

+ WEATHER +

Partly cloudy and cold today with snow flurries in the mountains. Fair and continued cold tonight. Sunny, not quite as cold Tuesday afternoon.

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U. S. PLANE SHOT DOWN BY CUBANS



WE'LL SWALLOW ANYTHING — Two young clowns greeted Rupert G. (Ruby) Tart, candidate for judge, as he paid for the dinners of a whole orphanage during big barbecue here Saturday.

Art Rouse, Jr. (left) and decorated companion told Ruby they "can swallow anything you politicians have to say." (Record Photo.)

4-Car Wreck Injures One, Lad Arrested

One wreck begat another near Zola's Barbecue on Saturday night and the very last driver to involve himself was the only one arrested.

Robert Lawrence Dew, Jr., of 301 S. 18th Street in Erwin, a 17-year-old schoolboy, was charged with reckless driving.

Two other drivers were afflicted mainly with damages to their cars but Ruby Stephens Moore of Route 1, Erwin, was admitted to Dunn's Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital with back injuries.

Highway Patrolman W. O. Grady said he did not believe her injuries were serious.

After investigation, Grady said the wreck had come about in this order:

Two cars had a bumping accident, one going in to a ditch. They flagged Mrs. Moore to a halt. She was hit from behind by the 17-year-old.

Grady said he was unable to determine exactly why the first two cars had wrecked. William Charles Johnson of Route 1, Erwin, 31 years old, was going west on U. S. 421 and so was Eddie Gene Barden of Lillington. Johnson was driving a '53 Pontiac and Barden was driving a 1950 Ford. The Ford hit the Pontiac from the rear forcing Johnson into a ditch.



JUDITH ANN STEPHENS

Judith Tries for Janet's Shoes

First Contestant Named For Pageant

Girl Told Sweaters Too Tight

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — A nursery rhyme character named Mary and a 21-year-old San Francisco coed named Sandy Cherniss have a similar problem — in a sense.

Mary had a little lamb whose fleece was white as snow, and it's the fleece of a lamb — neatly woven into a sweater — that brought attention to Sandy's problem.

Sandy's trouble at San Francisco (Continued On Page Two)

Nervous, Rams Cop

Jasper McRae was reportedly so anxious to escape the attention of a policeman who had arrested him before that he got excited — and ran into him.

Off-duty this morning, colored policeman Raymond Thomas was stopped on North Sampson Avenue when he was hit by McRae, who made a left turn and hit the back end of Thomas's 1956 Pontiac. Damage was minor.

McRae, was jailed for not having a license and for careless and reckless driving. The accident was investigated by Jack Black.

Thomas said it looked to him like McRae was planning to run so he took hold of him. "He said that when he saw me, he got excited," said Thomas, "because he knew I had arrested him before."

For Robbery-Slaying of Angier Woman

Jones Sentenced To Die;

With Leroy Jones, the alleged "trigger man" sentenced to death in the robbery-slaying of Mrs. Mildred Dupree of Angier, his three accomplices will go on trial in Harnett Superior Court Monday morning for their roles in the crime.

A Harnett jury Saturday night convicted Jones of first degree murder without recommendation of mercy after two hours deliberation ending a week-long trial and Judge W. Jack Hooks immediately sentenced him to die in the State's gas chamber on May 28th.

Goes "All To Pieces"

Jones took the death sentence with the same calm with which he sat through the trial but after being returned to his cell broke down and "went all to pieces," according to Defense Attorney Robert C. Bryan and J. Shepard Bryan of Dunn, who talked with him later.

Bryan quoted Jones as insisting, "I didn't do it, I didn't do it, I was framed."

Attorney Robert Bryan and his (Continued On Page Two)



LEROY JONES

Sudden Switch

They won't be trying Jones' alleged confederates in Lillington this week, after all.

It was announced today that the three men who turned state's evidence against the gas chamber-bound killer have been turned over to Scotland County authorities. They will be tried there before the week is out, local officials were informed.

