

WEATHER

Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday with scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers. Cooler tonight.

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TWO DIE IN OLIVIA, BENSON WRECK



OFF FOR EUROPE — Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Blanchard, prominent Dunn residents, are pictured here last night at the railroad station just before they left for New York where they will sail on the Queen Elizabeth tomorrow for a tour of 19 European countries. With them are Mrs. Kate

Starling of Eureka, a cousin, and Mrs. R. A. McCullen of Clinton, a niece. A large crowd of friends were on hand at the station last night to bid the popular local couple "Bon Voyage." They will be gone for most of the summer. (Daily Record Photo)

Adequate Space For ASC Office Is Demanded

By LOIS BYRD Record Staff Writer A threat that unless Harnett County furnishes more suitable rent-free office space for the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office, the ASC office may be moved from Lillington — and even taken from Harnett County to an adjoining county — was presented to the county commissioners last night.

The flat statement was contained in a letter from ASC State administrative officer, H. D. Godfrey, which was read to a call meeting of the commissioners. The county ASC committee composed of Everett Barnes of Coats, P. C. Altman of Dunn and W. H. (Billy) Byrd of Lillington met jointly with the commissioners.

Godfrey wrote that the present ASC quarters, in the basement of the county agriculture building, are absolutely "inadequate" and unacceptable to the federal agriculture authorities. Godfrey in his periphrastic Thurman Garrison and the county ASC committee pointed out that the present office works a hardship on the efficient administration of the farm program.

Godfrey reminded the ASC committee that the administration of the farm program in Harnett, particularly last year, had drawn much criticism. He added that he was unwilling to have farmers penalized because of errors which would be apt to arise because of the crowded office conditions.

The State ASC administrative officer suggested four possibilities: (1) Furnish a suitable office for the ASC in the same building with other agricultural agencies because of convenience for the farmer (2) If not possible, secure other quarters in the same town (Lillington); (Continued on Page Six)



JUST RIGHT FOR HOT WEATHER — At Efrid's department store in Erwin, a huge fan is one of the prizes to be given as the store goes on a June spurge. Efrid's starts Thursday on a huge bargain-sale which will last until June 4. Unwrapping the fan, which was still in factory packaging, are Manager Earl Ferguson and Salesclerk Ellene Wade. (Daily Record Photo by Ted Crail.)

Speeding Youth Fails To Make Curve On 242

Automobile accidents claimed two lives last night in Harnett and adjoining Johnston County.

Police said a long record of motor vehicle violations finally caught up with John Grant Barbour, 21, of Benson, Route 3. The youth was killed instantly when he failed to make a curve four miles east of Benson.

In Western Harnett, J. C. Weber, 66-year-old farmer, was killed when his automobile was struck by a train at the ACL crossing in Olivia.

SPEEDING ON CURVE

John Grant Barbour, 21, of Benson, Route 3 was killed instantly four miles east of Benson on Highway 242 late yesterday when his speeding automobile failed to make a curve.

State Highway Patrolman C. L. Brown, the investigating officer, said Barbour was driving a 1952 Pontiac at a very high rate of speed. (Continued On Page Six)

Efrid's Plans Sales Event

Efrid's in Erwin will be closed all day Wednesday, but it'll be no holiday for Manager Earl Ferguson and members of his staff.

They're as busy as bees already getting ready for Efrid's June Sale, one of the biggest sales events held annually in this section. The gigantic store-wide sale will open Thursday morning at 9 o'clock and will continue throughout the whole month of June.

"And what a sale it'll be," declared Mr. Ferguson this morning. "I don't believe I have ever known..." (Continued On Page Six)

Man, Stepdaughter, Dog Found Slashed To Death

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The hacked-up bodies of a Chinese laundryman, his beautiful 19-year-old stepdaughter and a dog were found today in the rear of his shop, next door to an exclusive apartment hotel on famed Canal Street.

Detectives said both Tom Yuen, 58, and Eula Mae Smith, 19, who neighbors said was engaged to be married next month, were slashed savagely about the head.

Hazel Woodland, Negro employe of Yuen, discovered the bodies in a rear ground floor bedroom with a dead dog sprawled nearby when... (Continued On Page Six)

LIGHT VOTE IN FLORIDA

Kefauver Hopeful As Florida Votes

MIAMI (AP) — Adlai Stevenson and Sen. Estes Kefauver battled today for Florida's 28 Democratic convention votes today in a primary that ranged from a light to brisk vote turnout.

