

WEATHER

Wednesday, partly cloudy and warm with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Thursday, clearing and colder.

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# 5 MISSING, 50 HURT IN EXPLOSION



**MELODY MASTERS ON BROADSLAB PROGRAM MONDAY NIGHT** — Wilson Creech and his Melody Masters, popular radio and TV artists, will be among the parade of stars to appear Monday night at Dunn's second big Broadslab Drag in the Dunn Armory. The big show begins at 7:30

and the dance begins at 9 o'clock, featuring James Thornton and his entire troupe of Country Style TV entertainers. Clyde Moody, famed Grand Ole Opry star, was added to the program today as a special guest. It'll be the biggest program of its kind ever staged here.

## Clyde Moody Will Appear Here Monday

Clyde Moody, famed hillbilly star of the Grand Ole Opry, today was added to the parade of musical stars who will appear in Dunn Monday night at the town's second Broadslab Drag dance in the Dunn Armory.

Moody, whose recording of "Shenandoah Valley" sold over a million records, is appearing as a special guest of James Thornton, popular director of "Country Style TV".

Thornton is bringing all the stars of his Saturday night TV show to Dunn for the event. Among them will be Mozzelle, "Darling of the Hillbillies," Carolyn Ann Thomas, Becky Hill, Barbara Ann Cotton, Sonny Coley, Melody Masters, Dixie Ramblers, the Melody Masters, Sandhill Playboys and others.

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## These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

### A LOT OF NOTHING TO FILL UP SPACE

Former U. S. Senator Alton A. Lennon of Wilmington rolled back into Dunn yesterday afternoon and today was continuing his very effective person-to-person campaigning for the seat now held in Washington by Congressman F. Ertel Carlyle. The handsome fellow, who's staying at Hugh Willie Tart's tourist court, reports that he is well pleased so far with his campaign. He campaigns from 5:30 a. m. until after midnight and still says "There just aren't enough hours in the day. I wish I could talk with every single voter in the district." There's a fairly good possibility that Sharon Kay Ritchie, the current Miss America, may attend Dunn's Beauty Pageant on April 20th. The lovely Nebraska beauty will be in North Carolina at that time and Chairman Hubert Peay is trying to arrange for her to attend Dunn's beauty spectacular. She gets a fee of \$150 a day, plus expenses, but Hubert figures she would more than draw enough extra people to the local pageant to offset that cost. Miss America, except in rare instances, appears only at events sponsored by Jaycoes and the Philco Corporation, her commercial sponsor. Billy Godwin, head of the multi-million-dollar corporation, Godwin Building Supply Co., has been a busy fellow this week. He helped Derwood open

### THE CHALLENGER COMES OUT SLUGGING

## Adlai Raps Estes To Enliven Race

WASHINGTON (AP)—Adlai E. Stevenson, bent on a comeback after his Minnesota defeat, displayed himself before California voters today as a candidate now ready for toe-to-toe slugging with Sen. Estes Kefauver.

But while the "new" Stevenson was showing a willingness to club Kefauver, he was also professing to be "just plain mad" about suggestions that he spend more time shaking hands and less discussing issues.

Stevenson returned to California Wednesday for a two-day campaign tour in the state where he faces Kefauver in their biggest primary test June 5. And in a Los Angeles television address Wednesday night he showed none of his previous reluctance to engage in a personality clash with Kefauver.

**CITES "POLITICAL BOSSES"** Stevenson accused Kefauver of trying to "injure me." He said Kefauver did this by labeling party leaders backing Stevenson as "sinister political bosses."

But Kefauver would not reply to Stevenson's charge. He said that he did not "intend to say anything disparaging about Mr. Stevenson" and had "asked my supporters not to join in any criticism of him."

**GOING TO FLORIDA** Kefauver, who has just finished a week's tour of California campaigning in Arizona Wednesday. He scheduled stops today at Albuquerque and Santa Fe, N. M., enroute back to Washington.

His headquarters announced that he will leave Sunday night for four days of campaigning in Florida, where he is matched against Stevenson. (Continued On Page Seven)

### CRIMINALLY ASSAULTED, STABBED

## Mother, 18 Found Raped And Slain

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP)—The body of an attractive 18-year-old mother was found by her husband early today, stabbed and apparently raped on a bed in her trailer park home here.

Police said auburn-haired Orla Johnson, mother of a two-month-old baby, apparently was slain after she was criminally attacked. She had been stabbed between the breasts and nearly completely disrobed, police said.

Pvt. Harold Johnson, 19, of the Santa Ana air base, said he found the body on the blood-spattered bed when he returned from duty.

Mrs. Johnson, who came here from Houston, Tex., two weeks ago, was driven home by Pvt. Henderson. (Continued On Page Eight)

## Bridal Shower Is Given For Grace Kelly

NEW YORK (AP)—Members of Grace Kelly's wedding party gave her a typical small-town bridal shower last night in the apartment of one of her former roommates.

Only 15 persons were present. Among them were Grace's mother, Mrs. John B. Kelly of Philadelphia, and four bridesmaids.

The party was held in the one-bedroom apartment of Mrs. Sally Richardson in New York's Upper East Side.

Most of the guests gave Grace (Continued On Page Eight)

## Record Roundup

**MUSICAL VARIETIES** — Mrs. Rita Whittenton announces the schedule for her "Musical Varieties" radio program for next week: Monday — Mary Lou Frink will be the vocalist; Tuesday — Mrs. Whittenton will present an organ program; Wednesday — Mrs. Jack Daniell will sing, accompanied by Mrs. Woodrow Hill; Thursday — David Pinnix will render piano selections. Friday — The Dunn high school glee club will sing, under the direction of Miss Jean Gayle. The program is heard each afternoon at 3 p. m.

