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Snow flurries, turning colder in mountains, elsewhere mild and windy with scattered showers gradually ending from west to east this morning followed by clearing and cooler this afternoon.

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## U. S. STRENGTH HELD ADEQUATE



**TRIP TO THE MOON** — This excited group of first-graders were set to head for the moon on an imaginary rocket trip. Teacher Fanny Sue Jackson was directing the trip to give them a sense of space, distance, and the shape and nature of the earth. Some youngsters made control panels so they could visualize the pilot's take-off. Rocket here

was made by Glenn Stirkland (right). Others with him are Wayne Stout, Linda Mond (center) and Cindy Finch. The moon-journey was one of many imaginative projects undertaken in local first grades. A story intended for parents of coming first-graders appears on Page 7. (Record Photo by Ted Crail.)

### Overseas Aid May Increase Says President

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower warned Congress today that the United States might have to step up its military assistance program overseas because of the Soviet threat to Europe.

His statement was contained in an urgent, 7,000-word message to Congress appealing for approval of his \$3,930,000,000 mutual security program in the next fiscal year.

Eisenhower told Congress Russia's threat in Europe might require an increase in his budget request for \$1,600,000,000 in military aid for fiscal 1960 starting July 1.

Preliminary indications from his special commission studying the military aid program, he said, point to an additional "increase in the level of commitments for vital elements of the military assistance program, primarily for the provisions of weapons to the NATO area."

The President said he expects a written interim report from the commission shortly. He promised to make further recommendations to Congress "as are appropriate."

#### Keep Allies Strong

Eisenhower hammered repeatedly in behalf of his theory that money for mutual security is fully as necessary as funds for U.S. armed forces if the United States is to maintain the strongest possible allies against the "perilous consequences" of Soviet and Com-

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### Harnett Not Too Booky--But Librarians Hope For Change

Harnett County has not proved entirely fertile ground for the cultivation of libraries but there is an ambitious group which would like to see it do better.

While one major author has risen from the native soil—Paul Green won the Pulitzer prize and is a leading creator of the modern folk play—the libraries created here tend to be on the minor side.

Two years ago a drive to enlarge the facilities in Dunn was carried all the way to an election—and lost.

But National Library Week is coming and a band of school librarians met a Erwin recently to see if they can't pump some life into the local program and observations.

The best way to observe library week is, of course, to read a book—possibly several books.

Harnett's libraries, for school collections and otherwise, are trying to gear up the machinery which will facilitate library usage on an increasingly large scale. Said Bessie Massengill, elementary supervisor in Harnett schools and a member of the Library Week committee: "A better-read, better-informed American has become a necessity."

Mrs. S. R. McKay, librarian at the county library in Lillington, told the group which met this week about the new branch library sponsored by the Angier Woman's Club. She also reported on the Dunn library board.

Programs for the Coats branch, sponsored by the Coats Woman's Club and the Burlington Home Demonstration Club, were discussed. Those who took part in this

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### Johnson Says Military Heads In Agreement

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson said today the Army, Navy and Air Force chiefs agree that the nation has adequate strength "to support and execute the foreign policy of the United States."

Johnson made the statement after a closed meeting of his Senate Preparedness Subcommittee. He stressed that his appraisal applied to the present state of the nation's defenses and would not necessarily hold true for the future.

Johnson referred to three days of testimony in which the subcommittee has heard secret testimony from Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Army chief of staff, Gen. Thomas D. White, Air Force chief, and Adm. Arleigh Burke, the chief of naval operations. Marine Gen. Randolph M.C. Pate was to testify late today.

"I think it is fair to say that all witnesses are in agreement that we have adequate plans and adequate strength to support and execute the foreign policy of the

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**OWNER AND MANAGER** — Colonel A. Johnson, left, has purchased Upchurch's Sundry in Dunn and has named Fletcher Langley, right, as its manager. New name of the firm is The Upchurch's Place. The former owner, "Uncle George" B. Upchurch, on doctor's orders, sold out the popular Dunn establishment to take things a little easier. (Daily Record Photo.)

### George Will "Take It Easy"

Dunn's "big little store that has everything" today had a new name, a new owner and a new manager as well.

