

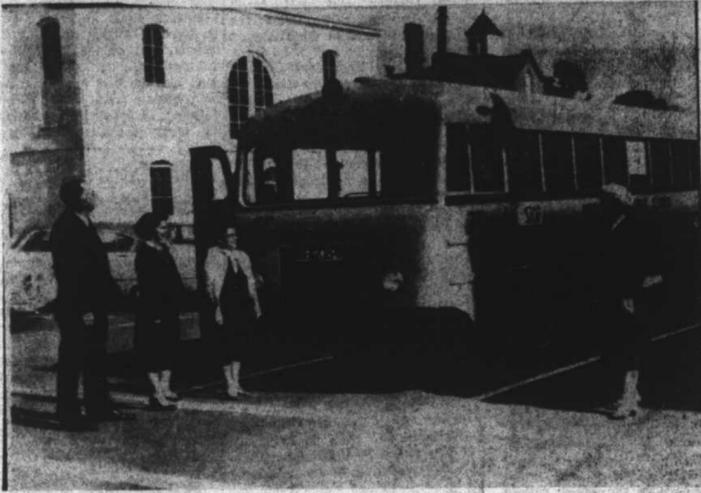
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Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Friday with scattered showers south portion tonight and Friday; cooler today.

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## PROBE SLATED IN GI HOUSING GRAFT



**NEWEST IN SCHOOL BUSES** — Admiring glances were turned yesterday to this new school bus which was on display in front of the county courthouse. The 66 seat capacity bus is the latest to be acquired by the county school system. The bus, a cab-over-engine design, has big 14 ply tires and features automatic transmission. Seats are brown leather, and the interior is painted green and the exterior familiar orange. The bus is one of 50 which will go into action this week throughout the State. Lucky Harnett users will be pupils from Lillington, Route One who now must make two loads daily. Spectators who wish they were school lads and lassies again are Grady Johnson, R. B. Leonard, Mrs. Jim Sexton, left and right, Mrs. Margaret Pittman. (Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

### Benson Claims High Labor Costs Brought Squeeze

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson charged today that wage increases for labor were largely responsible for the cost-price squeeze on farmers.

Most of the wage increases for labor in the food industry, Benson said, were "paid for by ranchers and farmers—who paid it by taking lower prices for meat animals."

He also charged that more than half the wage increases for food processing and distribution since 1947 were unjustified.

Benson referred to "excessive" wage increases as "round after round of soft wage settlements" in a speech prepared for delivery before the Western States Meat Packers Assn. He coupled the labor attack with praise and condemnation of the farm bill approved by the Senate Agriculture Committee. He approved the administration-backed soil bank plan contained in the bill but said he was "distressed" at the committee's vote to revive "90 per cent rigid, wartime emergency supports on basic commodities."

"Wage increases that reflect a corresponding gain in labor productivity are clearly justified," Benson said. "But when wages outrun labor productivity, the result is increased costs. On equipment and production supplies for which he is the consumer, the farmer pays the cost."

"Between 1947-49 and 1955, wage rates in food processing and distribution increased 43 per cent. Less than half of this increase was offset by gains in labor productivity. More than half became an increase in the labor cost per unit of food handled. In these years the retail price of food rose 11 per cent, but the wage cost per unit of food processed and distributed rose 26 per cent. Clearly farmers absorbed some of the difference—and their prices were correspondingly depressed."

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**BIRD BAIT** — The first step to serving "quail on toast" is to grow the quail. Large supplies of game food and cover planting stock have been delivered by the Wildlife Resources Commission to County Wildlife Protector Bob Wright, center, and assistant biologist, Lawrence Moore, right. They will deliver supplies to farmers who will promise to do their bit to protect birds and small game.

Here, Robert Wilson, Lillington, Route 3, left, picks up his batch of multi-flora rose hedge, a portion of 20,200 rose plants ready for planting. Bundles of plants destined for furrows around fields and woods. Sacks contain sericea seed, a favorite grain of feathered friends. Over 200 pounds await county farmers. (Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

### Tighter Rules To Prevent Fraud Planned

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Congressional investigation today reported some veterans are being cheated out of housing benefits by widespread graft, shoddy construction and favoritism.

A House Veterans Affairs subcommittee in issuing the report called for immediate tightening of regulations governing the Veterans Administration home loan guaranty program.

The report was based on a 4-month investigation of the VA program, builders and veterans using the program. Subcommittee members said they will introduce bills to carry out the recommendations.

The group criticized the Justice Department for its "inadequate" handling of cases referred to it by the VA, particularly cases involving the "illegal misuse" of veterans' housing rights "and overcharges on homes sold to veterans."

Congressmen reported many instances of builders buying from veterans their rights to the low-interest mortgages on houses. They said payments range from \$300 to \$400 in some areas to induce veterans to buy a house with no intention of living in it so the builder could obtain low-interest GI rates.

