

# Weather

Occasional rain spreading across the remainder of the state tonight and not quite so cold east of the mountains. Low in the 30s in mountains to mid 40s along the coast. Tuesday, some rain southeast portion in forenoon but otherwise fair or clearing.

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# HOTEL ASTOR HIT BY FIRE TODAY

## Youth Given Prison Term For Break-Ins

Bobby Ray Jackson, 16, caught Sunday night by city policemen O. T. Wilson and A. H. Ivey as he attempted to break into the Sinclair station on N. Ellis Ave., was tried Monday in Dunn city court and sent to a first offender's prison camp for two years.

Judge Woodrow Hill give him a year each on seven different break-in charges and ordered that he served at least two years of the seven.

Jackson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jackson. His father is employed at Betsy Johnson Hospital.

The boy already was under probation for theft of hub caps after admitting that charge in juvenile court. Officers said he had just turned 16 when they caught him Sunday night.

He hadn't yet admitted breaking into the station, but admitted he was trying to. He also admitted a number of other break-ins, including those at the Dunn Health Center, Pope and Mixon, Norris Fact Co., General Utility, the law offices of Bryan and Bryan and others.

By coincidence, Judge Hill appointed Attorney Robert Ervan to defend Jackson before it became known that Bryan's office was one of those entered. Bryan went ahead, however, and defended him as vigorously as if his own office hadn't been involved.

Jackson admitted all seven charges against him and implicated a relative, Billy Ray Jones, as an accomplice in some of the break-ins. Judge Hill ordered arrest of the Jones boy. He said he would have given Jackson more time if he had not pleaded guilty and implicated the other boy.

Despite the guilty plea, Jackson's father later gave notice of appeal to Superior Court.

## Summers' Home Razed By Fire

A house occupied by the Bob Summers family was destroyed by fire this morning but most of the furniture and clothing was saved by neighbors and firemen.

The house, located a mile northwest of Dunn on Route 3, was owned by A. M. Glover. It had just recently been remodeled.

Howard M. Lee, secretary-treasurer of the department, said cause of the fire is unknown. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

While 13 men remained on call at the fire house, nine men and two trucks were sent to the scene.

## Capt. Howard Hudson Suffers Fall While Visiting Ill Mother

## Retired Officer Badly Injured

A retired Dunn Army Captain, Howard V. Hudson, 43, of Brown Mills, New Jersey, was in a critical condition at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C. today as the result of a fall suffered in Dunn Saturday afternoon while here visiting his seriously ill mother.

Members of the family said this afternoon that little hope is held for his recovery. Capt. Hudson is a brother-in-law of Don Melcher, Dunn's Assistant Postmaster. They served together in World War II and saw combat action overseas in the same Army outfit.

Capt. Hudson came to Dunn on Thursday to visit his mother, Mrs. Ada Hudson, now in Betsy Johnson Hospital recuperating from a cerebral hemorrhage and stroke suffered a week ago Sunday.

By coincidence, Mrs. Hudson had just finished talking with Capt. Hudson when she suffered



PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER — Pope Paul VI is greeted by King Hussein of Jordan on arrival in Amman. The Pope trod the places Jesus Christ walked 2,000 years ago. He returned to Rome today.

## At County Courthouse Wed. Nite "Little Federal" Rally Slated

Harnett Democratic Party leaders today were completing plans for an all-out campaign next week in an effort to roll up a big vote

## Prominent Erwin Leader Dies

## Final Rites Held For Edward Thomas

Edward Ragland Thomas, Jr., 58, member of a pioneer Erwin family of druggists, died Friday night at 11 o'clock in Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. He suffered a heart attack about three hours earlier.

He is a twin brother of former State Senator and Representative Fred S. Thomas of Erwin. The family has been prominent in the affairs of Harnett for many years.

Mr. Thomas was a native and lifelong resident of Erwin, son of the late E. R. Thomas, Sr., and Ophelia Langston Thomas.