Colonel A. Johnson, well-known young Dunn contractor, announced that he has purchased Upchurch's Sundry on S. Fayetteville Avenue from George B. Upchurch.

Mr. Johnson has named Fletcher Langley, veteran employee of Upchurch's, to manage the concern while Johnson continues his contracting business.

**Founded in 1946**

Upchurch's was founded here by "Uncle George" on June 1, 1946 and for years has been one of the most popular spots in town.

Mr. Upchurch is following doctor's orders to "take things a little easier." He has not yet announced any plans for the future.

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New name of the concern is The Upchurch's Place. In addition to a complete line of newspapers and magazines, it features a complete line of fishing tackle and equipment, and all the varied drug and sundry items.

"If you want it, we'll try to have it," said the new owner today.

In addition to the big stock already carried, other lines will be added and still other improvements are planned.

"Most of all," said Johnson and Langley, "we'll continue to feature quality merchandise and the friendliest, most courteous, most efficient service to be found anywhere."

Mr. Johnson has spent practically his entire life in Dunn and although he is now in the military service, he has never left Dunn because of bad behavior.

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### He Wasn't Dead—Just Dead-Drunk

Excitement prevailed for awhile the other night near Mt. Gilead church when the body of a man—at first thought to be dead—was found lying on the edge of the road.

A large crowd had gathered by the time officers arrived around 9:30 and rumors were afloat that he had been struck by a hit-and-run driver. His face was scratched and bruised.

Deputies John Ellis Warren and Worth Lockerman soon found that the man was not dead—just dead drunk. From papers he carried it was discovered that he was William Nathan Barefoot, 28-year-old white man of Dunn.

He was arrested and placed in jail on charges of public drunkenness.

Deputy Warren said the man had evidently been in a fight, and his whereabouts in the Mt. Gilead community was accounted for by an irate driver, who possibly put him out of his car because of bad behavior.

### That Naked Lady Worrying Congress

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Congress is planning to take up the burning question: When is an artistic masterpiece just plain cheesecake?

The particular masterpiece (or possibly cheesecake) in mind is Francisco Goya's painting "The Naked Maja" — a Spanish lady who lounges about in only an ambiguous look.

The New York post office has banned an attempt by United Artists to send copies of the lady's portrait through the mail as an

ad for a new movie. United Artists is fighting the ban in the courts.

**To Explore Situation**

Chairman Kathryn E. Granahan (D-Pa.) of the House postal operations subcommittee announced her subcommittee will "thoroughly explore" the entire situation immediately.

Mrs. Granahan said the subcommittee hoped that the postmaster general's arm "is strong enough" to prevent the sending of

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### Envelope Theft Yielded \$450

Three men accused of a \$450 theft at a store near Bunnlevel have waived preliminary hearings and will be taken before the Harnett grand jury next Monday.

L. J. Wood, 22-year-old resident of Dunn, Route 3, remained in a cell at county jail today while his alleged confederates — Purvis Mason of Route 1, Linden, and Velson Silas of 1101 East Broad Street — were out on bond.

The 25-year-old Silas posted \$750 bond; it was reduced from the \$1500 figure originally set. Mason was released under \$500 bond. Wood's bond is \$1500.

Harnett Chief Deputy B. E. Sturgill said that Wood is currently under bond for a break-in at Dillon, S. C., and will face trial

there following disposition of the Harnett robbery. A year ago, he said, Wood was arrested by military authorities and charged with thefts at Pope Field.

The cash taken from the store of Mrs. Ruby Colville Ray Route 1, Bunnlevel, was in an envelope. She allegedly forgot the money when she left for the night, leaving it lying on a counter.

Checks were also stolen and an estimated \$100 worth of cigarettes. Wood was originally picked up in Dunn by policemen E. J. Whaley and Earl Allen. They charged him with careless and reckless driving. Money found on him was believed to have come from the Bunnlevel robbery.

### Williams Gets 8 Years, Stepd'gter Two

Benson tourist court operator Charles Lewis Williams was sentenced to eight years in prison today and his daughter, Mrs. Shirley McDaniel, was sentenced to two years in the white slavery trial at Rockingham.

If he pays off two fines totaling \$15,000, Williams will be allowed probation after serving five years.

