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Chance of a few afternoon or evening thundershowers in the mountains, otherwise generally fair and a little warmer this afternoon tonight and Friday.

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## SPACE MONKEYS ARE BACK ALIVE



**BOOM GOES THE PAST AND BANG COMES THE FUTURE**

Foreman John Riggs (top, left) anxiously scanned courtroom at Lillington as his construction crew battered belltower with heavy weight swinging from a crane. At right is truck-mounted crane used to demolish tower with partially decapitated tower in the background. County officials were evacuated during the frontal assault on the old landmark. Riggs said there is always a possibility that a section of the building may cave in during demolition action. He pointed to cracks in courthouse

structure, which could have concealed an underlying weakness. While the bell tower was being destroyed at the front of the building, a big crew was busy at the rear carving out foundations for big addition. On completion in November, the renovated courthouse will look like a completely different structure. Seen here with Riggs is Ozie Ashworth, who lives down along the river and said he liked to watch the construction boys at work. (Record Photos by Ted Crail.)

### Shot 300 Miles Into Space In Missile Nose

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — Two little monkeys flew 300 miles into space today in the nose cone of a Jupiter missile and were recovered alive.

The flight of the two pint-sized simians, Able and Baker, gave science important new data needed to insure the safe space flight of man.

Brig. Gen. John H. McNinch, chief of the Army's Medical Research and Development Command, said 6½ hours after the Jupiter firing that the monkeys were retrieved "alive and in perfect condition."

McNinch said there would be no further information on the effects of the journey on the monkeys "at this time."

The monkeys, first to be recovered alive from a space flight, spent about 15 minutes on their flight which got to a height of about 300 miles. Their nose cone space ship plopped down in the Atlantic 1,500 miles to the south, east near Antigua.

Able and Baker are scheduled to be taken to Washington and displayed.

#### Signals Not Heard

Monkey Able, the more educated of the pair of space travelers, was to have sent a type of telegraph signal back to earth during the flight by pressing a key attached to her body. No signals were picked up, which may have been caused by a malfunction of the instrument or because Able refused to perform as trained.

Able, an American rhesus weighing seven pounds, and Baker, a one-pound squirrel monkey, spent about 15 minutes on the 1,500 mile flight and traveled about 300 miles into space — not high enough, according to the scientists here, for radiation seriously affect them.

The nose cone was recovered intact and was on board ship in less than two hours after the launching.

The two monkeys were housed in separate containers. Able in a 250-pound capsule and Baker in a smaller one that was 9½ by 12½ by 6½ inches.

#### Housed in Comfort

Able, lying on her back with her knees drawn up to provide maximum resistance from the forces of gravity, wore a special space suit and was equipped with earphones. She reclined on a fiber glass contour couch in an air conditioned chamber with a private heating and cooling system.

Baker was attired in a helmet of molded plastic with a soft chamolins lining. She lay on a molded bed made of two layers of rubber.

Navy Capt. Ahston Grabel, director of research at the Navy school of medicine, Pensacola, Fla., said "it would appear as though there was remarkably little change in the monkeys' behavior during the first 14 minutes of flight." This period took the nose cone almost to the point of re-entry into the earth's atmosphere.

### Daughter, 17, Faces Charge

## New Arrest Made In Razor Attack

Seventeen-year-old Hettie Marie Evans was arrested today—in a move following the arrest of her mother and older sister more than a week ago—in the slaying of Dorothy McDougald.

Judge H. Paul Strickland, presiding in Dunn Recorder's Court, had been prepared to hear evidence on the felony account against the mother, Minnie Evans. But the defense objected that there weren't enough defendants. Mrs. McDougald, a good-looking 23-year-old colored woman, claims that the mother and her two daughters collaborated in a brutal razor assault during which she was slashed from face to thigh.

She was in Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital for about a week following the Sunday afternoon melee on May 17. Sheriff's Deputy

Clarence Moore, who investigated the case, originally arrested only the mother and Mary Sue Evans, 19.

But today Mrs. McDougald claimed that Hettie and Mary Sue had both held onto her body and made her target for their mother's attack with the razor.

The two daughters are charged with aiding and abetting in the assault, a misdemeanor for which they will be tried in the local court. Minnie Evans, accused of wielding the razor "with intent to kill," will be sent before the grand jury and tried in Harnett Superior Court if Judge Strickland finds the evidence strong enough to warrant bonding her over.

