

Lucky Bill Contest Announced By Local Merchants

WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness and some - what warmer Monday. Occasional light rain and cool Monday night. Tuesday, clearing and colder.

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DUNN MAN IS SHOT TO DEATH IN BRAWL



AFTERNOON SNACK — Joe, a Mynah bird who acts like he was trained in an advertising agency, pauses after a gulp of some Gardner's Dairy milk. Owner James Surles, manager of the dairy, feeds him Gardner's products, is training him to say firm slogans. (Record Photo by Ted Crall)

Mynah Bird Will Tout Ice Cream

Joe is a Mynah bird who drinks his milk good like a Mynah bird should.

Owner James Surles, bird collector on the side and full-time manager of Gardner's Dairy, has installed Joe in his downtown office.

Surles has nearly 200 feathered creatures, mostly parakeets and African love-birds, in his collection, but Joe is the only one he wants for company through the day.

Here's how he happened to get Joe and why he's so pleased with him.

A few months ago, Surles conducted extensive correspondence with a California outfit about buying a Mynah bird. Came Christmas Eve and Surles, who had never actually ordered the bird, received

a special shipment from California. His secretary who knew of her boss's yen for one of the expensive birds (they cost about \$100 each) had let other employees in on it. Together they ordered Joe.

He almost didn't arrive in time. In fact, a letter had been prepared for Surles, telling him that his Christmas gift was ordered but hadn't arrived. Then, on Christmas Eve, Joe squeaked in, arriving by air express at the Raleigh-Durham airport.

The male Mynah bird is mighty strange in his eating habits—he likes such diverse foods as creamed potatoes, bananas, grapes and mixed vegetables—but, claims Surles, **Continued on Page Six**

Little Girls Hit; One Is Badly Hurt

Patsy Bryant, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waylon Bryant of South Washington Ave., is in the Dunn Hospital with a broken leg and other minor injuries knocking her off-balance and knocking her off her feet and skate. Her accident occurred Saturday night about 6:30 when she was skating near the intersection of East 15 or 20 feet and her shoe ne- Godwin and Washington Ave. ver, has been recovered. The girl was struck by a 1956 station wagon being driven by Edward Earl Hudson, local radio and TV repair-

Sister Also Hit

The station wagon also struck her sister, Evon Hartley, age 9, who was skating near the intersection of East Godwin and Washington Ave. The two sisters were skating near the intersection of East Godwin and Washington Ave. (Continued on Page Four)

Dunn Bargain Days Will Open Thursday

Tooling up for what they hope will be the most exciting Bargain Days Dunn has ever held, local merchants this morning announced the details of a Lucky Bill contest.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the serial numbers of certain bills put into circulation by local stores will be posted in the windows of the Chamber of Commerce office and announced by local papers and radio station WCKB.

Holders of those bills will be treated to Bargain Day's best bargain:

Lucky Ones will be worth ten dollars each, on presentation at the Chamber of Commerce, Lucky Fives will be worth twenty dollars each.

David Pope, head of the Retail Merchants group which declared the semi-annual Bargain Days, said that three of the lucky one-dollar bills will go into circulation on Thursday, three ones and a five on Friday, three ones and two fives on Saturday.

Those who come into possession of the Lucky Bills will have through next Wednesday to present them at the Chamber of Commerce office and receive their Bargain Day bonus. On Saturday, the office will be open until five o'clock so winners can present their bills.

No employes or immediate relatives of retail establishments will be eligible as holders of the Lucky Bills. Those who do win will be paid off in silver dollars.

Quite aside from the free bills, there will be many bargains almost as spectacular during the three days of this trade promotion.

Pope announced that all local retail merchants are joining in the event. Each store will cut prices to the bone, feature many special sales. Prices won't be so low again until next Bargain Days roll around.

The Retail Merchants have undertaken this event cooperatively and are advertising extensively through various media. Special shopping pages full of these advertisements will appear in the Daily Record throughout this week.

Dan Byrd, 74, Buried Sunday

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Robert Daniel Byrd, 74, of Pope Road in Dunn, one of the town's oldest and best known residents.

Mr. Byrd died at his home Friday night.

The services were held at the Cromartie Funeral Home on N. Wilson Avenue. The Rev. Ernest P. Russell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Old Bluff Church Cemetery in Cumberland County.