Judge Edwin M. Stanley, who sentenced all defendants in the prostitution ring, except one man who was dismissed and another who pled guilty, gave the Benson pair until April 23 to settle their affairs.

Dunn attorneys Everett Doff-cmyre and D. K. Stewart were part of the defense panel. Williams, branded by the government prostitution traffic, was hit with as the prime mover behind the prostitution traffic, was hit with the heaviest sentence.

To remain free until April 23,

### These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS  
STORY WITH AN IMPACT;  
OTHER LITTLE NOTES

It's extremely doubtful that any local news story in recent years hit Dunn area with such a terrific impact as the one in Tuesday afternoon's Daily Record reporting that the financial firm of Kirehofer and Arnold is defunct.

Local citizens—and particularly those hit hardest by the blow, their families and friends—were stunned.

Copies of The Record went like wildfire. Newsstands couldn't get enough copies and kept calling for

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### Our 50th State To Whoop It Up

HONOLULU (UPI) — A huge bonfire reddened the sky over Honolulu Thursday night and there was dancing and singing in the rain-dampened streets to celebrate congressional approval of the bill making Hawaii the 50th state.

While thousands squirmed their way through crowds in Waikiki and elsewhere around the island to enjoy the planned festivities, other thousands clogged the streets and highways with their autos as sightseers, making it impossible for other thousands to reach their destinations to join in the fun.

Military planes and helicopters flew over Waikiki dropping fire-colored flares, ships offshore fired off stately salutes. Huge search lights stabbed through the skies,

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### Here's How Prosperous 50th State Is

HONOLULU (UPI) — This is the way Thomas K. Hitch, research director of the Hawaii Employers Council, gives a thumbnail description of Hawaii's prosperous economy:

Sears, Roebuck and Co.'s Honolulu store does more business than 95 per cent of its mainland outlets.

Next to Europe, more people think of Hawaii as their dream vacation destination than any other place in the world.

Hawaii produces nearly one fourth of the American domestic sugar crop and pays its field workers four times as much as Puerto Rico.

More telephone calls are transmitted over the Honolulu-California circuit than between any other two overseas points in the world.

Hawaii produces more than 80 per cent of the pineapples and pineapple juice consumed in the nation.

### Hall May Leave Hospital Soon

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Dave Hall (D-N.C.) probably will leave the Bethesda, Md., naval hospital within the next two weeks unless doctors decide he will have to undergo further surgery.

Doctors still have not determined whether an operation to drain Hall's left kidney will be necessary. The congressman underwent similar surgery on his right kidney Feb. 23.

Hall is recuperating satisfactorily from the February surgery.

### Benson Pair Hit With Prison Terms

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### First Cruise in Mid-April

Dr. D. C. Woodall will be the commodore of a mid-April cruise planned by the Rebel Boat Club of Dunn and Erwin.

The Erwin dentist was chosen to head the group (formerly the Cape Fear Boat Club) at the first meeting of the new season.

Twenty-two members were on hand to elect officers and outline

### Dentist Named Commodore Of Rebel Boat Club Here

activities for the sunny months ahead.

Maneuvering in small outboards, from 14 to 19-foot, the Rebels will make their initial rally on April 18 and 19, leaving Wilmington for Holdens Beach on Saturday, proceeding to Little River, S. C., and then back again on Sunday.

Bill Tew, elected secretary-treasurer of the club as they met last night, said the club has had a number of stirring trips in the three years of its existence.

"If people knew how much fun it is, we think there'd be a lot more who would join," he said.

The Rebels have adventured down the Cape Fear, have taken

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### Miss World Runnerup This Judge Knows The Ropes

Makers of the Miss Dunn Pageant are importing a collection of beauties, including the current Miss America, to compete for attention with their home-grown talent.

Paul Perry, public relations chairman, revealed today that even the judges' panel will glimmer with a glamorously-endowed former queen.

She's Mrs. William Lee Stagg, 1952 Miss South Carolina who later was first runner-up for the title of Miss United States and a fourth runner-up for the title of Miss World at a contest held in London in 1953.

Before marriage, she was Mary Kemp Griffin and won many titles besides those mentioned. Among others, she was South Carolina's Maid of Cotton, a finalist in the national Maid of Cotton

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MARY GRIFFIN STAGG