Dunn attorney Duncan C. Willson acting as a private prosecutor (Continued On Page Six)

### Becky Jo Cannady Salutatorian

## Orphanage Head's Son Tops His Class



Edward Earl Johnson, who started in the first grade the same year his father came here to take charge of the Free-Will Baptist Orphanage, was named today as the valedictorian of the senior class at Dunn High School.

It was no surprise to his classmates.

For several weeks, it has been common knowledge that he had outdistanced all scholastic competition in the Class of '59. The title of salutatorian remained in doubt until today with three girls all given a strong chance going into their last set of final exams.

High School Principal Ophelia Matthews announced shortly before noon that the salutatorian will be sparkling Becky Jo Cannady, Student Council secretary and Beta Club member who had already been awarded a small scholarship at East Carolina College.

Becky Jo lives with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Britt of 206 South Wilson Avenue. Johnson, the valedictorian, is the son of orphanage superintendent, Reverend J. Edward Johnson. They live on Dunn, Route 4.

His father said that Edward Earl's immediate plans call for studying electrical engineering at North Carolina State College but added, "I wouldn't be surprised if he goes into the ministry."

He recently was Youth Week speaker at Long Branch Free Will Baptist Church.

Reverend Johnson said his son has mingled with the orphanage children since earliest childhood and that they "have all been treated alike." Twenty-three youngsters from the Baptist institution are enrolled in the Dunn schools, a number of them in high school (Continued On Page Six)

EDWARD EARL JOHNSON



BECKY JO CANNADY

### Union Leader Angriily Replies to Mayor

## Won't Leave Henderson

HENDERSON, N. C. (UPI) — Union leader Boyd Payton angrily declared today that he had "no intention" of leaving this strike-tense community as suggested by Mayor Carroll Singleton.

"In fact, some businessmen are thinking of having a secret ballot on whether he or I should leave town," said Payton, director of a violence-marked strike against the Harriet-Henderson cotton mills. Singleton reaffirmed his stand today that the situation would be improved if Payton would leave Henderson. "I've asked him to leave two or three times in public and I hope he'll get out," said Singleton, who blamed

Payton for the violence connected with the long strike by the Textile Workers Union of America.

Payton, Carolinas TWUA director, said he has been "deluged with assurances of support and requests for me not to leave."

"I've got a job to do here and I'll leave only when members of the union ask me to go and not before," he said. Payton said his has been the "loudest voice" raised against violence in Henderson, which he attributed to Singleton and Gov. Luther H. Hodges for their part in state troopers and then National Guardsmen here to (Continued On Page Six)

## Baby Deaths In Plastic Still Rise

Baby deaths from plastic bags are mounting steadily despite educational campaigns launched by manufacturers, distributors and the press.

More than 30 infants have suffocated this year with the deadly bags plastered against their faces. The National Safety Council (Continued On Page Six)

## Actor Says U. S. Taxes Broke Him

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Bud Abbott, straight man of the Abbott and Costello comedy team, said today a government tax audit has left him broke.

"And all my so-called pals suddenly don't know me any more now that the booze has stopped flowing," the 63-year-old star told United Press International at his home, which is up for sale to help pay the taxes.

"The government took it all but peanuts. The thing that did it was when they disallowed a half million dollars of deductions. Then they put a lien on practically everything."

Abbott, white-haired, shorn of his mustache and heavier than in the days of his great successes, said in his rumpus room:

"One tax guy asked me, 'Where do you get off wearing 25 shoes? I pay \$9 for mine.' I answered, 'I make so much a week. How much do you make?' So he said, 'Well, I'll allow you half.' He went down the line and picked (Continued On Page Six)

### Razing Front of County Courthouse

## Bell Tower Comes Crashing To The Ground

The county courthouse was evacuated this morning and a big crane boom swinging a heavy stone weight, cracked and crashed against the building's massive bell tower, toppling it to the ground.

While the entire county staff stood by, Foreman John Riggs of Hunt Construction Company of Durham stage-managed the razing of this landmark, long visible on the hill overlooking the approach to Lillington.

It was an important step in the complete overhaul, modernization and expansion of the courthouse which will transform it, by early winter, into an up-to-date, greatly enlarged county headquarters.