RETIRED CARPENTER

Mr. Byrd a native and lifelong resident of Harnett County, son of the late William Bright and Mary Cameron Byrd. He was a retired carpenter. Mr. Byrd was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lila Stephenson Byrd of the home; four sons, Robert L. Byrd of Danville, Va.; Theron Byrd of Fayetteville; Earl Byrd of Smithfield; and Carl Byrd of Fort Riley, Kansas; three daughters, Miss Mildred Byrd of the home; Miss Evelyn Byrd of Raleigh and Mrs. J. W. Swanner of Fort Meade, Fla.; one brother, Richard Byrd of Erwin; two sisters, Miss Hattie Byrd and Mrs. Della Tew, both of Erwin; also 13 grandchildren.



MRS. JAMES E. FISHER

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Godwin

Benson Girl Dies In Head-On Crash

Mrs. James E. Fisher, 24, a laboratory technician at St. Joseph's Hospital at Asheville, was killed in a two-car collision on U. S. Highway No. 1 five miles south of Sanford Sunday afternoon at 12:10 o'clock.

Mrs. Fisher is the former Miss Fionnie Louise Godwin of Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch E. Godwin. Her father owns and operates Godwin Produce Company in Dunn.

She was a sister of Mrs. Robert (Elizabeth) Tyler of Dunn, a nurse at the Dunn Hospital, and of Bernard Godwin of Dunn, a member of the Plain View School faculty. She was also a niece of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Adams of Dunn.

Mrs. Fisher had spent the weekend with her parents near Benson and was returning to her home. She was the only occupant of the car.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed this morning.

Wed Only Four Months

Mrs. Fisher, a bride of only four months, was a native of the Benson community. She graduated from Meadow High School, at Belmont, and took her laboratory **Continued on Page Two**

Marilyn's Husband Indicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal grand jury today indicted Arthur Miller, playwright husband of Marilyn Monroe, on charges of contempt of Congress.

The jury returned a similar indictment against Otto Nathan, New York University professor and executor of the estate of the late Albert Einstein.

Miller in a statement issued through his attorney said he would seek dismissal of the indictment on grounds that refusal to answer "irrelevant questions" of a congressional committee "is not punishable." **Continued on Page Four**

Fitchett Elected Dunn Rotary Chief

Carl E. Fitchett, Jr., well-known young business and civic leader, has been elected president of the Dunn Rotary Club for the coming year.

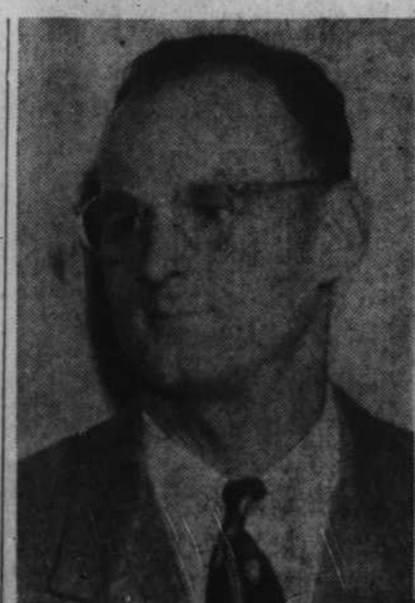
The election of officers took place at the annual organizational meeting of the local civic group.

Fitchett will succeed Retiring President R. Dennis Strickland, who is stepping down after a very successful term of office. The club has enjoyed many outstanding programs during the year and has completed a number of highly successful civic projects.

Under organizational rules of the club, Mr. Strickland automatically becomes the vice president.

New Directors

Elected to serve on the new board of directors, in addition to the president and vice president, were: George Franklin Blalock, Bobby Bryan, Willard Mixon, James Snipes and Rommie F. Williamson. President-elect Fitchett, who with his father owns and operates **Continued on Page Two**



PRESIDENT FITCHETT

Police Believe Boy, 15, Fired Mortal Blast

Fred Weldon Jackson, 27-year-old Dunn mechanic, was shot to death Sunday afternoon in what police described as a "free-for-all" involving a rifle and two shotguns at McLamb's Crossroads on Dunn, Route 2, in neighboring Johnston County.

A neighbor rushed into the Dunn police station Sunday afternoon and reported that Jackson and Lee O'Quinn Parker, 41, of Dunn, Rt. 2 had the road blocked off and were engaged in a shooting duel.

Policeman Harus Davison immediately phoned Johnston County authorities to report the episode but was told: "It's too late now. We just sent an ambulance after Jackson's body."

Jackson's body, one side of his head ripped off by the blast from a .12 gauge double-barrel shotgun, was brought to the Cromartie Funeral Home in Dunn.

