

North Carolina, Mostly sunny and continued warm today and Wednesday with chance of a few scattered afternoon thundershowers in southeast.



# WRECK SPLITS FUNERAL PROCESSION

## Search For Jet Fuel Given Up

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The government today wrote off its search for "exotic" new jet fuel for future atomic bombers despite an investment of more than 200 million dollars in the project.

The Air Force closed out its 110 million dollar high-energy fuel program with an announcement late Monday and the Navy was ready to announce that it would shut down the Callery chemical plant at Muskogee, Okla.

The Navy plant is a 38 million dollar facility and, according to official sources, other Navy expenditures on "zip" fuels over the years would put that service's investment at more than 100 million dollars.

## These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

REV. ERNEST P. RUSSELL MARKS UP A NEW RECORD

Congratulations are in order to the Rev. Ernest P. Russell, who celebrated his tenth anniversary a couple Sundays ago as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dunn.

He now holds the distinction of having served Dunn's largest church longer than any other minister in its long and proud history.

The Rev. Mr. Russell has an impressive record of achievement here. Since he came here on August 1, he has received a total of 724 new members into the church with total membership now at 1,071.

And the church budget has been increased from \$22,247.15 to \$59,472.40.

Even if he hadn't done such a splendid job and accomplished all these things, the minister would still be entitled to special distinction.

If you aren't a Baptist perhaps you don't realize the significance. (Continued On Page Six)



EVEN A CAUTION SIGN, warning motorists to slow down as they come into town, was not proof against accident. Marvin Johnson, 11 (foreground) and his friend David Alabaster, 11, curiously investigated scene where a soldier powered through blinking caution sign—Marvin is holding the sign.

main—and put this massive crinkle in a new telephone pole. Power lines overhead broke and the light company had to work fast to restore service through part of the town. (Record Photo by Ted Crail)

## Mingo Teacher Gets Principal's Post

# Buckhorn School Dropped, Lafayette Gets Students

A key change in the county school set-up will be the elimination of Buckhorn Elementary School with pupils from that community to be transported to Lafayette, announced Superintendent of Schools Glenn T. Proffit today.

There will be one new principal in the system. Donald L. Johnson, who has been at Mingo School in

Sampson County, will succeed J. C. Hawley at Anderson Creek. Hawley will become the head of the school in Coats.

Proffit said that Harnett County still has 15 teaching vacancies for the Fall term which will start September 3.

"Most of these are in four schools," he said. "Anderson Creek, Angier, Erwin and Coats."

He expects qualified teachers to be accepted for these positions within the next two weeks.

Proffit, in announcing the September 3 opening date, told teachers their pay will start two days prior to that and they will report for duty on the 1st.

"One of these days," said Proffit, "will be used for teachers' meetings in Lillington and in the local schools. On September 2, the children will spend part of the day at school. Books will be issued, fees collected, assignments made and other routine matters . . . attended to."

All schools will operate on a full day's schedule on the third.

Extensive changes are being made in the county office. Private offices are being provided for the supervisory staff, and an assembly room.

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BIG MAIL-OUT — Nearly 12,000 farmers from here to Roseboro will receive these oversize leaflets on the plans for the August 18 opening of the Dunn Tobacco Market. Glenda Skianer, Chamber of Commerce, secretary, and four key men in the promotion of the local market look

over the shipment just before mailing. Left to right are Bert Alabaster, Louis Baer, Frank Belote and Ned Champion. Other members of the market promoters committee are Raymond Cromartie and Bob Henderson. (Record Photo.)

## Five More Hurt In 3 Accidents

By TED CRAIL, Record News Editor

In mid-afternoon yesterday three persons from the Wade area were seriously injured as they proceeded toward the cemetery in a funeral procession.

Last night at 3:30—as many could tell from their electric clocks—a 20-year-old soldier crashed through the blinking caution sign at the north city limits of Dunn and smashed into a telephone-pole with line-cracking force.

Near the Bien Jolie garment factory, outside the city, there was another bad wreck.

These were merely the latest episodes in a hugely mounting accident toll that threatens to give Harnett one of the worst years in its history.

