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Fair and moderately cool this afternoon. Fair and colder tonight. Friday, mostly sunny and a little warmer.

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SEARCH CREEK FOR WRECK VICTIM



THE CHRISTMAS QUEEN chosen by classmates at Dunn High School, after the original election ended in a five-way deadlock, was Linda Sue Whitterton (above). She'll be featured in Christmas parade tomorrow which will bring in Santa Claus with a bang. It starts at 5 o'clock. (Record Photo by Ted Crail.)

Ike Leaves Tonight On Peace Mission

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower embarks tonight on a fateful peace mission along the perimeter of Russia with a parting word to fellow Americans to compose their economic quarrels lest the entire free world suffer.

The chief executive and a relatively small staff leave for Rome by jet transport from near Andrews Air Force Base about 8 p. m., on the first leg of Eisenhower's 22,370-mile journey to 11 nations.

Before departing, however, Eisenhower called the National Security Council into session. He also arranged a farewell conference with Secretary of State Christian A. Herter who leaves later this month for a North Atlantic Treaty meeting in Paris.

Eisenhower will address the nation by radio and television at 7:15 p. m. e. s. t., outlining his trip and pointing to the unbreakable connection between economic stability at home and the maintenance of peace through strength in other lands.

He leaves the country deeply concerned over the steel strike which is now in abeyance because of a federal court order. The President intends to stress again tonight the importance of steel management and labor coming to an agreement to prevent a resumption of the walkout next month.

He will base his appeal for successful steel negotiations on his belief that the United States cannot do a good job of helping her friends stand firm against Communist expansion if America is

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INTERRUPTED — This is the car which George Perry Lee was driving in an effort to catch a customer who hadn't paid for ten and a half gallons of gas. The chase was interrupted when Lee's car ran into a pickup. Patrolmen later caught up with the gas thief. (Record Photo by M. T. Strickland.)

George Perry Lee Unhurt

Wrecks Car Chasing Thief

Trying to overtake an out-of-state driver who left Lee's Truck Terminal in a hurry after failing to pay for a tank of gas, George Perry Lee collided with a pickup making a left turn on

Highway 301 just south of Dunn today.

Soon after the accident, a radio call from police headquarters here to Fayetteville led to the interception of the fleeing driver. He was brought down by the highway patrol.

Nobody was hurt in the crash of car and pickup but both vehicles were seriously damaged. As for Patrick L. Lermond, 22, of Massachusetts — he ended up minus \$25 and walking. Though he tried to make off without paying for the gas, police said he had almost \$60 on him.

A swift trial was arranged at the police station. Sergeant K. M. Fail said Lermond left headquarters suitcase in hand after the owner of the car announced he would continue on his way without Lermond's company. The judge had fined the youth \$10 and court costs.

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Police said nobody present admitted knowing the man.

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Unidentified Man Sought, One In Hospital

By TED CRAIL, Managing Editor

A search was underway in and around Mingo Creek this afternoon — for a man nobody could identify and who possibly wasn't there.

Crawling out of the wreckage of a '47 Chevrolet, 21-year-old Cecil Strickland, an employee of Skinny's service Station here, gasped to rescuers. "Get the man out of the creek."

Strickland was still in a semi-conscious state at 4 p. m. today, two and a half hours after the car in which he was riding took a flying route into the creek.

Highway Patrolman W. O. Grady said there was some corroboration for the belief that another rider was pitched into the creek when the car went off the road.

A full-scale dragging operation was underway by 4:30. Searchers were seeking the body, or clues, both in the water and along the banks of snarled, root-entrenched Mingo creek.

According to the patrolman, one man has stated he saw Strickland just before the wreck, traveling at a normal speed and with another person in the car.

Skinny Ennis, Strickland's employer, said the youth had been scheduled to work today but hadn't shown up. At H. P. Johnson Oil Co., where he was seen about 9:30 this morning, he was alone.

"I just don't know whether there's anybody out there or not," said Patrolman Grady.

"Cecil says there is. The man that glimpsed his car before the wreck says there were two of them."

"We'd hate mighty bad to go away and leave this spot and have a body turn up later."

At Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital here, a staff member reported that Strickland, not fully conscious, said he "did not know who it was" he had picked up.

A straight stretch of roadway, about four miles beyond Dunn, leads to the spot where the car left the road. The bridge which

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Unusual Proposal Should Town Raise Trees?

"It may be a crazy idea," said City Manager A. B. Uzzle, Jr., "but cities have got to get some new revenue somewhere."

Uzzle has proposed that the town of Dunn might try a tree-growing scheme that has yielded unusual returns for private landowners.

He has suggested to the city council, which will discuss the plan tonight, that it might consider buying up some cheap acreage and hiring professional tree-growers on a percentage basis to push production of pines as a source of additional revenue in

the future.

