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Thursday partly cloudy and rather cold.

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# JURY DECIDING WIFE SLAYER'S FATE

BACK IN CIRCULATION — Princess Margaret looks at her smiling escort, Lord Plunket, 32, as they attend the Sadler's Wells Theater's 25th anniversary performance in London. Lord Plunket has been the princess' steadiest escort of late.

SHEPPARD MAY GET NEW TRIAL

## Court To Review Trial Evidence

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UP) — The Ohio Supreme Court today decided to review Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard's case to see if the convicted-wife slayer received a fair trial.

The decision was the first major break for Sheppard since he was accused of killing his pregnant wife, Marilyn, on July 4, 1.54, but it does not win his freedom. He was sentenced to life imprison - ment.

The ciurt now will study the widely publicized case in detail to determine whether Sheppard will get a new trial. The court may order a new trial and tell the common pleas court how it should be conducted. Or it may, after studying the case, decied to leave the life sentence standing.

The court announced its decision in one word. "admitted."

There was no indication of when the court will give its final decis-

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## These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

**A WONDERFUL WOMAN LIVES IN ATHENS, GA.**

Winifred Warren, Dunn's pretty airline hostess, is due home from New York this weekend to visit her family. . . She's doing well with TWA . . .Winifred is a lovely doll and she really gets around on those big airliners . . . Wonder how many proposals she's had during the past year? . . . We're gonna ask her when she gets home. . . Sales Manager Harry Edmundson of Auto Sales and Service, local Ford-Mercury dealer, reports that the local dealership set a 19-year record last month with the sale of 83 cars and trucks . . . Congratulations to Mr. Edmundson, Henry Sandlin and all the others . . .Who says money is scarce? . . Not when that many vehicles can be sold in a town the size of Dunn by just one agency in a month. . . People still have money for the things they want . . .Mildred Jackson of The Record was standing in line at the mobile X-ray clinic yesterday waiting to get her chest X-rayed . . . The technician instructed the lady in front of her: "Please take off your coat." . . She misunderstood him and thought he said "clothes." . . . "Oh," squealed the lady, clutching her arms to her,

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## Rosemary, Betty Both Expecting

AMELIA, Ohio (UP) — Andy Clooney, father of the two famous singing sisters, said today he wil become a grandfather twice in 1956.

"He's been singing and smiling and laughing with joy so much since he heard the news that it's a wonder his jaws don't ache," said his wife.

"Rosemary Clooney, who is Jose Ferrer's wife, is expecting a baby in September. And Betty Clooney, who is Mrs. Pupi Campo, is expecting her first child in June. It's so exciting and wonderful," said the sisters' step-mother.

Mrs. Clooney said the Ferrers want a girl, as they have an 11-month old boy, Miguel Jose. The Campos hope their first child will be a boy.

CHARGES AGAINST HARNETT JURIST DROPPED

## Judge Lee Is Cleared

District Solicitor W. Jack Hooks yesterday afternoon in Harnett Superior Court took a nol pros in the case against County Judge M. O. Lee and the veteran official was thus, technically, cleared of all charges of gross misconduct of office.

This action by Hooks on the day before the judge's trial was to begin came quite dramatically and unexpectedly.

As late as last night, the solicitor had told newmen he would take the case to the jury.

**ACTION PRAISED**

Hooks' action drew immediate praise from Superior Court Judge Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, who is presiding over the current session of criminal court.

"Solicitor," said Burgwyn addressing Hooks, "you have taken exactly the right attitude. Anyone who knows you knows you do not pull any punches in the prosecution of cases."

After taking the action, Hooks handed newsmen a formal written statement which said:

"I have investigated all the available evidence in this case and conclude that it is insufficient to obtain a conviction. In my opinion, the ends of justice and the interest of the State and county will be best served by taking a nol pros. I can reopen if and when more evidence is available, and the case can be prosecuted then."

Hooks had interrupted trial of a murder case to make his announcement and to excuse State's witnesses and more than 100 defense witnesses summoned to testify in the case.

At the close of his statement, virtually the same as that he gave newsmen, Hooks turned to the court and said, "Your Honor, I recommend a nol pros with leave."

