little River Baptist Assn.

The Little River resolution which sponsors attempted to get on the agenda during the first two days of the convention called for Baptists to seek the signatures of two-thirds of the state's registered voters on a petition for a statewide referendum. Such a petition would make a referendum mandatory.

Another resolution adopted by the 125th annual meeting set aside the first Sunday in December as Temperance Sunday.

The delegates disposed of two controversial subjects, church autonomy and racial segregation, during yesterday's sessions. Delegates voted yesterday to leave the question of segregation in church-supported institutions to the trustees of the individual institutions and approved a constitutional amendment affirming the principle of local autonomy.

The amendment, in effect establishing a "hands off" policy for the convention regarding local church affairs, was approved after delegates beat down an attempt to strengthen it.

Sponsored by Dr. M. A. Huggins, convention general secretary, it said the convention "does not claim and will not exercise any authority" over any Baptist organization or church.

Harold Williford Found Not Guilty

Last night's report that Harold Williford had been convicted of carnal knowledge of Donna Jackson, a statement which appeared in the Daily Record, was in error.

There was a directed verdict of not guilty in this case. The jury was instructed to bring back a "not guilty" verdict by Judge George Fountain, presiding in Harnett Superior Court.

Mr. Williford was defended by the law firm of Young, Lamm and Taylor.

The Daily Record regrets its error in reporting the result of the trial. Mr. Williford was completely exonerated of the charges.

Man Claims Moon; Going At \$1 An Acre

GLEN COVE, N. Y. (AP)—A local gentleman laid legal claim to the moon yesterday and proceeded to offer real estate in a lunar development at the rate of \$1 an acre. Deeds to tracts in the Crater of Copernicus—convenient shopping centers already laid out—come complete with a map and directions for viewing the property by backyard telescope before taking off.

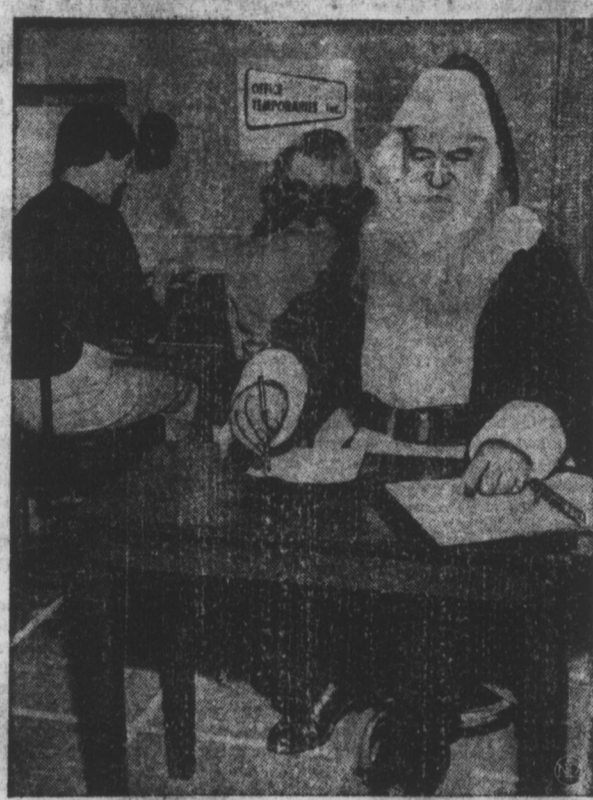
Residents are granted access for purposes of enjoyment to the Sea of Tranquility; fishing, dredging and clam digging rights in the Sea of Nectar and permission to ski in the Lunar Alps.

There isn't any water in those seas, and there isn't any snow on those Alps. In case you have the wrong idea, Robert R. Coles would like you to know right away that the Interplanetary Development Corp. is a joke.

But it's all properly legal, and there's nothing wrong with its astronomical details.

Coles, 48, formerly chairman of the thoroughly respectable Hayden Planetarium and now a free-lance writer and lecturer, formally incorporated the development corporation with three friends as fellow officers.

The deeds provide they aren't much good unless the corporation has firmly established its own right to the property.



CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR—That's why Santa Claus Lucky S. Squire is signing up for a postholiday-season job in New York City. After all, Santa has to eat the year round.

Eisenhower Has A Very Busy Day

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—President Eisenhower today undertook the busiest day since his heart attack after medical examinations showed that his recuperation is progressing "most satisfactorily."

Smiling and chipper, the President spent most of the morning working in his new office here in the Gettysburg post office—coping with foreign policy, government spending, and the tax outlook.

His office work began after a thorough medical checkup at his farm home in the morning.

Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks, who suffered an attack of angina pectoris 12 years ago, said after looking at the President as a fellow heart patient: "I feel he is going to be as good as new."

Weeks was the first caller. He spent 40 minutes with the President and later reported the administration is "leaning more and more" toward the "pay-as-you-go" theory of financing a multi-million dollar highway building program.

The original Republican plan called for financing highway construction by insurance of federal bonds. A good number of Democrats are backing the "pay-as-you-go" method.

BUDGET DISCUSSION
After meeting with Weeks, the

Defense Attorneys Vigorously Object

The trials of Judge M. O. Lee and Solicitor Neill McK. Ross of the county recorder's court on charges of gross misconduct in office were delayed again today in Harnett Superior Court after a tense exchange of words between defense counsel and District Solicitor Jack Hooks.

Defense attorneys for Judge Lee, vigorously opposing what they described as willful and unnecessary delay in trial of the official, angrily protested that it would be difficult for Judge Lee to receive a fair and impartial verdict if Solicitor Jack Hooks follows his announced intention of placing Solicitor Ross on trial first.

Solicitor Hooks successfully contended that the trial evidence against the two men was "intertwined" and that to develop it properly, it was necessary that Ross appear first. Judge Fountain upheld Hooks' position.

Attorney Everette L. Doffermeyer of Dunn, argued that the judge is being denied his constitutional right of a speedy trial and that the delay was contrary to the best interests of the people of Harnett.

TO RESUME DUTIES

He informed the court that if there is further delay in trial of the case that Judge Lee will resume his duties on the county bench despite the criminal indictment hanging over him. Both Ross and Lee voluntarily relinquished their duties until after the trial.

Trial of Ross was scheduled to begin this morning but was continued by Judge George Fountain after it was learned that his chief counsel, James R. Nance of Fayetteville, is in the midst of a civil trial in Bladen County.

At the opening of court Monday, both Judge Lee and Solicitor Ross had requested that trial of their



JOE A. WILKINS

Wilkins New Coroner's Aide

Joe A. Wilkins has been sworn in as Harnett's new assistant coroner. Coroner Grover Henderson, who appointed him, said he will be showing his assistant the ropes during the next few weeks.

Wilkins' most frequent duty as assistant coroner will be to investigate accidents, but he could be called on to conduct inquests in Henderson's absence.

Resident of Dunn for a quarter

Aged Slayer Gets Year In Prison

An elderly colored man, George Baldwin, who is believed to be almost twice the age of Satchel Paige — but nobody knows exactly — was sentenced to twelve months on the roads this morning for the shotgun slaying of his son-in-law.

Between 80 and 90 years old, he is believed to be the oldest person ever sentenced to prison in this county.

The killing occurred around Christmas time 1954. Although two persons were present besides the defendant and the dead man, the actual circumstances which brought Robert Cameron to his death have eluded authorities ever since then.

Cobb's attorney, Clark Guild Jr. of Reno, said Cobb will file a bill of particulars against his wife, Cobb will insist that the case be tried in open court, instead of closed court as is usually the case with divorce suits involving prominent persons.

He came in noly and drunk and didn't quiet down when told to.

The defendant pled self-defense, asserting that Cameron was threatening the household with a pistol. Baldwin had both denied and admitting delivering the shotgun blast, officers said, at one time putting it on his son Herman, also present.

He pled guilty to manslaughter at the trial.

Vagueness of all parties was well-illustrated when neither Baldwin nor his daughter (wife of the dead man) was able to place his age.

He is believed to be between eighty and ninety.

Friendly Club Winner Of County - Wide Honor

The Friendly Home Demonstration Club, on Lillington, Route 1 was cited as the most outstanding club in Harnett County during 1955 at the annual Fall Achievement Night program conducted Tuesday night at Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church in Western Harnett.

At Wullenwaber of Dunn, manager of Colonial Lockers, annually donates a twenty-five dollar saving bond to reward the club of the year. This year marked the first attend and present the award.

But this time, due to conflicts in a church group, Mrs. Hugh Green, president of the winning club, was unable to be present.

Wullenwaber then announced a new annual award — a fine ham to go each year to the club with the largest percentage of members present at the annual Achievement

Council of Home Demonstration Clubs presided. The Rev. J. B. Garrett, minister of the Mt. Pisgah Church, led the devotional and a number of guests were recognized by the president.

Achievements of the club year were summarized in a report read by Mrs. Norwood E. Jones of Mass. Each year club members select new mediums to highlight their accomplishments of the past 12 months. Last year they utilized a story in song and music. Other years they have relied on visual exhibits individual reports, panels and other mediums. This year, Mrs. Jones cited nine projects.

This was the list of what leaders in 18 clubs termed most worthwhile