

Occasional rain and rather cool Friday with decreasing rain and clearing likely in the west and north. Saturday partly cloudy and cool.

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BIG CROWD HERE FOR PARADE



GOODWILL AMBASSADOR — Jack Finch (seen here) who is riding herd on the reindeer which will be one of the features of today's Christmas parade has been in the float and decorating business since the age of 19. He's now 51. Jack himself designed the Mother Goose floats — such

as The Three Little Pigs and The Cow Jumped Over the Moon — which will be an important feature of today's parade. A native of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Finch says he is known there as the "Goodwill Ambassador." All the floats are made in his own factory.

Drunken Driver, Others Fined In Dunn Court

Ninety-day sentence, suspended on payment of \$100 fine and costs, has been levied on Moody T. Strickland, Rt. 3, Dunn, on a charge of drunk driving.

Strickland was represented in Dunn Recorder's Court yesterday by Attorney Duncan C. Wilson, who waived his client's appearance in court. Judge H. Paul Strickland, presiding, further recommended that Strickland's license be revoked for 12 months.

Found not guilty of possession was Tessie Shirley Smith of Rt. 4, Fayetteville, Texas, arrested Nov. 26, and charged with possession of non-tax whiskey and some taxpaid on which the seal had been broken.

Others who appeared on counts of possession were Lacey Lucas, fined \$25 and costs with 60-day sentence suspended; and Ollie Thomas Farrell \$25 and costs, 60 days suspended.

D. S. Leo Keeton, charged with possession, was found not guilty of possession, guilty of drunkenness, and fined \$8 and costs for the latter with 30 days on the roads suspended.

Delbert Maynard, Dunn, Rt. 4, pled not guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He was convicted and ordered confined to jail for 90 days, sentenced suspended on payment of \$20 fine and costs and on condition that he pay \$7.50 for "use and benefit" of Louis Baer for damage to his house.

Allegedly Maynard struck Annora Whitehead about the face and head with his hand and pointed a gun at her. The judge ordered that he leave Annora alone. The court took action in the case of James Aldridge Parrish, accused of abandoning his wife and two minor children without providing adequate support. A year's sentence on the roads was suspended on (Continued On Page Two)



FREEDOM FOR RITA—Croner Dick Haynes has cleared the way for divorce action against him by beautiful red-headed Rita Haynes, shown here. He will not contest the divorce charge of extreme mental cruelty.

Santa Ready For Arrival At 6 O'clock

At six p.m. tonight, Dunn streets will be lined with children, out to see Santa on one of his visits from the North Pole.

In the event of a hard driving rain today, the parade will be held Saturday morning at 10:30 instead.

An array of Mother Goose floats, other floats from Dunn and elsewhere, setting for Meredith Cromartie who is "Miss Merry Christmas," and other striking parade items are planned.

Some children, riding bikes in the bike-decoration contest, will probably be too busy to see Santa during the parade. But they can see him as the parade convenes.

Everyone planning to be in the parade should be at the Armory by 5:30 p.m. at the latest. The parade will start promptly at six.

HARNETT HIGH BAND

Charles Hildreth, chairman of the parade for the retail merchants association which is sponsoring it, said the Harnett High band will play and there will be Christmas music from a public address.

"The Dunn High band would have been in the parade, too," said Hildreth, "but when we changed the hour to six, we interfered with other commitments they have."

Nevertheless, children can look forward to something pretty fabulous. OF HAIN will be somewhat dainty, a parade gets underway at 5:30 p.m. to make the Mother Goose floats, artfully designed with a never-land logic of their own, more magical than ever.

Hildreth warned again that this made is primarily for the kids, and that parents should take a back seat and stay out of the front lines, so small heads on short legs can see what's going on.

Grand Champ Steer Brings \$15 A Pound

CHICAGO (AP)—Julius, grand champion steer of the 1955 International Livestock Exposition, sold today for \$15 a pound.

At Julius' unofficial weight of 980 pounds, the sale would have brought his 16-year-old owner, Nancy Turner of Champaign, Ill., about \$14,700.



DANCING SPUDS—Odd-shaped potatoes seem to dance, to the amazement of Antonio M. Almeida, who grew them at Fairhaven, Mass. The spuds look a little like pudgy pigs, ducks, sea lions and what have you.

GM Chief Denies Unfair Practices

WASHINGTON (AP)—Harlow H. Curtice denied today that General Motors Corporation has resorted to unfair or questionable business practices to become the world's largest industrial concern.