Father And Son Held
Parker and a 15-year-old son, Henry Lee Parker, are being held in Johnston County in connection with the shooting and Coroner V. J. Underwood has set an inquest for Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the county courthouse in Smithfield.

Authorities said Jackson had served two terms in Federal prison for liquor violations and was under bond now for appearance in Sampson County on multiple motor vehicle violations and for assault on an officer.

Sheriff B. A. Henry, who directed the investigation, said he had gathered this version of the fatal shooting.

Shortly before the shooting, Jackson and Parker had a fustov possession of an automatic .22 calibre rifle and Jackson took the weapon out of Parker's automobile and refused to give it back to him.

Returned With Guns
Parker returned home, got his wife, two sons and a daughter, along with a single-barrel shotgun and a double-barrel shotgun, both .12 gauge, and returned to McLamb's Four-Way Service Station, where Jackson's automobile was parked.

Jackson and Parker engaged in a scuffle over the rifle, which was **Continued on Page Two**

State Legion Chief Coming To Benson

Department Commander Tim Craig will be guest speaker at the 14th American Legion District dinner and dance meeting to be held in the Benson American Legion Building Friday night, February 22, at 7 o'clock.

A ham dinner will be served at 7 o'clock and will be followed by a short business session. At 9 o'clock a free dance will be held with the "Rhythm Kings" furnishing the music.

All Legionnaires and their wives or dates are invited to attend. Plates will be \$1.25 per person. Reservations may be made by contacting Noah Barefoot in Benson before Thursday noon.

Bulldozer or Hurricane To Blame?

Tempers Flare At Wade Cemetery

Two local attorneys have been retained to protest what some descendants claim is the unlawful disturbance of graves in the Wade Cemetery. They claim that a bulldozer wreaked havoc among the grave-stones.

George Franklin Blalock, target of their wrath, stated strongly today that no bulldozer broke any head-stones and that the damage referred to was caused by Hurricane Hazel and marauding dogs and hogs.

Attorney Bill Taylor, who is representing some of the persons who are angry with Blalock and grading contractor Lewis Godwin, plan-

ned a meeting tonight with the objectors.

Another Dunn attorney, Everett Deffermyre, stated that he, too, has been retained to deal with the questions of the cemetery.

Lawyer Taylor said that under the law a cemetery cannot be disturbed even if it is on the property of the disturber. Said Blalock: **Continued on Page Six**



JACKSON SHOWN WITH WIFE

Busy Days Ahead For Harnett Lawmaker

Rep. Gregory Gets Important Posts

Harnett Representative Carson Gregory, a fellow who seems to enjoy and thrive on hard work, has plenty of it cut out for him during the current session of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Harnett's veteran lawmaker, now beginning his fourth consecutive term, ranks high in the esteem of his fellow solons, which accounts for the fact that he landed one important committee chairmanship and one vice chairmanship.

He was also appointed to serve on 11 other legislative committees, which gives assurance that he won't have a moment to call his own until the current session adjourns.

All Citizens Welcome
Despite these busy legislative assignments, Rep. Gregory still maintains "Open House" at his headquarters in the Hotel Sir Walter and still urges all residents of the county to call on him to discuss their problems and to give him the

benefit of their views and opinions on the various issues to be decided.

"I am never too busy to talk to the people of Harnett County," said Rep. Gregory.

He is particularly happy over his assignment as vice chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, which he ranks right at the top in importance to the State. He was also named chairman of the Committee on Insurance.

Other committees to which he was named are: Counties, Towns and Cities, Drainage, Education, Manufacturing and Labor, Mental Institutions, Penal Institutions, Propositions and Grievances, Salaries and Fees, Senatorial Districts, **Continued on Page Six**

County Agent Asks \$250,000 In Suit

An unusual civil suit in which County Agent C. R. Ammons of Lillington is suing former Lillington Mayor Joel Layton, Jr., for \$200,000 for alleged slander is stated for trial Tuesday.

It will come before Judge Malcolm Seawell, who started a two-week term of civil court in Lillington today.

The suit arose out of a public hearing held June 6, 1954, at the court-house in Lillington. County commissioners had called the public meeting to consider the re-employment of Ammons as county agent. He had served in that post from June, 1937.

A motion in connection with the suit was due to be made today. However, Attorney A. R. Taylor, re-

presenting Ammons, asked if the motion could be introduced at the time the case is called for trial and the judge stated that it could.

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