

ROSS DENIES STATE'S ACCUSATIONS



FOR A SELECT CLIENTELE—This Christmas tree is worth \$18,750, because it's made of 60 mink tails and is decorated with jewels. Displaying it is its creator, Mrs. Alice Daly, San Francisco artist and designer. She designs Christmas cards and bizarre gifts for "people who have everything." Her collection includes \$2500 pearl dog collars and a \$25,000 Christmas card.

Hooks To Try Cases Thrown Out By Ross

District Solicitor W. Jack Hooks has announced that defendants in cases not pros-secuted by County Solicitor Neill McK. Ross will be prosecuted in Harnett Superior Court.

District Solicitor W. Jack Hooks said he would try the cases while engaged in a verbal exchange with James R. Nance, Fayetteville attorney who is defending Ross of "gross misconduct" charges. In three of the four counts in the indictment against him Ross is charged with illegally not pros-secuting or failing to call cases for trial. Nance has based his defense on the premise that a solicitor has the right of unlimited discretion in deciding whether a given case should be tried or terminated, providing he acts in good faith.

In cross-examining a witness, Nance suggested that Hooks also frequently not pros-secutes cases.

"I'm going to try all those cases," Hooks shot back, referring to the cases not pros-secuted by Ross.

On Monday, Hooks presented Ross with a bill of particulars alleging that he illegally disposed of 54 recorder's court cases. Twenty-three of those cases were not pros-secuted or not pros-secuted with leave; one case was never called for trial.

The 23 cases not pros-secuted or not pros-secuted with leave are:

Louis Matthews, possession of whiskey; Arthur Ransom Beasley, drunken driving; Everett Preston Bethune, drunken driving and careless and reckless driving.

Otis Earl Stephenson, drunken driving; James McLean, possession for sale; Everett C. Jones, drunken driving; Carl C. Demming, driving drunk and driving after revocation of license; Kenneth E. Holder, drunken driving.

James W. Wade, drunken driving; Neill Baker, careless and reckless driving, possession and transportation; John Gerald Smith, speeding 80 mph; Robert E. Cole, speeding more than 35 in 35 mph zone, careless and reckless driving; Kenneth L. Pierce, careless and reckless driving; Ernest West, driving with expired license.

David L. Shaffer, speeding 80 mph; Del T. West, drunken driving; Alphonso Baller, speeding 87 mph; Douce Elton Ainsley, driving after revocation of license; William Preston Holland driving drunk; James Louis McNeill, hit and run driving.

David F. McCray, hit and run driving, failure to stop for siren and red light; Eugene Bain, driving without a license and speeding 87 mph; Eugene Bain, driving after license revoked.

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Leaf Meefing On December 9

RALEIGH (AP)—A special belt-wide tobacco marketing committee will meet here Dec. 9 to study the problem of tobacco acreage cuts.

The question of taking a stand on acreage reductions in tobacco was the knottiest of the questions turned over to the special committee by the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation.

In adopting a tobacco resolution, the federal urged development of tobacco varieties that are superior

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ADDED ATTRACTION—Bringing new sights to the Eternal City are these twin sight-seers in Rome, Italy. Dressed in Eskimo clothes, Britte, left, and Kersti Stahl attracted much attention as they visited the old city as guests of a trans-Polar airline they work for.

And They Deserved Happy Thanksgiving

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP)—An invalid widow and six of her children spent a happy Thanksgiving with relatives, undismayed at being homeless for the second time in seven years, in the heat of a long series of misfortunes.

Mrs. Blanche Horner, 40, confined to a wheelchair with arthritis, and five of the six children fled safely from their home here Wednesday when fire swept the one-story frame dwelling.

"I'm just thankful no one was hurt this time," she said at the home of her sister, Mrs. Grace White. "I'm not going to worry about anything else... just as long as my children are happy today."

The fire came a little more than seven years after two of Mrs. Horner's children were burned to death when their home at nearby Wooddale was gutted in October 1948.

That was only the beginning of

a long string of troubles for the Horner family. A short time later, another child died of meningitis. Two years ago, Mrs. Horner's husband, James, died of cancer.

James Jr., 19, the oldest child, became the family's sole means of support by doing odd jobs and working as a part-time farmer. But recently he was inducted into the armed forces and the family went on relief.

From her wheelchair, Mrs. Horner saw to it that her children got the best care her meager income would allow.

Her niece, Gertrude White, said "she never cared about herself. She was always looking out for her youngsters."

But the Horners, with the exception of James Jr., were all together today for a big turkey dinner in the Whites' home. Mrs. Horner was far from unhappy. She smiled and said, "It could have been worse."

Judge At Benson Hears 38 Cases

A total of 38 cases were disposed by Judge Ed Johnson Monday in Benson's city court. Most of them involved minor infractions of the law.

Following is a list of the cases heard:

Leonard Higgins of Willow Springs Rt. 1, public drunkenness costs.