**DOFFERMYRE OBJECTS**

Chief Defense Attorney Everette L. Doffermye of Dunn, one of five lawyers defending Judge Lee, hopped to his feet instantly and objected to the nol pros with leave and insisted that the solicitor take an out-and-out nol pros, with no strings attached.

Doffermyre pointed out that, My client is a public official elect-

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## Grace Tries On Wedding Dress Today

HOLLYWOOD (UP) — Grace Kelly spent today trying on her wedding dress—but for the fantasy world of the movies and not for her real-life marriage to dashing Prince Rainier III of Monaco.

The slender blonde went back to work at MGM, for what may be her next-to-last picture. Prophetically, she portrays a bride. But her friends hope she won't be too influenced by the plot of this picture.

Last December the actress played a princess in "The Swan." Then she fell in love with a real prince from Monaco in a romance that could be taken from a rollicking operetta.

Now Grace is starring in "High Society," a musical re-make of a

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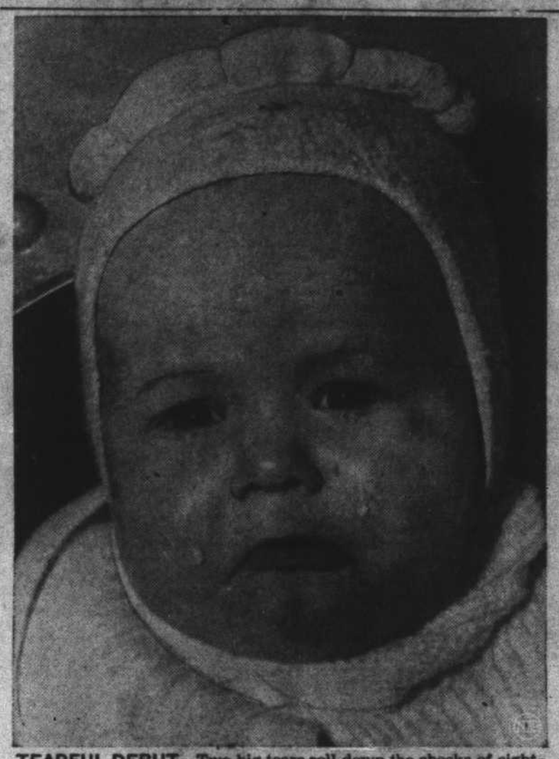

TEARFUL DEBUT—Two big tears roll down the cheeks of eight-month-old Gertrude Zollmer of Danzig, Germany, as she makes her American debut in New York. The sad-looking young lady arrived in this country aboard the U.S. Navy transport General Langfitt. Gertrude will settle with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Zollmer, at Fort Wayne, Ind.

## Farmers Are Urged To Grow Peppers

A meeting at city hall last night established that what County Farm Agent Cliff Ammons calls Harnett's "pilot operation "in pepper and string bean growing will not die of a conked engine.

H. P. Cannon and Sons, which has a cannery here for the sweet (bull-nose) peppers, has agreed to continue its operation. Earlier it had announced that it might have to withdraw from the plant.

This company came into Harnett by invitation, as leaders here sought to develop additional crops for augmenting the local income. But in the past two years, said Ammons, the volume didn't come up to expectations.

**WANT 800 ACRES**

Cannon's is continuing its plant in operation, through special agreement with company president H. P. Cannon. It is hoped that farmers will put 500 acres into peppers this year and 300 into string beans. President Cannon was expected at the meeting last night,

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## Men Win; Marilyn's Bosom Stays

MIAMI (UP) —Marilyn Monroe's "emphasized" bustline on picture postcards found adequate support today from the male members of Miami's Board of Review, the local censorship agency.

Mrs. Regina McLinden, board chairman asked yesterday that Monroe picture, showing the movie star clad in a tight -fitting swim suit at the beach, and similar postcards be banned from Miami's newsstands as in "horrid taste."

"Let's keep the human breast in its place," she pleaded.

But male members of the board voted her down. Member James Madden reminded Mrs. McLinden that Princess Margaret had appeared in a dress showing "quite a bit of bosom" and asked, "doesn't she set the pace for England?"

"Well," replied the lady chairman, "she certainly set something."