They also reported numerous cases of private inspectors hired by VA for a fee to inspect GI houses with a "conflict-of-interest" in the projects. They said often these fee inspectors have a direct financial interest in the property they inspect.

As a result, the subcommittee said, there are many cases of "in-

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### "Chance To Get Saved In Between"

Couple of clippings have drifted back from the latest safari into Georgia by Teen-age Evangelist Renee Martz, who is planning to appear in Dunn February 28.

In Augusta, Georgia, she recounted how a policeman with a paralyzed arm came to her service in Nottingham, England, and had his arm cured. Then she added:

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### Erwin Union Asks Pay Hike

PLUSH \$100-A-DAY LOVE FOR HIRE

### New Call Girl Ring Makes Jelke Piker

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Police investigating a new \$100-a-day call girl ring said today the operation catered to the suburbanite trade and was so plush it "makes Jelke look like a piker."

The investigation followed the arrest Monday of a 33-year-old woman, charged with running the vice ring, and a 21-year-old blond "college girl," charged with entertaining wealthy patrons.

The accused madam, Mrs. Jane Cook, and the blonde were taken to the district attorney's office yesterday for questioning.

The blonde gave her name as Janie Stacey, but police said she also was known as Mary Jane Patterson. She claimed to be a Vassar student on a holiday when she and a man were arrested in a hotel room, both nude, but Vassar denied she was registered there.

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### Susan Hayward's Divorce Is Upheld

**HOLLYWOOD (AP)** — The state district court of appeal has upheld film star Susan Hayward's divorce from actor Jess Barker.

The court ruled yesterday there were no grounds for setting aside the decree despite Barker's contention that it was not granted in accordance with evidence presented during the divorce proceedings in 1954. The actress charged Barker with cruelty, testifying he once tossed her into their swimming pool in the nude.

Barker also said that the actress failed to show their separation for income tax purposes and as a result saved \$40,000 in taxes under community property laws.

### County Judge Raps Highway Patrolman

Highway Patrolman Herman Ward was in hot water with Judge M. O. Lee of Harnett Recorder's Court yesterday.

Judge Lee had just acquitted Dick E. Robbins, Army enlistment man accused by Ward of disposing of mortgaged property. Robbins' attorney, W. A. Johnson, contended criminal court was being used for a civil matter. Judge Lee agreed.

A few minutes later Judge Lee was told that Ward and Robbins were having an argument. Called

### Last Minute News Shorts

**WASHINGTON** — Senate elections subcommittee votes investigation of corrupt election practices.

**TUSCALOOSA, Ala.** — University president says issues now law VS anarchy in Negro food dispute.

**THOMASVILLE, Ga.** — President goes quail-shooting at plantation retreat.

**WASHINGTON** — President orders Draft Board to exhaust supply of youthful non-fathers before taking dads and older men.

**LONDON** — Margaret has tea with high Anglican clerics while rumors spread she may become convert to Roman Catholicism.

**WASHINGTON** — Former Air Force research chief urges big hike in President's airpower budget.

**WASHINGTON** — Defense Department expert says machine tool sales to Russia give Soviet war production three to five year boost.

**LONDON** — Parliament ponders abolition of capital punishment; vote expected sometime tonight.

**WASHINGTON** — United States sells Saudi Arabia 18 modern tanks; (Continued On Page Seven)

Erwin Mills workers are after a general wage increase and have notified Carl Harris, the company's vice-president in charge of personnel, they want to meet on February 23 to open negotiations.

The union didn't specify how much of an increase. The word used, said its spokesman, was "substantial."

Textile Union Manager Lucy Dawkins, who made his announcement to the newspapers today, said notification had gone to the Erwin Mills management at Durham on Tuesday.

Though he has not yet heard from them, he presumes, said Dawkins, that they will be willing to negotiate. The last wage increase, which meant a boost of about a nickel an hour for productive workers, came on August 22.

Dawkins gave the high cost of living, and raises in other industries such as steel as reasons for renewing wage demands for the workers in Plants 2 and 5 at Erwin.

Also, he said, "The company seems to be in good financial shape. Their statements indicate a generally improved situation." Apparently he referred to an announcement by Erwin Mills President William H. Ruffin that profits for the final quarter of 1955 were \$365,649 — with earnings amounting to 34 cents a share. Ruffin compared the figure with a loss of \$67,781 for the same period in 1954.

### Record Roundup

**MUSICAL VARIETIES** — Mrs. Reta Whittenton announces the schedule for her "Musical Varieties" program for next week: Monday — Mrs. Whittenton will give an organ program; Tuesday — Janet Warren will sing, accompanied by Olive Grey Herring; Wednesday — Becky Smith of Benson will play the piano; Thursday — A Junior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. L. C. Finnik of Lillington, will sing; Friday — Mrs. Curtis Ennis will give a reading, with soft organ background. The program is heard each afternoon at 3 p.m.