The president of GM told Senate investigators that the giant auto firm's success is due largely to superior management making the most of the nation's tremendous economic growth in the past 35 years.

"I know of no management organization that has a higher standard of business ethics, a greater sense of public responsibility or a more genuine regard for the equities of the various groups with which he have contact — customers, employees, suppliers, dealers and shareholders," Curtice said in a 97-page statement prepared for presentation to the Senate monopoly subcommittee.

For the past four weeks, the subcommittee has been making a "case study" of General Motors to determine its effect on the nation's economy.

Most of the previous testimony has been unfavorable to GM. Witnesses have charged the giant concern used unfair or questionable practices to dominate allied fields, as well as the auto industry.

A parade of disgruntled dealers charged that General Motors had tossed them aside because they didn't sell enough cars to satisfy Curtice and other top GM officials.

One dealer, Lee C. Anderson of Lake Orion, Mich., testified that Curtice called him "a Red" because of his vigorous opposition to a GM policy of selling autos at cost price to foremen and some (Continued on Page Two)

Julie Harris Cut In Act; Show Goes On

NEW YORK — Actress Julie Harris, who plays Joan of Arc in "The Lark," finished out her performance at the Longacre Theatre last night with blood trickling down her chin from a deep cut on her lip.

She won a roaring ovation from the audience. Julie had struck her lip on a stool during a regular fall she takes in the second act. The curtain was lowered for 10 minutes while a doctor tried to stem the flow of blood.

Nurse Aided In Prison Escape

KINGSPORT, Tenn. (AP)—A 45-year-old practical nurse today faces a criminal court trial after admitting a handsome Alabama fugitive charged her into providing hack-saws used in a mass jailbreak. Mrs. Eugenia Dykes, mother of three children, pleaded guilty to a charge of assisting husky Ralph Cozzolino and seven other prisoners escape Oct. 20 from the Sullivan County jail at nearby Blountville. A ninth man was recaptured immediately by officers.

Safe-Driving Day Proves Not So Safe

By UNITED PRESS Safety experts expressed keen disappointment today because the nation apparently failed to heed the Safe Driving Day campaign.

A United Press count listed 68 persons killed in traffic during the 24-hour period which ended at midnight last night.

Two weeks ago, when a sample count was taken on an ordinary Thursday, 69 persons were killed. On S-D Day last year, 51 died.

Adm. H. B. Miller, director of the President's committee for traffic safety termed the results "disappointing." He said in a prepared statement: "Disappointing as the S-D Day toll was, we must not lose sight of the fact that 10 days still remain of the 21-day period that constitutes the S-D Day campaign."

"It is our hope that the impact of S-D Day on the public will be reflected in the 21-day toll when the three-week period ends Dec. 11, (Continued on Page Five)

Harnett Sales 29 Million

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

Retail sales in 1954 of 378 stores in Harnett County totaled \$29,867,000 according to preliminary 1954 Census of Business figures announced by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

There was an increase of 43.5 percent over sales in 1948 by 47 stores of \$20,816,000. Stores with payroll in 1954 number 233, had 1969 paid employees in November 1954, reported payroll of \$2,777,000, and accounted for sales of \$26,905,000. Proprietors of unincorporated businesses number 362. The number of stores and their 1954 sales, grouped by major kinds of business, were:

Food stores: 99, \$5,131,000. Eating, drinking places: 26, \$897,000. General merchandise group: 41, \$3,474,000.

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Board Lifts Lot Prices At Cemetery

The city council acted on a suggestion of Dunn's City Council last night and boosted the price of lots in Memorial Cemetery.

Oly out-of-city buyers are affected. Formerly Greenwood Cemetery 8-grave lots were priced at \$300 for 20-by-20 feet. The same size lot in Memorial Cemetery was only \$400 to those from out of Dunn.

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Minister Says Physical Love Is Not Evil

LONDON (AP)—A prominent clergyman today denounced the "worship of virginity" is Britain's debasement on pre-marital sexual behavior.

The Rev. Canon L. John Collins of St. Paul's Cathedral deplored that "much of what we call Christian morality isn't Christian at all." He made the statement in an interview with The London Daily Mirror.

"Many centuries ago," he said, "the truly Christian ideas got mixed up with—and were spoiled by—an unnatural theory that all physical things are evil."

"Thus there has been the wrong worship of virginity and the obsession that the physical expression of love is immoral," the church leader said.

