

Fairly cloudy, continued quite warm and humid this afternoon, tonight and Thursday with rather widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers.



# MAJOR NARCOTICS RING SMASHED

First Day's Leaf Brought \$163,000

## Dunn Averaged \$4 Over Belt

Supporters of the local leaf market were jubilant today as first-day figures showed that the Dunn warehouses had averaged four dollars more per hundred pounds than the Eastern Belt as a whole.

"We felt it was a fine way to start off," said Sales Supervisor Ned Champion.

Champion, who is also the Chamber of Commerce manager here, said the average price yesterday was \$60.84 for the 267,536 pounds sold at the Planters' and Big Four warehouses.

Before the day was out, farmers from this area had checks for \$162,758 covering the first-day sales.

Today, Champion reported, Planters was again well stocked with tobacco, selling until 12:45 p. m. when the scene shifted to the other warehouse.

"There was no, quite as much tobacco today," said the sales supervisor, "and quality was

slightly down from the opening," aries. Although rain has somewhat cut the size of the crop, farmers for the most part are not disappointed. Yesterday's full dress opening heartened and a reasonably healthy marketing session is expected.

### Inquest Calls It 'Unavoidable'

## Driver Released In Fatal Wreck

An inquest jury last night found no criminal negligence on the part of Johnny Eugene Johnson, a 38-year-old Negro of Route 1, Linden, who was driving the car which carried Leroy McNeill to his death.

McNeill, 47, a resident of Route 1, Erwin, was a passenger in Johnson's car when it plunged through a curve last Friday evening on a rural dirt road in the Beaver Dam section.

was claimed that a blowout had sent the car off the road into a fatal, top-up spin, the jury ruled McNeill's death an "unavoidable accident."

Coroner R. L. Pate, Sr., directed the inquest at the court house in Lillington. The jury panel included Fred Parker, Neill Black, Dougald McRae, Carrel Vaughn, Robert Parker and Patrick E. Quick.

Highway Patrolman W. O. Gra-

Following testimony in which it

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SLEEPY SHOPPER — Old beauty contestants don't fade away and die, they get married and have babies. That's what happened to Mrs. Charles Williams, a former contestant in the Miss Coats

contest, but her baby, uninterested in the glamorous eye of the camera, would not be awakened for love or money as mother carried him on a shopping tour through Dunn. (Record Photo by Ted Crail.)

## Ten Arrested Near Here, Dope Locally Grown

RALEIGH (UPI) — State and Federal agents ended a long undercover investigation today with a series of arrests which they said broke up a multi-million dollar marijuana ring in Wake and Cumberland counties.

SBI Chief Walter Anderson said the arrests began Tuesday night and were completed this morning. Ten Negroes, including two women, were arrested in the raids.

Two truckloads of marijuana were seized in today's raid in Cumberland County.

Agents confiscated 25 pounds of marijuana in the possession of William Bryant of Wake County who had received it from Leo

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## High Point Man Held In Rape

PALATKA, Fla. (UPI)—Wilson Edwards, 23, High Point, N. C., was held under \$5,000 bond today on a charge of statutory rape of a 13-year-old local girl.

Also held was Alvin Mooney, 23, Galax, Va., who is charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The girl and an 11-year-old companion were in custody of juvenile authorities.

Both men pleaded innocent when arraigned before Peace Justice C. R. Kemp. Kemp bound the men to County Court.

## Woman Killed Near Smithfield

SMITHFIELD (UPI) — Thelma Laura Richmond, 46, a Sarasota, Fla. schoolteacher, died here Tuesday of injuries suffered Sunday in a head-on collision on U. S. 301 near here.

The Highway Patrol said that Isaac V. Dewitt, 34, of Newark, N. J., Negro driver of the other car involved in the wreck, would be charged with manslaughter.

## Hoax Proves Very Unfunny

MIAMI (UPI)—The man's voice on the telephone was calm and matter-of-fact.

"Mr. Sams, I have bad news for you. Your wife and three children have been killed in an accident," the voice said.

The message cut through Ernest Roy Sams, 37, like a knife. For five agonizing hours Tuesday he felt life was no longer worth living.

Then he learned it was a hoax. His wife called from Jessup, Ga., to say everything was fine and that she would reach Miami by Wednesday afternoon in the family car.

The Highway Patrol said it was

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## Arnold Charges Were Misstated

Jesse Frank Arnold, Lillington body mechanic injured in a wreck early Sunday morning, was incorrectly stated in The Daily Record to have a drunk driving charge pending against him from a previous wreck.

Court records disclose no such unfinished charge. In July, 1958 he was accused of drunk driving but this charge was dismissed with leave to reopen on recommendation of the court's solicitor.

Arnold's wife, Vera, said the paper was also wrong to quote "unfounded rumors" that a gun had been on his person when the wreck occurred this Sunday.

She stated that the only guns he owned were in the house with her at the time his car crashed through a curve on the prison camp road.

Arnold is currently in Veterans' Hospital at Fayetteville. Eight stitches were taken in his head. He suffered one bad head gash but other injuries were not as serious as first feared.