"Our children would benefit rather than ourselves," said Uzzle. "It would take 15 to 20 years to realize a profit. But the poorest land could be bought and the tree-growers can do much better with the land than if you just leave it to nature."

It would be possible, Uzzle thinks, to create funds for a future city hall or waterworks projects by making a relatively small investment in the present day and selling the pines in 1980.

Youth Left Accident Scene

Hodges, Jackson Face Dunn Judge

James Allen Hodges, a 21-year-old Dunn youth who lives on North Wilson Avenue, supposedly went with his brother to phone police after an accident — and never returned to the scene of the wreck.

Mrs. Henry Elmore testified against Hodges in Dunn Recorder's Court this morning and Judge H. Paul Strickland found him guilty

of careless and reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident.

The Judge fined Hodges \$75 and costs, recommended that his license be revoked and ordered him to make sure that \$250 damages to the car with which he had collided were compensated for.

Mrs. Elmore claimed that, after

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Payola, False Ad Practices Bring Action

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Federal Communications Commission took an unprecedented step today aimed at cracking down on payola and deceptive advertising practices on radio and television.

It ordered every radio and television station in the country to submit within 30 days complete information on the financing of its programs.

The request for the information was contained in a letter sent to all of the 5,236 radio and television stations licensed by the FCC. The action clearly stemmed from the recent disclosures of TV quiz show scandals and a coming investigation of payola, the practice of paying disc jockeys to play records on the air.

Payola or any other type of hidden commercial practice is illegal under the Communications Act of 1934 which created the FCC to police the broadcasting industry.

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So Judge Sends Him Off

Erring Pop Was Ready For Roads

Mack Weldon Jones, a young father castigated by Judge H. Paul Strickland for taking off "on a wild trip" without making provision for his family, admitted he had quit a job after returning home.

The judge asked why he quit. "I figured you were going to send me away," said Jones.

"You figured about right," said Judge Strickland. "Officers, take this man into custody."

Wanted To See His Girl

Truck Thief Caught, Fingerprints Match

Nathaniel Williams, a Dunn colored man who admitted riding off with a cotton-load worth \$10,000, told Chief of Police Alton Cobb he didn't want the cotton, he just wanted to see his girl-friend.

"He said he knew he couldn't sell the cotton," said Chief Cobb "and he was just aiming to go to Lillington and see his girl-friend."

Williams, suspected by police because of a similar theft he had made two or three years ago when he drove off with a florist's truck, was arrested last night after he had gone to bed.

The truck and cottonload, valued at \$18,000, was found abandoned on the river road near Erwin yesterday.

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Heavy Session Of County Court Held

Eighty cases cluttered the docket in Harnett recorder's court in Lillington Tuesday. They were an aftermath of a Thanksgiving holiday weekend and in which traffic offenders were kept busy.

In addition, some had paid off on Monday (44 in all) making one of the most crowded dockets

in recorder's court history. Some cases were continued for various reasons by Solicitor Jake Lamm.

Jaw Bones Broken

Clayborn Holder, Lillington Rt. 3 pleaded guilty in court to assault on J. C. Byrd Jr. in which Byrd's jawbones were broken, and teeth knocked out. The assault occurred on October 24.

Judge Robert Morgan gave the defendant a six months suspended sentence on condition he pay for use of Byrd's \$200, plus a \$50 fine and court costs.

Officer Disillusioned

Jack Lucas of Dunn, Route 4 (no kin to Paul Lucas, the arresting officer) was charged with operating on the wrong side of the road resulting in an accident, and injuries to himself and child. Patrolman Lucas testified that it was his first experience in seeing a father think of himself instead of his own child. "He told the doctor in the emergency room to leave the child alone and 'save my life,'" said Patrolman Lucas.

"The child had suffered a head injury and needed immediate attention." The court fined the father \$25 and court costs.

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Several Street Ideas Pending

Board To Consider One-Way Alleys

Several proposals involving street and traffic problems will be put before the Dunn city board when it convenes at city hall at 7:30 tonight for its regular bi-weekly meeting.

One suggestion the board will consider is pushing the curb back three feet on Railroad Avenue

from Broad to Cumberland Street. The reason: "to give sufficient room for traffic to move safely by parked cars."

Some months ago the town temporarily tried to shift from angled to parallel parking on this street but objections quickly caused

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Leaves Pastorate in December

Hundreds Turn Out To Hear Dr. Gardner

Rev. E. Norfleet Gardner, one of the most popular Baptist pastors ever to serve here and current recording secretary of the Baptist State Convention, was guest speaker here last night at a prayer week foreign mission service.

His friends turned out by the hundreds for the dinner in the church basement and the service which followed.

Dr. Gardner is the North Carolina representative on the Foreign Mission Board for the whole Southern Baptist Convention.

Chairman of the state convention's Committee of Twenty-Five, which recently concluded recommendations on church-supported colleges, he has been a leading figure in Baptist circles for a generation.

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