

Cloudy with showers tonight, likely changing to snow flurries in mountains. Turning colder. Saturday clearing and colder with snow flurries in mountains.



# PATROLMAN IS KILLED BY HIT-RUN



**RAMPANT REINDEER** — Giant wreath enclosing a hard-charging reindeer is part of decorative scheme at Anderson Arms apartment house on West Broad Street. Reindeer is on second floor and Frances Surles, taking a look down avenue where everybody else was decorating, too, had to

reach it by ladder. Though complex Christmas patterns were everywhere this week, home-owners would have to be satisfied with admiring glances from neighbors—the usual prizes for best-decorated yards and homes were not being offered. (Record Photo.)

## Three Are Facing Charges In Death

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Frank Thornton, Jr., a 33-year-old resident of Route 3, Benson, and two companions were seized at a roadblock on the old Fairgrounds Road near Dunn and held in the hit-and-run killing of youthful highway patrolman, Harry Long.

Patrol investigators will seek to prove that the young trooper, less than six months in the State Highway Patrol, had been cut down by the officers' arch-enemy, a drunk driver.

District Solicitor Archie Taylor said at Lillington late this afternoon that an accusation of drunk driving will be part of the indictment drawn against Thornton for manslaughter and hit and run.

All three of the men were jailed at Lillington, and their bond set at \$7500, as the patrol worked round the clock to gather evidence in the patrolman's death.

Oliver Creech of Benson and Junior Dunn of Route 3, Benson, have been charged with aiding and abetting in manslaughter and

hit and run. "They've each made a statement admitting implication in some degree," Taylor said.

Long, the dead state trooper, was 22 years old, a native of Tabor City and a bachelor. He lived at a Benson motel. It was only last October that he arrived there on his first regular assignment as a patrolman.

Dunn police chief Alton A. Cobb, returning here after attending a funeral for his sister-in-law, said he passed the patrolman about 9:30 last night two miles south of Benson.

"It must have been a car right behind me that killed him," said Cobb.

Long had stopped an automobile with three Negroes riding in it and asked to see the driver's license. As he made the check, a

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## New Army Recruiter Arrives

Sergeant First Class Ray Staab, a Pittsburgh native assigned here after duty at Fort Benning, Ga., is the Army recruiter for Dunn and vicinity.

A recruiter for the past five years, Sgt. Staab says enlistments are likely to pick up after the holidays.

December is the hardest month of the year for the recruiter, he says, because few boys are anxious to leave home at Christmas-time.

Though he lives in Raleigh with his family—a wife and three daughters—Sgt. Staab will be at the Dunn post-office three days a week. Best hours to see him are from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Sgt. Staab is approaching 17 years of active duty himself. The Army offers a gasic three-year hitch for the new recruit.

"The boys can just about pick out what they want," he said, "and if they pass the tests for it, they're all set."

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## Lillington Plant Doubling Its Size

Lillington, which four years ago raised \$150,000 by public subscription to build a modern industrial building, today was greeted with the good news that the venture has proven so profitable that on request of the industrial center the Lillington Industrial Development Corporation is doubling the working space.

Construction of the new modern addition will begin Monday morning and the target date for occupancy is June 1, 1960, it was announced today by officers of the industrial development company.

Join in the announcement were the executive officers of the Lillington Garment Company, The Beaver Shirt Company and the More-

head Garment Company. Company officials said they were so well pleased with the production records, the morale of employees and reception in Lillington that they had requested the additional working space.

Meantime, from the local industrial corporation came the announcement that all financing had been assured, all paper work finished, and actual construction will begin under direct supervision of a committee from the industrial corporation and coordinated by a local contractor.

Steel and other materials already have arrived at the site at the southern town limits at

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## Wade Stewart Charged in Wreck

## Sheriff's Wife, Sister Hurt



COMING TO DUNN — The 1959 Miss America, a Natchez girl with a Southern smile and an international figure, will come to Dunn for the jaycee-sponsored beauty pageant here in late April. She's Lynda Lee Mead and needs no royal crown to make her pretty.

Harnett Sheriff Wade Stewart was charged with following too closely today after a three-car wreck seven miles south of Raleigh put his wife and two other persons in the hospital.

It was raining and somewhat foggy in the Wake County section where the accident occurred.

Mrs. Annie Matthews Stewart, 48, wife of the sheriff, suffered head wounds when she was thrown into the windshield.

Highway Patrolman Earl Green said the wreck occurred at 7:10 this morning at the intersection of McCullers Road and U.S. Highway 401.

The sheriff himself was bruised and hurt his left lower leg but he was released after treatment.

Patrolman Green said Mrs. Stewart, the sheriff's sister, Miss Hazel Stewart of Buie's Creek, and Virginia Catherine Stewart, 21, of Maxton were all hospitalized. None of the three were considered critical.

The three-car pileup occurred as the Stewart car hit another vehicle which had stopped behind a 1960 Ford Falcon which was preparing to make a left turn into McCullers Road.

The driver of the Falcon was identified as Carl Edward Matthews of Route 1, Angier, Matthews is 20.

The patrolman said Matthews had stopped in his lane of traffic to make the turn and had his blinker on.

Howard Taylor Hight of Buie's Creek, 50, was behind the Falcon. Neither Hight nor his wife were injured but Virginia Stewart received head lacerations.

In the sheriff's car was Susan Janice Fowler of 712 West Divine Street in Dunn. She was treated for abrasions of the right lower leg and released.

## This Won't Be Exactly A Warm Greeting

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The government is getting set to send out 59,300,000 reminders that the best things in life are not free.

Starting Dec. 26, postmen throughout the country will begin delivering federal income tax forms to people who filed returns for 1958. The deadline for reporting 1959 income is next April 15.