**WEEKEND REVIVAL** — The Rev. Herbert F. Carter, pastor of the Stoney Run Freewill Baptist Church, announces that a weekend revival will be held at the church with services being conducted Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights and Sunday morning. The Rev. T. L. Byrd of High Point is to be the visiting evangelist. The evening services will begin at 7:45. (Continued On Page Seven)



**TOP YOUNG EVANGELIST** — Rev. G. L. Johnson of Fort Worth, Texas, will begin a revival meeting at Glad Tidings Assembly of God Thursday night, 7:30. Beginning Thursday, he will also be heard over WCKB each afternoon at 5:15. One of the top evangelists now speaking before Assemblies of God congregations, he has travelled extensively throughout the United States conducting revivals. Services will be held each night including Saturday. Pastor Robert Palmer today issued an invitation to the public to attend this series of special meetings.

### NEW CITY HALL BEING CONSIDERED

### Dunn's City Hall Should Go On Block, Says Mayor

### Day Of Prayer Set For Dunn

Mrs. H. Paul Strickland, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church today announced that local churches are cooperating in giving the program for the World Day of Prayer observance here Friday.

The special service will be held at the First Baptist Church at 4 p. m. with the Second Baptist Church also host for the event. Christians throughout the world

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Mayor Ralph Hanna said today that in his opinion Dunn can't put its best foot forward in such a tired and tight old shoe as the present city hall.

What the city really needs, he said, is a combination city hall and auditorium which would take the strain off city facilities, give citizens here something they could use and be proud of.

The time is just about at hand, said Mayor Hanna, when Dunn should follow through on an act, passed several years ago, which enables it to put the present city hall on the auction block.

Chances are that an auditorium-city hall could not be built for what the old building would bring and existing funds, so a bond issue, subject to approval by the voters, would have to be passed, said Mayor Hanna.

"I think our present building would bring a fine price at auction," said the Mayor. "It's in a location which many businesses might like to have. But for town purposes, it's too small and too confined. Now I know it would take right much for what we're thinking of."

The Mayor said the suggestion for a new headquarters for the city has been brought up periodically, most recently by Councilmen Bill Bryan and S. B. Whittenton who suggested it at a council meeting right after Christmas.

Tonight, discussion on the topic is a definite part of the council agenda, and Mayor Hanna made it plain that he is in favor.

"It must be mighty irksome to Ed Wade that his national guard has so little chance to use their armory," he said. "The national guard activities are really what it was built for, but basketball games and every sort of thing has to take place there because it's the only place we have."

Besides, the auditorium is an ungainly place, and fits many purposes the way a catcher's mitt fits a fielder, the Mayor suggested. Not

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### United Fund Heads Named

Highly active with the United Fund over the past several years, Hal Jordan this week was elected chairman of the drive for 1956. He succeeds Bob Hadley.

At the elections held in the Carolina Power and Light Co. offices, Earl Mahone was named vice-president and Fred Byerly was chosen treasurer. Mrs. Monnie Warren, who did much of the day-to-day organizing of the drive, was re-elected to the post of secretary.

Eight new directors were chosen, and they include Emmett Aldredge, Wayne Justesen, Henry Sandlin, R. L. Cromartie, Jr., Mrs. Mary Libby Fowler, Mrs. Willie Moff, Mrs. Ben Hartfield and Mrs. Ed Purdie.

A campaign chairman will be announced at a later date. The new budget for the United Fund will be set up next fall.

### FURRIER NEEDED CASH

### Huge Fur Robbery Revealed As Hoax

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Police said today that one of Hollywood's top furriers, who is an intimate of many stars, staged a fake \$280,000 robbery of his fur salon because he was heavily in debt and needed the insurance money.

The grand jury resumed its hearing into the case today. The furrier, Al Teitelbaum, 40, maintained that his arrest was "a lot of hokum."

Every Hills Police Chief Clinton H. Anderson arrested Teitelbaum yesterday and charged him with conspiracy to defraud an insurance company and conspiracy to commit grand theft.

The charges were in connection with Teitelbaum's report that he was held up Dec. 27 by gunmen who escaped with \$280,000 in furs. Teitelbaum's salon manager and three others were booked on the same charges. Two other men were released after questioning.

Teitelbaum's salon furnishes studios with many of the furs seen

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### "STOLEN LOVE" ON TWO CONTINENTS PROVES COSTLY

### \$200,000 Love Suit Filed

**NEW YORK** — A tall, attractive blonde who made clear she likes the finer things in life — like romance and money — conceded in Superior Court yesterday that she enjoyed love on two continents with a wealthy textile converter who was married to another woman.

However much the grand tour was worth to her, Mrs. Ethelle Thompson Paulson Bushman advised Justice Joseph A. Cavagan and a jury, she still would like to

William Bushman of East Northport, L. I., contends she gave the dough to Wols in four installments between May 1, 1950, and Oct. 15, 1953.

Wolz has a counter-claim before the court for \$196,196, which he contends Mrs. Bushman owes him.

Mrs. Bushman told her story to

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