All four had been charged there with first degree murder in connection with the murder of a one-armed peddler.

The peddler was killed only hours after Mrs. Mildred Dupree was found dead in her bedroom near Angier.

This sudden switch raised a question as to whether the state will seek death penalties for James Albert Bailey, 21, Charles Thomas, 22, and William Gibson, 17. It is not expected that the solicitor (Continued On Page Five)

7 Hurt In Explosion

Boyd Cockman, 40 a construction worker, lay near death today and two other persons, including his wife, Catherine, were given only a fifty-fifty chance to survive after an explosion burned and injured seven.

The Cockman's 16-year-old son, Michael, an Anderson Creek student, might live or die the doctors said and passed the same judgment on his mother. The father is not expected to pull through.

Present when a stove exploded in the Cockman home, they were trapped in smoke and flame by a door that refused to open.

Katherine Anne Cockman, 23, was still in the emergency room at a Fort Bragg hospital but had improved slightly and a family spokesman said, "We think she's going to pull through". She was saved by her husband, Bobby, 25, who had gone back into the house.

Bobby's hands and the back of his head were burned but he was not in critical condition.

Johnny G. Bolin, 25, and Archie Johnson were also present.

Said Marshall Bolin, father of one of the victims:

"Boyd had been to Dunn and Archie had gone down to get some gas to pour into his car. When Boyd and his wife came from Dunn, the wood was wet and they couldn't get a fire started."

"They sent Archie for kerosene. He took the same can the gas had been in earlier."

"Then when that kerosene was poured out to start the fire, it exploded all over everywhere. They were all in the living room. The front door has two locks on it and they couldn't get it open. My boy went through the window."

"Bobby rolled his wife in the dirt in front of the door to put out the flames on her. Then they went to get Boyd's wife out. Her leg was broken in it somehow."

New Development in Court Situation

Att'y. Howard Godwin Expected To Run For Dunn Solicitor

As Ma Beat Him With A Broom

Officer Pulls Boy From Under Bed

Curvey Carole Wants To Lose Weight

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Dieting and rest is the program for red-haired Carole Tregoff during her days of freedom awaiting her second murder trial May 23 with Dr. R. Bernard Finch.

Carole weighing 20 pounds more when she left jail on \$25,000 bail Friday after 162 days incarceration, is getting help from her stepmother in her campaign against the added poundage.

"We'll be buying no new clothes," said Mrs. Gladys Tregoff. "We're going to make the girl fit the clothes not visa versa."

"We are going on a diet — and that means me too."

Mrs. Tregoff said Carole was spending most of her time resting up from the ordeal of her three-month, four-day first murder trial which ended March 12 in a mistrial. She and Finch, 42, are accused of plotting and carrying out the gunshot slaying of the surgeon's wife Barbara Jean last July 18. Finch was denied bail and remains in jail.

Harnett county recorder's court had a variety of cases Thursday causing one to say "it was a mess" of cases. In the absence of Jake Lamm, who is busy assisting Solicitor Archie Taylor in the Leroy Jones murder case, W. A. Johnson and W. A. (Billy) Johnson alternated as solicitors.

Billy Ray Ennis of Coats who answered in an arrogant manner recently when charged with the theft of a quart of motor oil was back in court as predicted by officers.

Deputy Clarence Moore said he had to run Ennis down and finally pulled him out from under the bed, while the boy's mother beat him with the broom.

Ennis had violated the first order of the court and was brought in on a capias.

Joe McCorquodale, Dunn, was charged with larceny of a musical drum from Larry Ray Whitman. He pleaded guilty, and received four months, suspended two years on good behavior and payment of costs of court. He must pay eight dollars to Whitman and five dollars to Dunn Salvage Company.

A charge of being drunk and disorderly, filed against Johnny Jackson, was found frivolous and malicious and the prosecuting witness, Jasper Tyson, was taxed with the costs.