He received his education at Durham High School, Fishburne Military Academy in Va., and Campbell College. He was a member of the firm of E. R. Thomas

## FELL FROM TREE

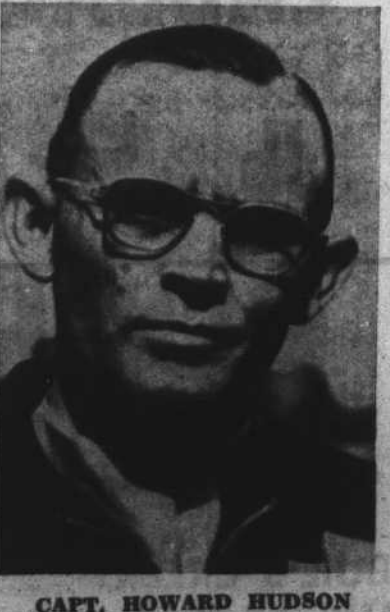
Capt. Hudson was in a tall pecan tree at his mother's home on the Dunn-Erwin road early Saturday afternoon. When he reached for a limb above him it broke and threw him to the ground.

He was rushed to Womack Hospital at Fort Bragg, where examination showed his neck was broken and his spinal cord injured. He was flown by jet to Walter Reed where he underwent major surgery Monday morning.

The family said doctors informed Capt. Hudson prior to the operation that if he survives he probably would be hopelessly paralyzed from the waist down for life.

"I'm afraid," declared his sister, Mrs. Melcher, "that the next report we receive on him will be the last one."

Capt. Hudson, who now serves as assistant commissary manager at Fort Dix, N. J., had been scheduled to make known their position.



CAPT. HOWARD HUDSON

## Set By Arsonist Damage Over Million Dollars

NEW YORK (UPI) — An arsonist set fire to the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor in the heart of Times Square early today. The fire was controlled quickly without injury.

The blaze, which caused damage estimated at \$1 million by hotel officials, was "definitely set," said fire commissioner Edward Thompson.

Moments after the fire erupted just after midnight, a hotel employe chased a young man with a crewcut and trenchcoat from the ballroom into the street but he escaped. Police later questioned a man fitting that description but he was released before dawn.

Firemen answering three alarms contained the smoky fire within an hour but the combined effects of fire, smoke and water heavily damaged the 2,500-seat ballroom. Thompson said its sprinkler system and fireproof construction probably prevented the flames from spreading into other parts of the hotel.

Two telephone operators, braving choking smoke which filled the switchboard room, alerted 50 guests occupying rooms above the burning ballroom. They moved to the lobby without incident. Firemen subsequently ordered all 200 occupants of the 11-story hotel to leave their rooms briefly while the building was checked thoroughly for hidden pockets of fire. None was found.

The hotel is located on Times Square at Broadway and 45th Street. Hotel employes were setting up the ballroom for a fashion buyers' meeting and show, scheduled this morning, when the flames burst out at the east end of the big room.

Scores of firemen who answered the three alarms doused the flames quickly with heavy hoses, leaving the plush second floor ballroom ankle-deep in water. The room, redecorated two years ago at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars, also suffered heavy smoke damage.

## In Those Daringly Low Necklines

## Heaven Help The Girl Who Sneezes

NEW YORK (UPI) — Spring '64 is the season of the big plunge in fashion.

Necklines on many evening dresses dip so daringly low that if a girl sneezes, heaven help her. One New York designer, Luis Estevez, told a showroom full of buyers recently, as he described one black sheath formal, "If you have to wear a bra, don't wear this dress. I didn't want Dior to

## News Roundup

CHARLOTTE (UPI) — The North Carolina Republican Party announced today it was unanimously opposed to the "little federal plan" to reapportion the General Assembly and challenged the Democrats to make known their position.

LANSING, Mich. (UPI) — When Gov. George Romney goes to Washington Tuesday to begin his self-appointed task of trying to mold national Republican opinion he is certain to urge the GOP to take the offense in 1964's political wars.

BONN (UPI) — Former Chancellor Konrad Adenauer turned 88 years old Sunday, and most of the 500 persons at his birthday party still called him "Herr Chancellor."

RALEIGH (UPI) — State Revenue Commissioner W. A. Johnson said today total net highway and General Fund collections in December were nearly \$2 million more than were collected in December 1962. Johnson's monthly report to Gov. Terry Sanford indicated last month's figures were \$38.5 million as compared to the December, 1962, figures of \$36.3 million.

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## Harnett Man Admits Assault On Duke Coed

## Youth Is Charged With Kidnap-Rape

Dwight Lee Parrish, son of a Lillington produce dealer, has been apprehended by Harnett County law authorities and charged with rape and kidnaping in connection with an alleged criminal assault Thursday upon a Duke University coed student.