**SWINE EXPERT** — Jack Kelly, head of the animal husbandry at N. C. State College, was in Harnett County Thursday to visit various swine producers. He was accompanied by County Agent C. R. Ammons. Another specialist from the State Extension service, H. E. Scott, entomologist, visited the county on Tuesday to check tobacco plant beds for possible plant diseases. (Continued On Page Eight)

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## Harnett's Oldest Pharmacist Dies

Edward Ragland Thomas, 79, Harnett County's oldest druggist, died Wednesday afternoon at Good Hope Hospital in Erwin.

Funeral services will be Friday at 3:15 p. m. from Erwin Methodist Church conducted by the Rev. W. C. Felton, assisted by the Rev. Eldridge Taylor and the Rev. Forest Maxwell. Burial will be in Montlawn Memorial Park, Raleigh.

Born in Chatham County, son of the late John Lewis and Emily Ragland Thomas, he was educated at Caldwell Institute and Trinity Park in Durham. He completed his work in pharmacy at Simpson's School of Pharmacy and was licensed in 1902. After a short time in Durham, he moved to Erwin in 1905 and opened the E. R. Thomas Drug Co., which he operated until his death. He was married to the former Op (Continued On Page Five)



LARRY THORNTON, JR., 8, AT EASTER EGG HUNT  
Some of the boys threw dirt.

### DUNN CHURCHES PLAN FOR EASTER

## Pocketknife Rescue, Cow Named Peggy Point To Good Easter

By TED CRAIL  
Record Staff Writer

Nobody would have suspected it a year ago, but it looks now as though Easter, 1956, will be commemorated at a time when peace-talk rather than war-talk has become the order of the day.

During the past few days I've watched for signs that the angels are casting on us, and last night I heard something that indicates they are.

Larry Weaver, a junior high student, was one of the hundreds of howling youngsters who attended a midnight monster show at (Continued on Page Five)

### "THIS IS YOUR LIFE" STARS GUARDED

## Staff Of TV Show Receives Threats

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The FBI and police today investigated telephoned threats made in connection with a "This is Your Life" television show about a woman who posed as a Communist for the FBI.

TV master of ceremonies Ralph Edwards said his office received 10 threatening telephone calls yesterday before the show went on.

The life depicted last night was that of Mrs. Marion Miller, 35, ex-FBI undercover agent. The show originated from her West Los Angeles home.

"We will be waiting for you at her home when you go there and we'll get you," one caller threatened, according to a spokesman for Edwards.

FBI agents and policemen guarded the Miller home during the show. Mrs. Miller had been taken by her husband, Paul, to a beach resort while the cameras were set up in the home.

Miller said he and his wife did not personally receive any threatening calls. The callers to the Edwards office were both men and women, a spokesman said.

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## Blast Shakes Two-Mile Area Of Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Rescue workers searched today for the bodies of five men believed buried under tons of rubble in an explosion which rocked two square miles of west Philadelphia Wednesday night. Fifty other persons were injured in the blast.

Many of the injured said they barely escaped flying concrete and stone blasted from a grain elevator and four silos which were flattened by the blast.

Anthony Karnell, manager of a restaurant in the block next to the explosion, said glass and rubble showered over the 30 patrons in his restaurant when the explosion occurred.

"It looked like all hell was breaking loose, and I holiered to everybody to get out in a hurry," he said.

Mrs. Margaret Connell, 40, said she was knocked down four times by shock waves.

"The fourth time I couldn't get up. I just lay there stunned," she said. "Then a policeman was bending over, helping me up. I had no idea where he came from. I don't remember being brought to the hospital."

A. P. Tallent, 33, a fireman for the Pennsylvania Railroad, said he saw flames shoot from the grain elevator.

"It started to mushroom like an atomic bomb," he said.

For a few minutes he said he thought the explosion was an atomic blast of fire would engulf him.

The five men missing in the explosion were identified as Edward Johnson, 26, Philadelphia; Bayren Weldon and Arthur Harrell, truck drivers employed by the John Regan Trucking Co. of Millville, N. J., and Frank Morgan and Dominic Malachi, employes of the Railway Express agency next door to the grain elevator.

## Trash Fire Not Serious At Porter's

The guardian angel of the new Porter's Restaurant, which holds Open House tomorrow at its grand opening, went to sleep yesterday long enough to let a trash fire get started.

But the restaurant is so close to the fire station (it's located in the Cottontale Hotel building) that a fireman stepped over and put the fire out before the truck could leave the station.

Fire Department Secretary-Treasurer Howard M. Lee explained that the fire could have been very serious because it threatened the hotel's gas tanks. Twenty-two men answered the fire alarm, but didn't have to attend the fire.

## County Candidates So Far Too Bashful

Does Harnett have a real shortage of candidates for county office or are those who eventually will run in the May 26 primary just too bashful to declare themselves at this early hour?

The Harnett County News comments that the scarcity should end around April 1 when Chairman Dougald McRae opens the County Board of Elections office, and that is probably right.

Candidates for county commissioner have popped up only in the second district, where J. M. Pleasant and Coy Lucas have declared themselves.

In the race for County Judge — and it seems likely that it will be

a race — the only avowed candidate, James Spence, has taken himself up and out by accepting a position with the Fayetteville law firm of Nance, Barrington and Collier.

All offices in the count, with the exception of clerk of Superior Court and sheriff, are to be filled in the primary. Sooner or later, like ducks issuing from the swamp, the real candidates can be expected to come forth quacking.



E. R. THOMAS, SR.