The bell itself proved difficult to disengage and had to be taken free of the tower before the razing could begin.

It was released by hand by several construction workers climbing through a narrow cubicle, and then lowered to the court-house yard by the crane.

The top of the tower went first. This afternoon the razing operation was to extend down its entire length to the ground, so that the effective front of the building will be its unembellished front wall.

Exact date for completion of the project has not been set but Lof-

ton Tart, chairman of the Harnett County board of commissioners, estimated it as late November.

"The man told me," said Tart, "that he'd better be out of her before Christmas or he'd be in trouble."

This modernization will be accomplished—with Hunt Construction Co. as the basic contractor—at a total cost of approximately \$200,000. Most of the money is

available now. The rest will be as the job progresses.

Tart said delinquent tax money, which is being diverted into the fund for modernization, will cover the cost.

### Pool Will Open in Jig-Time

## Hutaff And Recreation Board Plan Upsurge This Summer

The swimming pool is going to be available almost as soon as the customers are.

Seventeen hundred hot and play hungry kids will hit the streets next Monday and Henry Hutaff, chairman of the Dunn Recreation Commission, said the opening of the pool should not be far behind.

"We hope to have it open some time at the first of the week," he stated.

Water is already pouring into the pool and negotiations have started to obtain a swimming instructor who will give the lessons that will start at the pool soon after

er Vacation Bible Schools conclude.

The recreation department's basic nine-week program will go into high gear around June 15, said Hutaff.

He could not give a final word on the professional staff who will manage the recreation events yet today. Jim Brown, high school athletic coach, was the director last year and Hutaff said he has been in contact with Brown and assistant Whitney Bradham.

Biggest addition to the Recreation program this summer is likely to be a five-week day camp now in the planning stage. This would provide activities at Tyler Park similar to the well-organized activities offered to colored young-

sters at Harnett High.

There would be supervised play at the park for youngsters aged five to twelve, said Hutaff, under the program being planned.

"This would include arts and crafts, nature study, games, athletic activities, storytelling," he said. "What we want is a well-rounded program."

Hutaff said he felt an excellent and sympathetic board is concentrating on recreation and said, "We'll go as far as the funds available. The pool operates itself—it costs about \$3000 to operate and it takes in about \$3000. We get checks from the city and from the United Fund. We'll have a (Continued On Page Six)

### President Appeals for Progress

## Ike Meets With Big 4

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower personally appealed to the Big Four foreign ministers today for progress at the deadlocked Geneva conference in order to justify a summit meeting.

The President conferred in his office for about a half hour with the foreign ministers, and Russia's Andrei Gromyko said afterward that it was a "pleasant and useful conversation."

The White House said in a statement that the President "expressed the hope that on their return to Geneva the foreign ministers would be able to achieve

that measure of progress which would make a subsequent meeting of the heads of government desirable and useful."

"The President said that he had followed the Geneva conference proceedings with close attention," the White House said.

"He expressed the hope that the thorough exchange of views that are taking place there would lead to a better approach to the solution of the problems that confront us in Europe. He, of course, stressed the necessity of finding peaceful solution to our problems."

Before leaving the White House, Gromyko told newsmen when asked what he thought of progress at Geneva and his hopes for the conference:

"For ourselves, we would like to see it a success."

Although the conference lasted for 30 minutes, about 10 of them were taken up in posing for pictures. The 20 minutes remaining appeared to preclude any discussion of key problems in detail.

Only the four foreign ministers were present for the conference with the President. Inasmuch as all spoke English, no interpreters were needed.

### Funeral Set for Friday At 11

## Mrs. Dave Kimmel Dies After Illness

Mrs. Annie Lee Baer Kimmel, 44, prominent Dunn woman and member of one of the city's leading families, died early Thursday morning in Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital in Dunn.

She had been ill for several months and gravely ill for the past few weeks.

Mrs. Kimmel was the wife of Dave Kimmel, prominent Dunn merchant, and the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Baer. Her father, one of the oldest merchants in the city, business, financial and civic leader, was Dunn's "Man of the Year" for 1958.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 11 o'clock from the Brown-Wynne Funeral Home in Raleigh. Rabbi Abe W. Schoen of P. Meyer Synagogue in Raleigh and Dr. Murray Cannon (Continued On Page Eight)