The Florida votes don't add up to much in the convention delegate count but both candidates look upon a victory here as of tremendous psychological importance.

Dade (Miami) County reported 35,525 of its 300,000 registered voters had gone to the polls during the first three hours. This was about 75 per cent of the pace set three weeks ago when the governor and other state officers were on the ballot.

"This is a much heavier vote than we expected here," Dade registrar Carl Holmer Jr. said. "I predicted only 85,000 would vote in this county but at the rate they are now going to the polls we will have a total of 140,000 by tonight."

BUT VOTING WAS reported much lighter in Jacksonville, Tallahassee and Tampa. Some precincts in Jacksonville and Tampa showed only 35 to 40 per cent turnout as compared to the May 8 primary.

The interest was in sharp contrast to the heated campaign conducted by Kefauver and Stevenson. Kefauver shook hands up to the last minute before leaving the state for California at 10 a. m.

"I've high hopes," Kefauver said at the Tampa airport while greeting waitresses and customers in a coffee shop. "I've been gaining strength."

Stevenson, meanwhile, flew to California yesterday and started out early this morning campaigning.

Marv Pickford Has Close Call

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Actress Mary Pickford, America's sweetheart in the days of silent films, disclosed today she narrowly escaped death when a bullet from an accidentally discharged pistol grazed her forehead.

Miss Pickford said the incident occurred Saturday night when she and her husband, producer Buddy Rogers, were accompanied to their fashionable home by Capt. Horace Brown and his wife, Marion Davies, after attending the formal opening of a new decorator shop.

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

LITTLE NOTES ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

Lady Mae Poe of Dunn, who might well qualify as the State's No. 1 shuffler, has been in court and in jail so often that she knows her way around pretty well.

Last week this Lady Mae who's no lady was on trial in Harnett Superior Court on a charge of stealing tools from her next door neighbor Isaac Williams.

Presiding Judge Bill Rickett asked Williams how much the tools Lady Mae had stolen were worth. "About \$20," replied Williams.

Judge Rickett then asked Lady Mae if she wanted to take the witness stand to tell her side of the story.

"No," she shot back at His Honor quickly, "but I wish you could see these tools he says are worth \$20."

Lady Mae served as her own defense attorney and later the Negroes went over to the jury to argue her own case. Did pretty well at it, too. During the course of her argument to the jurors, she told them that she had tried to hire a lawyer to defend her but that the lawyer told her it would cost her \$100.

"He must've thought I was out of my head," concluded Lady Mae and then she sat down. (She's now in the nukes for two years and, no...) (Continued On Page Six)

Lucas Calls For District 2 Runoff

Coy Lucas, who wound up just 13 votes off the pace of front-runner Jarvis Pleasant in the race for county commissioner from Harnett's District Two, has called for a second primary.

"After careful consideration and thought about this," said Lucas in an official statement, "I feel that I should yield to the urging of my friends and make this race."

Four candidates were opposed in District Four — more than in any other district. Pleasant had 479 votes to Lucas's 466. Joe Denning had 303 while Ted Malone trailed with 134.

Lucas's full statement to voters of Duke and Grove townships who will have another opportunity to state their choice was as follows: "I wish to express to all of you my sincere thanks for your vote of

confidence in me in last Saturday's primary. Since the end of that primary, in which I was second high man, I have been urged to call for a second primary.

"After careful consideration and thought about this, I feel that I should yield to the urging of my friends and make this race. If I am elected to this office, I promise to the people of Harnett County that I will conduct myself in said office always to the end that the people will be served, to the best of my ability, with fairness and justice."

3 State Candidates May Ask Runoff

RALEIGH (AP) — Three candidates who hold leads but not majorities of the votes in Saturday's Democratic primary may ask for another election.

The races are in the 11th Congressional District, for lieutenant governor and for commissioner of labor.

In the 11th District, complete but unofficial returns give Ralph Gardner of Shelby 19,645 votes, 340 more than Basil Whitener of

Gastonia. Hugh Wells of Shelby is third with 4,068 votes.

Runner-up Alonzo Edwards of Hookerton refused yesterday to commit himself on asking for another primary for lieutenant governor. Edwards trailed Luther Barnhardt of Concord by 36,312... (Continued On Page Six)

Blind Man's Aide, Deputy Are Slain

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — A desperado shot a sheriff's deputy to death today and killed an X-ray technician helping a blind man across a street in a wild bid for freedom.