However, he argued against the "new morality" which some British newspaper claim is spreading from Sweden to Britain and America.

"That's sex on a free-for-all basis," he said. "And sex on such a basis must lead to a general weakening of the social structure."

Further controversy was raised by the statement of novelist Margherita Laskie that premarital sexual relations are all right if the couple plans to marry.

FOURTH QUAD DIES

ALMA, Ga. (AP)—The fourth Nelson quadruplet died early today. The entire staff at Bacon County Hospital had fought since the multiple births Tuesday to keep alive the babies of a tenant farm couple Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Nelson.

LITTLE LIZ

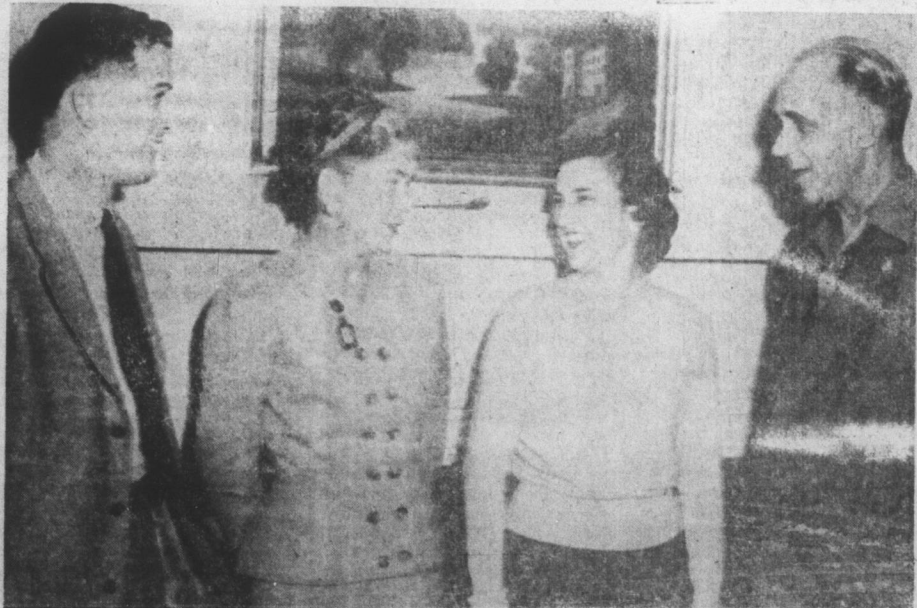


Another way to stop being such a big fool is to go on a diet.

Roundup

CAKE SALE: There will be a cake sale Saturday morning at Thomas Walgreen Drug Store here. The cake sale is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

MUSICAL VARIETIES — Mrs. Reta Whitton announces the schedule for her "Musical Varieties" radio program for next week: Monday — Mrs. Whitton will give an organ program; Tuesday — Roger Stanley will be the vocalist; (Continued on Page Five)



DISTINGUISHED NAVY OFFICER HERE — Rear Admiral R. N. Snoot, assistant chief of Naval Operations for Personnel and one of the top administrative officers of the Navy, was in Dunn today visiting Robert C. Bryan, Dunn attorney and Annapolis graduate. Admiral Snoot has just completed a tour of duty as Chief of the Mine Forces in the Pacific and is enroute to Wash-

ington to take over his new duties. Bryan served under him in 1949-50. Admiral Snoot has a distinguished service record, commanded a squadron of destroyers during the war, and is regarded as one of the up-and-coming Naval officers. Left to right are: Mr. Bryan, Mrs. Snoot, Mrs. Bryan and the Admiral. (Daily Record Photo.)

Cases Disposed Of In County Court

A long docket of cases was tried on Thursday in Harnett Recorder's Court where Judge M. O. Lee and Solicitor Neil Ross were back on their jobs following acquittal of the solicitor in superior court Monday of charges of misconduct in public office.

Disposition of ten cases heard Thursday were as follows:

Billy Baker, Holly Springs, guilty of driving drunk, fine of \$100 and costs;

A. B. Taylor, 30, Negro of Lillington, Route 3, charged with as-

sault on Mattie Ruth McMillan, had his case not prosed.

The case of George Harold Watson, Sanford, charged with violation of the prohibition law by the operation of a vat still was not prosed with leave. Rural Policeman Walker O'Quinn signed the warrant against Watson on information and belief.

Henry F. McKeltham, Linden, Route 1, paid costs for public drunkenness.

Mackey Gregory, Jr., 21, Ft. (Continued on Page Two)