Harry Ledger Talton, Benson, failing to stop for a stop sign, improper brakes pulling into face of oncoming traffic, costs, \$170 damages to car of W. A. Lee to be paid.

Ransom Sherrill Beasley, Four Oaks, Rt. 2, speeding, \$25 fine and costs.

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Boyce Hudson, Benson, public drunkenness, costs.

David L. Whittle, Cayce, S. C., passing on a curve, \$30 bond forfeited.

Robert Lee Stewart Spring Lake, speeding, costs.

Charles Aaron Beasley, Benson, Rt. 2, public drunkenness, costs.

Joseph Lee Rhodes, Four Oaks Rt. 2, allowing a minor to operate a motor vehicle, \$10 fine and costs.

Earnest Jackson, Benson, Rt. 1, no brakes, costs.

John Hugh Ward, Benson Rt. 2, larceny, costs, \$5 damages and ordered to remain on good behavior.

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82 Witnesses To Testify In His Behalf

The State today closed its case against County Solicitor Neill McK. Ross and defense attorneys this afternoon started putting on witnesses in an attempt to refute charges that the prominent Harnett political leader and former State representative has been guilty of gross misconduct in office.

ROSS ON STAND

Solicitor Ross, as his first defense witness, took the stand this afternoon, and swore that he has never accepted "any offer or gratuity, monetary favor or other asset" in addition to his regular salary during his services in the office.

He also denied that he was drunk on August 30th, as testified to by Cecil Fuquay, foreman of the grand jury which indicted him.

A total of 82 defense witnesses were sworn when the defense started its case this afternoon. Among them are law enforcement officers, attorneys, two physicians, county officials, prominent political leaders, business men and ordinary citizens.

District Solicitor Jack Hooks brought his case to an undramatic close after putting on witnesses to try to prove that Ross tried to conduct business of the court while intoxicated, that he not-pros-secuted 18 cases without reason and wrongfully reduced the charges in seven other cases.

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Pale Faces, French Twists Newest Style

NEW YORK (AP)—Pale faces and French twists are the two latest fads among this town's prettiest females.

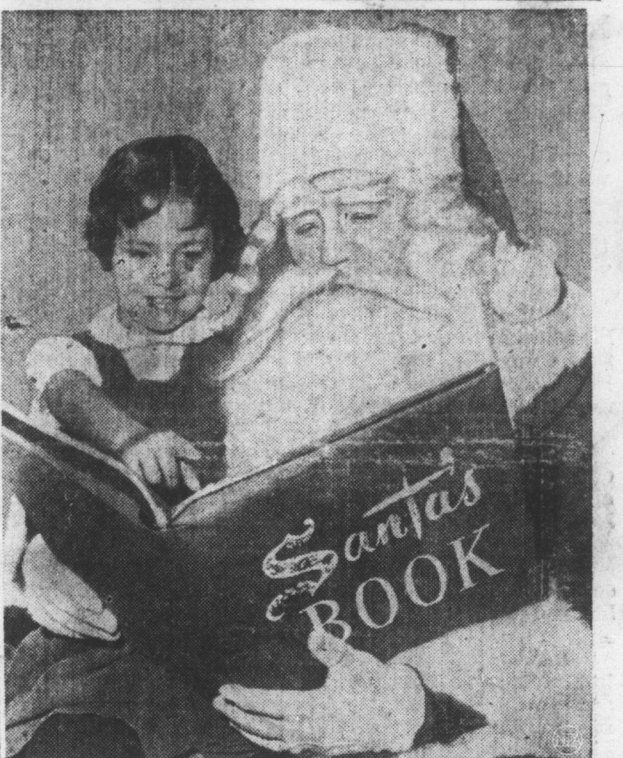
It sounds a little like a description of nervous secretaries eating French pastry during the morning coffee break.

Actually it describes new make-up and hair styles. The pale-faced look first popped up in Italy, where young glamour girls started pinching their mouths with almost colorless lipstick. In recent months it has been catching on with increasing numbers of sophisticated fashion models and actresses.

"It makes you look a little bit younger, for one thing," Candy Jones Conover, model agency director, said. "It suits a fairly sophisticated personality, though. A naturally vivacious girl with high color shouldn't wear it."

The former model said some of the girls also mix a little white talcum powder with their regular face powder to give a paler, translucent glow.

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BETTER BE GOOD—Carmen Lonergan, 7, proudly points to her name in Santa's Good Book. But the little lass from Los Angeles, Calif., knows she's got to be good right up to Christmas for the whiskered gent from the North Pole to visit her Christmas Eve.

DOES FRANKIE STILL LOVE AVA?

Visit Of Sinatra Brings Speculation

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Frank Sinatra's Thanksgiving Day visit with his first wife stirred up comment today in Hollywood, where some circles believe he still loves Ava Gardner, his estranged wife.

The crooner was reported to have spent the day with Nancy Sinatra, their children and his parents.

There was considerable talk about Sinatra's showering Ava with gifts, letters and telephone calls again. Considerable significance was attached to the fact that Ava started to divorce Sinatra a year and a half ago but still hasn't got around to it.