The fatality count was at sixteen by the end of July but Corporal George Stewart, head of the Harnett Highway Patrol, said that if the county follows its usual pattern "the next five months will be the worst."

Here are the details on yesterday's wrecks:

Cora House, 64, John Robert Hairr, 63, and his wife, Virginia Hairr, 59, were in Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital today after a wreck at the intersection of East Harnett and North Wilson.

They had attended the funeral of Coy Williams at Pope's Chapel and were in the back seat of a car at the tail-end of the funeral procession.

Police patrolman R. H. Alphin, directing traffic ahead of the procession, did not see the accident. John Snipes, a local insurance man and driver of the car which struck them, told Alphin and Policeman Earl Allen that he thought he had the right-of-way and had not seen the procession. Cars from the funeral were proceeding through a stop sign.

The officers stated there will be no indictment in the case. Dr. W. W. Stanfield said, "They were all shaken up pretty badly."

It will be another day before the results of x-rays can be obtained. While he does not believe their injuries to be critical, there is the possibility of fractures in the case of Hairr and his wife, Mrs. Hairr is the more seriously injured of the two women, the doctor said.

All three will be in the hospital for at least several days.

Salvatore Conti, the 20-year-old paratrooper who hit a caution light and bent a telephone pole last night, throwing out part of the town's power supply, has been transferred to the hospital at Fort Bragg.

Police who investigated the accident here said he suffered injuries of an unknown extent as his car tore down the yellow blinker light and hit the pole hard enough to crack power lines in two. The hospital where he was shortly taken was in the part of town which suffered a power shutoff.

Robert Hadley, manager of Carolina Power and Light, said repairs and switching by a line crew restored electricity to most of the affected part of town within a very short time. One section was out for approximately an hour.

Conti's car did not make the slight curve which swings traffic on 301 south into the long sweep down Dunn's North Ellis Avenue.

Policeman Jack Black and Carson Hall are investigating the accident but no charges have been placed as yet. Conti, a member of the 82nd Airborne, is a native of New Britain, Connecticut. His 1951 Oldsmobile was a total loss. Damage to the town's blinker light and the telephone pole was estimated at \$250.

## Dr. Lilly Has 9 Wreck Patients

# At Hospital, Most Victims Doing Well

James C. Byrd, a 26-year-old resident of Erwin, Route 1, suffered head injuries in a wreck near the Bien Jolie garment factory last night.

His condition is not serious and he will probably be released from Betsy Johnson Memorial hospital

here tomorrow. Highway Patrolman W. C. Harris is investigating the circumstances of the wreck.

Dr. William H. Lilly, who has nine patients still hospitalized from the tragic run of wrecks which began this weekend, said that the seven New Yorkers injured in the Sunday afternoon smashup near Ma's Kitchen are all showing signs of recovery.

He said all of them, including Solomon Spiegel, 50, of Queens, Long Island, and Mrs. Mary Anderson, 45, of New York City, are doing well.

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## Faced With Loss of Child

# Woman Creates Scene In Courtroom

A twice married Harnett County mother threw Lee Superior Court into a dither Monday morning with a weeping scene, when ordered by Judge Clawson L. Williams to place her three-year-old son in custody of Harnett Welfare Department.

The incident was an outgrowth of a habeas corpus hearing this morning before Judge Williams to determine the custody of Daniel Wayne Brown, son of Neil Eldridge Brown and Evelyn Lee Darroch Brown Armstrong. The two-year-old child is based upon the couple having been divorced and custody of the child given to the father, who is now in an army hospital partially paralyzed.

Several months ago a Harnett Superior Court placed the child in custody of its maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Darroch, until the divorce proceedings could be settled. The order specified the child to be kept in the State, but Mrs. Armstrong, the mother, removed the

child to Washington against court orders. The father of the child was able to locate the child last week.

In the meantime, the divorce had been granted and the child given to the father.

The plaintiff sought to show the mother was unfit to have custody of the child. One such affidavit was signed by Bruce Scott, who alleged he lived with the defendant eight months in 1956 in Washington as man and wife. At that time the plaintiff alleges he was overseas.