## Hooks Demands Death Penalty For Dunn Man

Zebedee James, on trial for his life in Lillington, will soon know the verdict. A Superior Court jury of twelve men started deliberating the fate of the bespectacled Negro who shot his wife and then, evading local authorities, went to Columbus, Ohio, and made a new life for himself until the FBI tracked him down.

**GETS 20 YEARS**

**The jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against James at 3:40 this afternoon and Judge Burgwyn immediately gave him the maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. The judge had no comment.**

**James grinned broadly at the verdict. His attorneys said he was lucky.**

Judge Burgwynn said jurors could return one of the following verdicts—murder in the first degree, murder in the first degree with recommendation for life imprisonment, murder in the second degree, manslaughter or acquittal.

Solicitor Jack Hooks has asked the death penalty for what he calls "a clear-cut case of cold, deliberate murder." He contends that James came to Dunn from his job in New Jersey with the fixed purpose of getting his wife, Gladys to return to him or, failing that, to kill her.

Defense attorneys agree that James was guilty of the shooting, for which there were eye-witnesses, but maintained the defendant was inflamed by jealousy, whether from a real cause or an imagined one.

Attorneys E. L. Doffermyre and D. K. Stewart were called up by Judge Burgwynn and asked to state their grounds for asking acquittal. They told the court they based a plea of innocent on grounds of temporary insanity.

"Personally I don't see any evidence of temporary insanity," said the Judge. "If you had placed the defendant on the stand it might have been different."

Later, Judge Burgwynn specifically pointed out to the jurors that it is up to the defense to prove temporary insanity.

Witnesses called included several members of the dead woman's

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## Three Killed In Fire At Fayetteville

FAYETTEVILLE (UP) — Three small children were burned to death today in a fire that engulfed a four-room cinder block house here.

Firemen rushed to the scene, but arrived too late to save the trapped children, all Negroes.

The children were identified as Eddie Jr. 3, Daniel Lee Von, 2, and Priscilla Mae McMillan, one. They were the children of Ella Mae and Dan McMillan. Authorities said the children were left alone in the home for a brief period by the mother, who was forced back by flames on her return.

The fire apparently started from an overheated coal stove. Authorities said the house was insulated on the inside with sheets of cardboard which blazed up instantly.

EDWIN H. BOST

## Funeral For Bost Set For Thursday

Edwin H. Bost, Sr., 71, manager of Erwin Mills' vast operations at Erwin until his retirement last July 1, died at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the State Sanatorium at McCain.

He was one of the best known textile men in the State and one of Harnett's most beloved citizens.

Although he had been in poor health for sometime, death apparently was caused by a sudden heart attack. He entered the sanatorium in December and his condition had been reported as much improved.

**ROSE THROUGH RANKS**

Mr. Bost, who began his career as an ordinary day laborer at $3.90 a week and rose to one of the top executive positions in the textile field, had managed the company's two plants and its other operations at Erwin since 1924.

As manager of the mills, he was highest civil authority in the unincorporated town of approximately 5,000 citizens and directed, or led, practically every phase of its activity during this period.

He served throughout the years —and endeared himself to the workers and others alike—as Erwin's boss, unofficial mayor, chamber of commerce and promoter. In practically all matters, he had final authority.

After announcement of his retirement, Mr. Bost was widely honored by various civic groups and other organizations of Dunn, Erwin and Harnett.

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## Three Dunn Police Officers Promoted

Police Chief Alton J. Cobb today announced a series of three promotions within the Dunn police department.

K. M. Fail, a corporal on the force for four years and a member of the local department since August 15, 1947, has been promoted to sergeant.

They can—and probably will—tie the tag of "sarge" on him tonight when he reports for work at 11 p. m. There is one other sergeant in the department—C. F. Wood. Outside of Chief Cobb, they are the ranking officers in the department.

Promotions also were extended to H. F. Pope and E. C. Johnson, Jr., who are both now corporals. Pope has been a member of the force since July 30, 1951, Johnson since July 30. 1953.

Chief obb said the police force at present includes 13 men and one woman. He said the promotions made were well-deserved, and that all three men have excellent record with the department.