Assault Cases
Leroy Smith, Benjamin Smith (Continued On Page Four)

By TED CRAIG, Managing Editor

The potential political candidates around Dunn are still acting pretty much like Br'er Rabbit — talking noisily but not admitting anything.

Here, however, is a hot one that comes from way inside. And it's rather a surprise.

Former Superior Court Judge Howard Godwin will probably announce this week that he will run for solicitor of Dunn Recorder's Court.

He will do it because it appears that other lawyers competent to fill the post may ignore it.

Incumbent Solicitor Charles Lee Guy, Jr., has already made a decisive statement that he will not stand for re-election.

Many Urged Him

Judge Godwin, widely-known in legal circles in this part of the state, has been urged on many sides to run for the position of

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Erwin Man Seriously Hurt

Pedestrian Struck, In Watts Hospital

Trying to cross the road in driving rain, a 68-year-old Erwin man, Ernest Surles, failed to see an oncoming car and was seriously injured early Saturday evening.

"The driver said he never saw Surles until he was about eight feet from him," said Highway Patrolman W. O. Grady.

"He put on the brakes and came to a stop just as the old man fell. He went down right in front of the car."

Treated at Good Hope Hospital in Erwin, Surles was later transferred to Watts Hospital in Durham. The patrolman said he was badly hurt but is not believed to be in critical condition.

Possible internal injuries, a broken right leg and severe head bruises were reported by the examining doctors.

Carl Allen Matthews of 311 East Street in Erwin was described as the driver of the 1954 Buick which hit Surles.

The patrolman said the circumstances of the accident indicates that Matthews was going at a relatively slow speed—25 to 30 miles (Continued On Page Four)

Helen Keller's Assistant Dies

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (UPI) — Miss Polly Thompson, for nearly 25 years "the eyes and ears" of Helen Keller, died late Sunday night at Bridgeport Hospital. She was 75.

Miss Thompson was admitted to the hospital Dec. 1 as a medical patient.

Since 1936 she had been the interpreter for Helen Keller, who has been blind and deaf since infancy. Miss Thompson served as Miss Keller's link with the world, communicating with rapid finger movement in the palm of her hand.

Miss Thompson joined Miss Keller, who will become 80 this June, after the death of Anne Sullivan, Miss Keller's first teacher. They lived in nearby Easton.

WEDDING CLOSE HOSPITAL
SOUTHWOLD, England (UPI) — A cottage hospital closed temporarily Wednesday because its two nurses went on honeymoons.

Stanfield, Dean, Roberts To Manage Terry's Campaign

Terry Sanford this week announced the appointments of Dr. W. W. Stanfield, Charlie Dean Jr. and King Roberts as co-managers for his gubernatorial campaign in Harnett County.

"I'm very glad that three friends and experienced hands in politics have joined to help us become governor of North Carolina," Sanford said. "They're old fellow

Branch Head boys and their interest in letting the people of Harnett County know where I stand in this campaign is appreciated. Their guidance and vigor are needed to help us keep North Carolina growing."

Dr. Stanfield, known throughout that part of the state as "Doctor Willie," said of Sanford: "I just like the fellow. I'm going to vote

for him because he's one of the nicest guys I've ever known."

STANFIELD HEADS GROUP

Dr. Stanfield, a physician and surgeon, is on the staffs of Memorial Hospital at Dunn and Good Hope Hospital at Erwin. He is a former president of the Harnett County Medical Society and a graduate of Duke University. He (Continued On Page Four)

Harnett ASC In New Headquarters

The Harnett county office of the ASC, which recently moved into new quarters in the new addition to the courthouse, held open house last night for the public to view the new facilities.

Prior to the reception, approxi-

mately 100 guests attended a country ham and egg supper at the Lillington school cafeteria. Charles Ray, Lillington, Rt. 3, chairman of the county ASC committee, presided. Guests included of (Continued On Page Two)