LONG ESTRANGEMENT

It's been 18 months since Ava established residence in Nevada for a divorce. She took off to live in Europe without filing suit. Hol-

lywood has labeled their estrangement one of the longest in Film-town history, and pals are wondering what will happen next.

One friend of Ava's who recently returned from a visit with her in Madrid says, "they are much friendlier now than they used to be. But what will happen, I don't know. They may get together." Other pals insist "they're just friends and nothing more."

After Ava cracked up her fancy foreign car last summer, Frank wired her twice. He also shipped over his last year's Cadillac for her to use.

President Getting More Rest Today

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—President Eisenhower's schedule for today: More relaxation with a lot of time devoted to his three grandchildren.

The President had a brief morning appointment to discuss routine business with a White House aide at his downtown Gettysburg office. But otherwise he planned to continue his Thanksgiving holiday to-day and through the weekend.

On Monday he will confer with

Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall on party politics. The President and Mrs. Eisenhower served Thanksgiving dinner for seven guests at 5 p. m. yesterday. Helping eat a 40-pound turkey were their son John and his wife. (Continued On Page Four)

Pretty Waitress Charges Man With Assault, Attempted Rape

Raymond Bullard, 40, of Fresno, California formerly of Sanford, is being held in the Harnett County jail on charges of attempted rape and assault on the mother of four children.

Mrs. Clarence (Mildred) Hutchins a pretty brunette who is employed as a waitress in a Sanford restaurant told Harnett authorities that Bullard offered to take her home Wednesday night after she finished work and attempted to rape her and assaulted her on the way home.

State Highway Patrolman C. M. Cummings, who took Bullard into custody when he found him asleep

in his automobile, said the young waitress put up an effective fight. He said Bullard's face was covered with scratches and there was blood on his clothing.

MOUTH BLEEDING

Patrolman Cummings said Mrs. Hutchins was bleeding from the mouth when he saw her and that her uniform was spattered with blood.

Mrs. Hutchins said Bullard, who had been boarding at her home for about ten days, picked her and a companion up at the restaurant Wednesday night about 9 o'clock after they had finished work and offered to give them a ride home.

She said she took her companion home immediately and then asked her to accompany him to Olivia where two of his four children are staying.

She said she declined the invitation at first, but that Bullard insisted she accompany him. The drive to Olivia, she related, was without incident.

But enroute home, Bullard stopped the car near the site of his brother Elton's burned out home and started making advances toward her.

She said that when she resisted (Continued On Page Three)

Grand Jury Begins Probe Into Shooting

MINEOLA, (AP)—A Nassau County grand jury began its investigation today of the shotgun slaying of gunman William C. Woodward Jr. by questioning socialites who had been to the party that preceded the tragedy.

Among those called to the courthouse were David Gimbel, department store heir, and his tall, red-haired wife Mrs. Fern Taller Gimbel. Mrs. Ann Crowell Woodward, who said she shot her husband accidentally while searching for a prowler, is expected to appear before the jury of 17 men and five married women this afternoon.

The Gimbels were expected to tell the grand jury of the Woodward's concern about a prowler at their Oyster Bay, N. Y., estate only a few hours before Mrs. Woodward blasted her husband fatally with an English shotgun.

Party for Duchess

Mrs. Gimbel is the granddaughter of Mrs. George Baker Sr., who gave a party for the Duchess of Windsor which the Woodwards attended only a few hours before the slaying in the early hours of Oct. 30. The duchess was not expected to be called by the grand jury.

Dist. Atty. Frank Gulotta supplied the jury with a map of the Woodward estate and the shotgun, used for big game hunting, was brought into the jury room.

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Death Toll Reaches 177

By UNITED PRESS

Heretofore Thanksgiving has been more like an ordinary Thursday so far as traffic fatalities were concerned, according to the National Safety Council. The council makes no prediction on the number of traffic fatalities expected during Thanksgiving.

The United Press counted 144 traffic deaths across the country between 6 p. m. Wednesday and midnight last night.

In the interest of the first Safe-driving Day, showed 81 deaths in the United States. This includes delayed deaths.

A council spokesman informed of the United Press count said it was a "shocking figure."

Fires killed 11 persons and mis-cellaneous accidents 22 yesterday for a total of 177 violent deaths during the holiday.

REVIVAL SERVICES—The Rev. Frank Davison, pastor of the Erwin Presbyterian Church, announces a revival service which will begin at the church Sunday, November 27 at 7:30 and continue through Thursday, December 1 with the Rev. Thomas W. Apperson as the speaker. Rev. Apperson is a graduate of Davidson College and the Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Virginia. At the present time he is the pastor of the Comfort Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville.

That Fire Plug Too Inviting

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Cheri, a male poodle cast for a local stage production of "The Women," was fired and replaced in the role by a female poodle named Judy Bacon.

Cheri got fired for having the habit of lingering too long near a stage prop fire plug.