Billy Taylor, attorney for Mrs. Armstrong, who remarried in March of this year, moved for a postponement as he did not expect a custody hearing. Judge Williams granted the request over protest of plaintiff attorney Robert Morgan. The hearing is scheduled for next Monday morning at 10 a. m. It was then the judge ordered the child placed in custody of the Welfare Department and the judge asked the sheriff to escort the woman from the courtroom.

## 'A Moral Monstrosity—like Misinforms

# Tarheel Negroes Oppose New Judge



WADE LUCAS

RALEIGH (UPI) — North Carolina Negroes apparently will seek to block the appointment of Algernon Butler of Clinton as presiding judge of the state's U. S. Eastern District Court.

Alexander Barnes of Durham, editor and leading Negro Republican, said Monday night that the nomination of Butler to succeed retiring Judge Dun Gilliam of Tarboro was a "moral monstrosity and a political blunder."

Barnes said it was "another case" of President Eisenhower "being misinformed." He charged that Butler "has not proven his ability to deal impartially with matters pertaining to Negroes."

"I am a Republican but I was a Negro first and I shudder to think what will happen when a question of the rights of a Negro has to be decided by Mr. Butler," Barnes said.

"I don't mind working with Mr. Butler to gain votes for the Republican Party but I am afraid to trust the fate of my people in the hands of Mr. Butler in a courtroom."

Barnes charged that state GOP leaders had chosen Butler "with-out any regard for the opinion of Negroes."

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## Lucas Appointed To New Firm

Wade M. Lucas, a 40-year-old veteran body mechanic, has accepted a position with the newly formed Dum Motor Company on Highway 301 South.

Father of five, Lucas is an Air Force veteran and spent 31 months in service, mostly in the Pacific Theatre. He started as a body mechanic in 1941 with the A. C. Parker Motor Co. His home is at Falcon.

YOUNG HUSBAND PINCHED — Claude J. Burnette, a 21-year-old husband, has been charged with simple assault. His wife, Annie, took out a warrant for the colored youth yesterday. He was arrested and later released under \$50 bond.

# No Hope Seen Last Of Rebels Dying

HOUSTON, Tex. (UPI) — "Old Reb" Walter Williams, 116, lay near death today. His physician said the end was "only a matter of days" away from the last Civil War survivor.

Dr. Russell Wolfe said the aged Confederate veteran was "sinking" and has to be fed through an eyedropper.

"He's getting weaker every day. There's nothing we can do about it," Wolfe said. Williams has been able to take only a mixture of milk, eggs and water for several days.

The old Rebel recently won a battle with pneumonia, during which he spent about half the time in an oxygen tent.

Williams became the last Civil War survivor when John Salling, 112, died on March 16, 1959. The last Union veteran, Albert Woolson of Duluth, Minn., died in

August 1956. Williams moved to Houston six years ago to live with his daughter, Mrs. Willie Mae Bowles. Since that time he has been almost blind and deaf and totally bedridden.



## Singers Booked on Morals Rap

# Four Platters Had Three Nudes

CINCINNATI, Ohio (UPI) — The four Platters, a nationally-known singing group, were to appear in municipal court here today on morals charges. Police arrested them at a hotel with four 19-year-old girls early Monday.

Charged with aiding and abetting prostitution were David Lynch, 30, El Centro, Calif.; Herbert A. Reed, 31, Los Angeles; Sam Williams, 31, Hollywood; and Ervin Robi, 26, El Centro.

Also appearing in court were the girls, booked on charges of prostitution. Continued On Page Four

## 'Tales Greatly Exaggerated'

# Jean's Maligned Says Former Owner

Tales that a lot of fights and scrapes have taken place at Jean's Grill, said Mrs. Robert Lee, only prove that a lot of folks don't know what they're talking about. Mrs. Lee and her husband be-

ught the grill five years ago. Though they are now relinquishing it for another business, she objected strongly to an article in the Daily Record which asserted (Continued On Page Four)