The 18-year old Harnett youth, according to Durham Detective Lt. Eric Heathcock, is an epileptic who has a young pregnant wife.

Heathcock said Parrish gave a full confession after the victim of the attack picked him from a lineup of eight persons in the Angier jail. Durham police supplied information to Harnett authorities which resulted in Parrish's arrest, Heathcock said.

Parrish, who was taken to Durham by his father Thursday morning for a psychiatric examination at Duke Hospital, is being held without bond pending action by the grand jury.

The stocky defendant underwent 11 days of psychiatric observation in State Hospital in Raleigh in November, the detectives pointed out, but since has been employed by his father.

The attractive Duke student complained Thursday that as she got into her car at a parking lot at the rear of Hanes House at Duke, an unidentified young man got in the vehicle, held a knife to the back of her neck and ordered her to drive him to a wooded area off Highway 85 near Orange County.

The woman said her assailant at knifepoint criminally assaulted her and afterwards forced her to drive him to Raleigh where he took \$3 from her purse and got out of the car in front of the Capitol.

She drove back to Durham and was treated by a private physician who verified she had been raped, Brown and Hight said.

Thursday night the officers received information about Parrish. They then contacted Harnett County authorities who arrested him at his home.

The officers said Parrish during an interrogation in the Durham Detective Bureau gave a detailed review of his activities.

"He said his father took him to a doctor's office at Duke and followed him to the scene of the crime." (Continued on Page Six)

## Mrs. Johnson's Death Ruled Suicide

## Lillington Woman Takes Own Life

Mrs. A. L. (Virginia Jane) Johnson, 44, of Lillington, Route 1, mother of four children and a teller in the Bank of Lillington for a number of years, was found dead by a son early today, her head lying directly beneath the exhaust pipe of her automobile.

Harnett Coroner W. A. Warren ruled her death was "a plain case of suicide," and said no inquest would be held.

Neither friends nor members of the family could give any reason for her actions and said she had not appeared to be troubled.

Her husband told Coroner Warren that he woke up about 5 o'clock this morning and found his wife missing from bed. He and the children immediately began a search for her.

Woody, one of her sons, went to the garage, located some distance from the home, after he heard the motor of the car running. He found his mother lying on an old mattress which she had put beneath the exhaust pipe of the car.

She apparently had attempted to hook a plastic hose to the exhaust pipe.

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## Ex-Girl Now Pop

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UPI) — A man who was brought up as a girl became a father after surgery changed him into a normal male, according to a Washington University plastic surgeon.

Dr. James Barrett Brown, a professor of clinical surgery who performed the operation, said it was the first time to his knowledge that such surgery had achieved fatherhood.

Brown said the operation was performed on the unidentified St. Louis man at the age of 13. The man recently became a father at the age of 23.

Anatomical Change Brown said the young father had not undergone a "sex change."

"He was always a boy but his parents didn't know it," Brown said in an interview. "He had a congenital anomaly which occurs quite frequently. The operation was an anatomical change which completed the male sex for him."

Brown reported on the operation with Dr. Minot P. Fryer, also of Washington University, in the (Continued on Page Six)

## Gestapo Guard Testifies At Mass Murder Trial

## Killing Children Was Hardest

FRANKFURT, Germany (UPI) — A former inmate who helped Gestapo guards at Nazi Germany's Auschwitz death camp testified today that handling children was the worst job.

"They always wanted to go to their mothers," said Emil Bednarek, being tried with 21 former Nazi SS elite guards for running the extermination camp that slaughtered 2.5 million to 4 million men, women and children.

"I didn't like to take care of the kids," Bednarek told the husbanded courtroom on the third day of the trial.

But the Nazis gave him 40 children to tend after they put him in charge of an inmate dormitory in the camp, he said.

## Thief Stealing From Cemetery

A nomination for the title of "meanest thief of the year" must go to whoever is stealing flowers and vases off the graves in Benson's cemeteries.

Several local residents have mentioned this thievery recently. One lady had put a vase with artificial flowers on the grave of a loved one at the city cemetery, and returned in a few days to find both vase and flowers missing. Others reported similar instances.

"It is not only the monetary value of the missing articles, although the flowers and vases do represent a considerable amount, but the desecration of the grave of someone you love it what hurts," one person commented.

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"I couldn't control them, and I asked for some help. The kids were transferred," Bednarek said.

Bednarek according to the prosecution, killed prisoners in his charge. They said he beat one to