Sheriff's Deputy Ray Westover was shot fatally when he and Highway Patrolman Robert Newell tried to arrest the gunman and his two companions at a roadblock for speeding.

Newell, in an exchange of gunfire with the three Negroes, wounded one of them in the neck. The gunman, leaving his two companions behind, jumped back into his auto after shooting Westover.

Officers said that when the man reached a second roadblock, he tried to turn the car, lost control and it struck and killed Ann Martin, 19, an X-ray technician, and critically injured Jay Francis, 31, a blind man whom Miss Martin was helping into her auto. Francis worked with Miss Martin in the X-ray department at St. Charles Hospital. (Continued On Page Two)

Church Group Says Funerals Are Pagan

NEW YORK (AP) — The United Lutheran Church in America, the nation's largest Lutheran group, charged today that modern funeral services are "downright pagan."

Dr. Edgar S. Brown Jr., director of worship of the Lutheran movement, also criticized some funeral eulogies and newspaper obituaries. He said he sometimes wonders "if there isn't a spirit of competition to see whose obituary will read the longer."

"Whether we like it or not, we must admit that too frequently modern funeral practices are downright pagan," Brown said. "To a Christian, death has a distinct meaning. It is not the end, but the beginning. It is not a time for sorrow, no matter how much the hurt which separates us from a loved one but a time of joy."

Brown made his observations in a message to the denomination's 4,400 pastors printed in the Memorial Day issue of "The Lutheran" official news magazine.

"The important thing is our Christian faith, and we can not say one thing and do another," Brown said. "Since our faith is right, it must be our practice that is in error. Hence it must change." Brown emphasized that he was not in any way "warring on undertakers."

"They have a job to do and as Christians they should carry on their work so that men may be..." (Continued On Page Six)

CALL GIRLS AND MEN ARRESTED

Sin, Sex And Steal Syndicate Smashed

MIAMI BEACH (AP) — The arrest of two call girls and three men has broken up a sex-and-steal syndicate responsible for more than \$200,000 worth of robberies from Miami Beach hotels and motels last winter, police said today.

Five other persons are being sought in the roundup, officers said.

Detective Lt. Sam Frederick said "call girls" Brandi O'Farrell, a 24-year-old platinum blonde, and Carol Davis, 24, curly brunette, would put the finger on victims for robberies carried out by the men.

Miss O'Farrell, who also used the aliases Brandi Alexander or Thelma, was arrested at Monterey Park, Calif. Miss Davis and Raymond Johnson, 23, were arrested at Las Vegas, Nev.

Police here arrested Edward E. Cooke, 31, former hotel doorman. (Continued on Page Six)

Miss Ezzell, Miss Creel Are Injured

Two longtime teachers at Dunn grammar school, Miss Lillian Ezzell and Miss Lucile Creel, were injured today when their car crashed into a telephone pole two blocks from the school on South Magnolia Avenue.

Both were taken to Dunn Hospital. The principal at Dunn grammar school, Mrs. J. Shepard Bryan, said both have cuts about the face and head and are seriously shaken. Their accident occurred only a... (Continued On Page Six)

Ike Asks Millions For Nuclear Energy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower asked Congress today for a stepped-up nuclear energy program for both peaceful uses and weapons.

The president specifically asked Congress to authorize a program to cost 112 1-2 million dollars during fiscal 1957, which starts July 1.

The White House, in announcing a request for supplemental funds for the Atomic Energy Commission, said some of the money would be used on "design, development, testing and production..." (Continued On Page Two)

DUNN MAN HONORED

Smith Is Helping Direct Big Drive

Walter Guyton Smith, prominent Dunn business executive, civic, social and religious leader, has been named vice chairman of the Fayetteville Presbytery in the Presbyterian campaign on Christian Higher Education to raise \$3,500,000 in the Synod of North Carolina.

Mr. Smith has already begun his duties.

A native of Dublin, Georgia, and a graduate of Davidson College, Mr. Smith is Director and Secretary-Treasurer of the Johnson Cotton Company of Dunn, and for 10 years has served as a Ruling Elder in the Dunn First Presbyterian Church where he is also a Sunday School teacher with a record of 17 years service. He has participated actively in the civic affairs of Dunn serving as Director and President of the Chamber of Commerce, Director of the United Fund and Chairman of the Budget Committee, and Director of Dunn Investors, as well as a Director and President of the Chocora Country Club.

He is married to the former Mildred Frances Cotter, and they have one son, Walter Guyton Smith, Jr. (Continued On Page Two)



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