WOMEN OF GROVE PRESTERIAN CHURCH MEET — The first meeting of 1956 of the Women of the Grove Presbyterian Church will be held Tuesday, January 17, at 7:30 church. Mrs. Leonard Monds will have charge of the program and Mrs. George Hunter will teach the Bible.

## + Record Roundup +

POST OFFICE RECEIPTS—The Dunn Post office's total receipts for 1955 were $86,458.36—slightly under the 1954 receipts of $87,682.53. But the final month of '55 ran somewhat ahead of the same month last year. Dec., '55, receipts were $11,334.07 while in 1954 they were $11,190.39.

RECRUITS FOR NAVY—Aviation Machinists Mate David Gainey, recruiter for the United States Navy, is at the United States Post Office in Dunn each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:45 to 4:15. Young men who want information about Giney's branch of the service should drop in on hif.

SOCIAL SECURITY INFO—Persons who want assistance in filing claims for benefits under Social Security, or who are not complete in the knowledge of the law, can get information from a representative of social security when he visits this area. He will be at Erwin Mills, Jan. 11, 2 p. m., and revisit there Feb. 8 and March 14. He will stop at Lillington court house, 9 a. m., Jan. 11, Feb. 8 and March 14; Clinton Court House, Jan. 10 and 24; Feb. 14 and 28, March 13 and 27; Roseboro City Hall, 9 a. m., Jan. 18, Feb. 15 and March 21. As many Dunn persons know, the social security agent visits Dunn on the first and third Tuesday of each month, 9:30 to 1 p. m., and may be contacted at the post office.

MARRIAGE LICENSE — A marriage license was issued Jan. 6 from the office of the county register of deeds to Preston Eugene Voris, 37, of Cross Plains, Indiana and Ann Whittington Wright, 42, of Erwin.

HOTEL STICKUP FOILED

## Bunnlevel Man Is Held For Attempted Robbery

FAYETTEVILLE — What appeared to be an attempted holdup-robbery was frustrated early this morning when a 70-year-old night clerk at the Yarborough Hotel felled a 39-year-old Bunnlevel man with a nightstick.

The nivht clerk, H. G. Newell, who stands five feet four and tips the scales at 150 pounds, said he let fly with the nightstick in reply to a warning that "This is a stick-up."

Newell telephoned police, he said, when the man rose from his hands and knees and staggered out of the tioor. A few minutes later police arrested Raymond Allen West, of Rt. 1, Bunnlevel, as he leaned against a building on Franklin St. Charged with attempted armed robbery, West was scheduled to be given a preliminary hearing this morning is Fayetteville Recorders Court.

"I wanted to be a big shot, like "Wash Payne and Otto Wood," police quoted West as saying. They said West, who gave his occupation as that of a carpenter, appeared intoxicated and was is a defiant mood.

Mr. Newell said West walked into the hotel lobby about 2 a. m. and asked for a room. He said he told West there were no rooms available at that time, but that he would telephone and see if he could

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## Man Accused Of Helping First Wife Kill Second

CASPER, Wyoming (UP) — James B. Alexander, 48, onetime policeman and high school teacher with a remarkable marital history, was held in jail today on a charge of helping his first wife murder his second wife.

Alexander was arrested yesterday just after he posted a $10,000 bond — actually $40,000 worth of property, accepted at 25 per cent of its market value — to free his first wife, Rose, 42.

Last Dec. 6. authorities broke up the concrete floor of Alexander's basement and found the body of his second wife, Barbara, who was 27 when she disappeared in July 1953.

Rose claimed she was in Alexander's home when Barbara fell from a scaffolding and was killed by a cascade of bricks in the unfinished basement. She said she buried the body for fear that she would be accused of murder, but said nothing to Alexander.

Alexander, questioned more than four hours at Rose's preliminary hearing, maintained he thought Barbara had left him, and had no idea she was buried in the basement when he cemented the floor.

His testimony revealed that he first married Rose, who bore him two children, and then brought Barbara, a divorcee with two children of her own, into his home to live. He divorced Rose and married Barbara, but it was some months before Rose moved out. Barbara gave birth to a daughter by Alexander before she was killed. After her disappearance, Alexan-

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