This year the Internal Revenue (Continued on Page Five)

## Poison Plot Blamed On Red Diplomat

MUNICH, Germany (UPI) — A Red Czech vice-consul stationed in nearby Austria masterminded last month's unsuccessful attempt to poison employees of Radio Free Europe, the U.S. Army announced today.

The counter intelligence corps investigation shows that Jaroslav Nemecek, a vice-consul of the Czech Consulate in Salzburg, Austria, on Nov. 16 gave a Communist agent salt shakers containing atrapine for placement in the RFE cafeteria in Munich," the Army announcement said.

A spokesman for the radio station, which broadcast to Czechoslovakia and other satellite nations, had reported earlier that the poison-loaded salt shakers were discovered just in time.

He said the amount of the deadly alkaloid contained in the doctored salt probably would have been sufficient to cause at least some deaths among the 1,200 employees using the cafeteria.

Petrified tree trunks are so common in the vicinity of Piggott, Ark., that many have been used as cemetery tomb stones.

A red sandstone cave near Carlsville, Ark., has Indian hieroglyphics which have never been deciphered.

## Probed on Dunn House Robberies

## Soldiers Stole Fast But Sold Too Slow

"They were really mopping up. The trouble was they were collecting this stuff apparently faster than they could get rid of it. If they'd had a few more weeks, they'd have really had a pile." Jewelry store manager Huber

Register was talking about half a dozen young soldiers from Fort Bragg whom Fayetteville police have described as a "three-county break-in-ring."

Harnett was one of the coun- (Continued on Page Five)

## Store Plays Santa for Wondertown Kids

## Penney Customers Whoop It Up, Prospering Salesmen Chip In

A Wondertown store whose greatest support are its penny-customer—buying Mary Janes, fire-balls, bubble-gum, suckers, butter - logs and peppermint chunks—talked its salesmen into helping out a big community Christmas party.

Soon after school let out for the Christmas holidays, a school bus unloaded its passengers at the

store. Other youngsters had arrived on foot.

Individual bags were prepared for 120 boys and girls—the contents donated by salesmen who put their wares in the store.

After store-manager James Moore dreamed up the Wondertown party, salesmen pitched in with candy, oranges, snowballs, ice cream, orange and grape-

drinks, even bolo bats. Erwin ministers donated apples. Ladies in the neighborhood helped fix the bags. Santa Claus himself accepted an invite.

Said Mrs. James Moore, "We told the salesmen some of these poor children would not have much of a Christmas and we wanted to fix up a real party." (Continued on Page Five)

## French Claims May Erupt In Summit Confab

PARIS (UPI) — Leaders of the United States, Britain and West Germany converged today on Paris for a summit conference with France that was already in trouble because of a Franco-American dispute over NATO and Algeria.

The belief in the Allied camp was that only a face-to-face meeting Saturday between President Eisenhower and President Charles de Gaulle could blunt the sharp differences and permit the Western Big Four to try to chart a dynamic approach to the end of the cold war.

Eisenhower was arriving at Paris' Gare de Lyon tonight from Toulon and de Gaulle was formally greeting him. British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan was flying in from London and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer from Bonn.

**Nuclear Arms Get Priority**

The Western Big Four planned at their three-day meeting starting Saturday to place the problem of ending the nuclear age arms race at the top of the list in preparing for their meeting next week with Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev.

This approach had the ringing endorsement of all 15 NATO foreign ministers who Thursday urged the major Western powers to take "every opportunity" to try to defuse the world powder keg through worldwide disarmament.

An air of tension hung over the Western council table as the diplomats awaited the face to face confrontation of Eisenhower, French (Continued on Page Five)

## ACL Might Agree to Underpass Says Mayor

## Traffic Problems 'Are Choking Us'

Mayor George Franklin Blalock claimed today that Dunn is "slowly being choked" by its traffic problems and promised action that will unclench it.

"The time is coming up when this town will need a master plan to control its traffic," Blalock stated.

He stated the Atlantic Coast Line railroad has stated they would "be acceptable to talking about an underpass" if the city can get the state of North Carolina to take over the street involved.

Blalock said this would make it a joint-city-state project. Under its current setup, he stated, Dunn's through-town traffic is greatly affected by train schedules.

"A train going through here will create a traffic problem four and five blocks away from the tracks," he stated.

At a meeting last night of the town council, the mayor also suggested that a bigger approach is needed to zoning problems.

The board agreed that spokesmen for the city should meet with county commissioners and attempt to establish a joint county-city approach to zoning.

"That's the only way we can control these obnoxious businesses that grow up on the outskirts of town," Blalock stated.

As a first step in easing traffic troubles, the council agreed to call for a crackdown by police on

double parking, parking in loading zones and in alleys.

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## Non-Smokers (From Harvard) More Masculine Says Doctor

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — A Harvard scientist said today that he-men smoke less than non he-men.

The scientist, Dr. Carl C. Seltzer, based his conclusion on studies extending over several years of 252 Harvard men.

The men were classified according to their "masculine component" as indicated by body build and anatomical traits.

In a report to the American Assn. for the Advancement of

Science, Seltzer said that "the heavier smokers show the greatest proportion of individuals with weak or very weak masculine components."

Conversely, the more masculine men smoke less than those of more feminine build, he said.

Seltzer said this "suggests that for a specified type of individual smoking may be a reflection of certain personality and behavioral traits which are characteristic of his biological makeup."

In addition to being heavier smokers, Seltzer said, the "less masculine persons tend to have an aversion for strenuous exercise and sports, are apt to be low in physical fitness for bar muscular work, and are often poor in muscular coordination."

"They are apt," he continued, "to be less well integrated and more ideational, creative, and intuitive."

"They are more frequently shy (Continued on Page Five)