The Record deeply regrets having misstated the status of court charges against Arnold. The suggestion that he was carrying a gun at the time of the accident was described in the original news account as a rumor which officers had been unable to corroborate.



FAMILIAR FACE — The Reverend Lewis Morgan, who left a pastorate at Dunn's First Baptist Church ten years ago, visited here this week after vacationing with his daughter at Holden's Beach. He is now pastor at Petworth Baptist Church in Washington, D. C., and daughter, Cynthia, 17, has been chosen student council president of the 1100-student high school which she attends in the nation's capital. (Record Photo by Ted Crail.)

## But Rockefeller Wedding Is Strain

## Anne Marie's Papa Is Paying The Bill

## M. Raye To Divorce 6th Hubby

NEW YORK (UPI) — Comedienne Martha Raye will shortly seek a divorce from her sixth husband, former Westport, Conn., policeman Bob O'shea, her manager, Nick Condos, said today.

Condos, who was Miss Raye's fourth husband, said she telephoned him Tuesday night from Miami Beach and reported that she and O'shea had separated.

"She is deeply distressed," Condos said, "because she wanted this marriage to last. I can't tell you what happened. All I know is that it's over and she is

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## Beatniks Introduce A New One

LONDON (UPI) — London's beatnik population which inhabits the city's expresso bars has taken up a sadistic game to get spending money.

Several teenagers who turned up with scars on their hands said the game involved seeing who can stand the lighted end of a cigarette the longest.

The competitors put money into a pot and then place a one pound note on the back of a beatnik's hand.

Someone else runs the burning end of a cigarette along a silver strip woven into the note to prevent forgery. The pound note does not burn but the competitor's

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## Aunt Recalls Earlier Threat

## Cobb Still Checking Woman's 'Suicide'

Chief of Police Alton Cobb said today that no further evidence has been turned up to contradict the suicide claim in the death of Estelie Thompson, 27-year-old Dunn colored woman who died of a pistol shot through the stomach Monday night.

Temporary disappearance of the death weapon, a .32 calibre pistol, and other unusual circumstances had made authorities hesitant to accept her death as a suicide.

However, Wilbert Thompson, a Dunn negro, has confirmed that he took a gun from her several hours before she was fatally shot

and said she was threatening to take her life at that time.

Following the investigation yesterday

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## Blonde In Swim Suit Before Judge

DURHAM (UPI) — Officials and observers in Recorder's Court did a double take Tuesday when a blonde in a "very small" black bathing suit appeared before the bench.

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## Miss Too Many Meetings and You're Out

## Rotary Club — It Has Its Own Rules, Own Formulas

The Rotary Club has an inner design as closely reasoned as one of Michelangelo's chapel ceilings. Under Rotary rules, for instance, every member must fill a category and no category is allowed to become overloaded.

Current president Robert C. Bryan fits into the classification for lawyers. This was open because his father, J. Shepard Bryan, a senior partner in the local law firm and one of eastern North Carolina's more distinguished Rotarians, had passed, for long experience and achievement, into a past service classification.

The Rotary membership system is also flexible to the extent that a businessman in a given field can take in an "additional active" member of his own firm.

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## Skeleton Of Rich Woman Is Found

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI) — A skeleton and skull, found 300 yards apart on a remote logging road, have been identified as the remains of a wealthy Washington, D. C. widow who disappeared a year ago on an auto trip with a young ex-convict.

She was Mrs. Paul Putney, 72, who was last seen leaving a Marysville, Calif., motel with trouble-plagued Larry Lord Moth, 42, once suspected, but cleared, of killing his mongoloid daughter. Mrs. Putney was carrying \$50,000 in securities and cash.

Marysville is 90 miles from the heavily wooded Sierra area where

Mrs. Alma Freeman, searching for pine cones, stumbled over the bones Sunday. The remains were identified Tuesday by dental charges supplied by Washington police.

Sierra County Dist. Atty. Gordon L. Smith said he would not file any charges until he found out if Mrs. Putney, widow of a State Department, official and college professor, met with foul play.

In Washington, Motherwell's wife refused to discuss the where-

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## Harnett Needs 5 More Teachers

## School Managers Hit Busy Season

Four new school buses have arrived in Lillington as part of ten that will replace outworn buses in the Harnett school transportation system.

There were many other signs of activity among school administrators as the county prepared to sign in students on September 2 and hold its first full day of school on September 3.

Superintendent of Schools Glenn T. Proffit, who attended the annual conference of Tarheel superintendents last week at Mars Hill, said legislation affecting

teachers was prominent among the topics of discussion. The National Defense Act which makes federal funds available, on a matching basis, for the teaching of modern foreign languages and math and science courses was also a topic.

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BACK-SLIDING CHRISTIANS are an everyday occurrence but here's a pastor who looks as though he might be about to do a front-slide right off the roof of the church. Actually, Rev. C. H. Parker was in good hands—the best; but

he did have the hard job of painting Pope's Chapel with not too many helpers. It will take another couple of weekends to finish the job. (Record Photo by Ted Crail.)