

Weather

Cloudy to partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Mild tonight and Tuesday. Mild tonight, lows 42 to 52 in mountains and 50 to 56 elsewhere. Turning a little cooler Tuesday.

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NEVADA PLANE CRASH KILLS 28

Racial Row At Night Spot Ends In Brawl

Indian Slain, Three Injured

A free-for-all fight that broke out early Sunday morning when four Indians tried to integrate a Negro night spot near Lillington left one Indian dead and three others slightly injured from beatings given them.

Mrs. Leola Johnson, about 40, operator of the Pine State Tourist court, two miles north of Lillington at the Fuquay-Buie's Creek crossroads, was jailed as an accessory to the murder of James Carl Dunn, 27, of Angier, Route 2.

Harnett deputies Buck Griffin and Charles Wilson said late Sunday that the man who stabbed Dunn to death still has not been identified or apprehended. The Johnson woman still claims she knows nothing about it.

Sheriff Stewart today announced the arrest of James Thomas McPlatter, 32, Negro, of the Willow Springs section of Wake County. The Sheriff said he admitted the slaying, saying, "We were just having a fight."

Coroner Warren said no inquest would be held. The grand jury indicted him today.

Coroner Warren described the slaying as "purely a racial matter."

Warren said Dunn and his wife, Dovie Lecklear Dunn, and another couple, A. R. Barnes and his wife, Annabelle, arrived at the combination restaurant, juke joint and pool room shortly after midnight.

They were told by the Johnson woman they would have to leave, that she didn't allow any race mixing at her place. Barnes said they ordered a pint of liquor and a round of beer and refused to leave despite the warning.

He related that all of a sudden somebody starting beating him over the head with a cue stick and that a group of men surrounded Dunn. Mrs. Dunn said a woman in a red dress grabbed her around the neck and a man held her around the waist and that another couple held the Barnes woman when they started to the rescue of Dunn.

All three of them said they knew nobody there and couldn't see who punched a knife through the center of Dunn's neck, and then stabbed him in the back all the way through his lung into the hollow of his neck.

Dunn ran out of the night spot and fell dead just across Highway 421. Coroner Warren said the weapon obviously was larger than an ordinary knife, that it left a stab wound three-quarters of an inch thick in his back and penetrated for about six inches.

Barnes suffered two knots on his (Continued On Page Six)



SEARS CITIZEN OF DUNN — Mrs. Marjorie B. McDuffie was chosen Sears Citizen of Dunn by employees of the local store. Cited for her work with various community organizations and religious activities, Mrs. McDuffie, wife of Owen McDuffie, local mail clerk and mother of three, was honored at a special ceremony today. She will receive a certificate signed by Chamber Mgr. Charlie McCullers; L. E. Oliver, Sears vice president; Store Manager Fred Watts. She will compete with winners in other Sears stores for the South-wide title. With her are McCullers, left, and Watts, right. (Daily Record Photo by Russell Bassford.)

Injured Man Beaten By Trio

CHICAGO (UPI) — It was a quiet Sunday afternoon. The Chicago Transit Authority bus moved slowly through the rain down a West Side street.

Inside the bus, a thin 44-year-old man — his jaw wired shut since an auto accident last month — clung desperately to the steel coin changer.

Three young men stood over him.

They slapped him in the face. They punched him. They taunted him. They threatened to throw him into the Chicago River.

Twenty other passengers were on the bus. They did nothing.

The victim was Tommy Rembarz, a vendor at sporting events. The assailants, arrested after the bus driver notified police, were Negro employees of a car washing estab-

lishment.

Police identified the men as James Walker, 28, Henry Knox, 31, and David Hunt, 26.

Rembarz told police he encountered the three men when he boarded the bus. He quoted one as saying, "here comes a segregationist."

Police said the men slapped Rembarz across the face and punched him in the stomach. They knocked him to the floor and threatened to throw him in the Chicago River. Rembarz grabbed the metal coin box.

"Where's your white friends now?" one of the assailants asked him.

Rembarz pleaded through clenched teeth: "Someone help me, please." The other passengers ignored him and his assailants laughed.

When the three men left the bus, the driver, Frank Kifiazek, notified police, who arrested the assailants as they walked down the street. In the lockup, one of the (Continued on Page Six)

Car Hits Bridge Railing

Angier Student, 17 Fatally Injured

William Taylor Watkins, 17, Angier high school student, was killed instantly about 11:45 Friday night when the 1964 Ford he was driving went out of control and hit a bridge over the Hodges' Crossroads and Turjington's Crossroads.

Harnett Coroner W. A. (Bill) Warren of Dunn said the car left the pavement, ripped a 30-foot railing off the bridge, and then

overturned.

The car was a total loss and Watkins suffered massive head injuries. He was dead before anybody reached the scene. The youth apparently was traveling alone, and at a high rate of speed.

Warren identified Watkins as the driver of a car in which a companion was killed last February. (Continued on Page Six)

Gate Receipts Total \$1700; Over 2,000 At Bar-B-Q

Throng At Dunn-Erwin Game

A record crowd turned out Friday night to see competition renewed between the Dunn and Erwin High football teams for the first time in about a decade or longer and it was an unusually colorful event.

Fans, estimated to total 3,500 or more, saw a good, clean football game in which both teams fought hard and exemplified the best in good sportsmanship.

Coach Whitney Bradham said today that ticket sales for the Friday night game totaled \$1700. This did not include season tickets held by students and others. The visiting Erwin Redskins received a flat guarantee.

When the two teams meet next year at the Erwin ball park, Erwin will get the gate receipts and Dunn will receive a flat guarantee under the agreement. A barbecue held prior to the game for benefit of the Dunn activities bus netted over \$2,000.

Both teams had first-class support from their boosters, with the

crowd pretty evenly divided between fans of the two towns. There was plenty of razzle-dazzle and the pretty cheer leaders from both schools did their stuff.

A popular Erwin player, Johnny Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moore, suffered a head injury in the second half and was hospitalized Friday night. He was back in school today and reported in good shape.

Fan Has Heart Attack

One other incident marred the game. George Stephens, well-known Erwin citizen, suffered a heart attack just before the half and had to be rushed to Good Hope Hospital, where his condition today was reported to be satisfactory.

Dunn High Coach Bradham today had the highest praise for Coach Daryl Allen and the Erwin Redskins.

"Erwin has a good, tough, hard-hitting ball team, and they play good, clean ball. It was a pleasure for us to play such an outstand-

ing team of good athletes." Bradham pointed out that everything went smooth. There were no arguments or flare-ups during the entire game, he said, and nothing but good sportsmanship was evidenced.

"I think we had a little better team; perhaps some of our boys were a little stronger as the result of some of the teams we've been up against," said Bradham. "Or," he added, "it could have just been an off-night for Erwin. We all have them."

He noted a number of outstanding players among the Redskins and especially singled out fullback Max Vann, "who ran hard all night," halfback Bill Horne, and Quarterback Bill Price.

Friday night's game marked the end of a successful season for both teams. Erwin ended the season with eight wins and only two losses. Dunn won seven and lost three.

Dunn was the winner Friday (Continued on Page Six)

News Roundup

TOKYO (UPI) — Communist China claimed today it had shot down a U. S. high-altitude reconnaissance plane over south central China Sunday. Radio Peking, in a Japanese language broadcast heard here, said the plane was "unmanned."

LONDON (UPI) — Viscount Montgomery, former Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery, was admitted to King Edward VIII hospital for officers today for "investigations," spokesman announced.

CHICAGO (UPI) — Meetings between federal mediators and leaders of six railroad shop unions got under way today in a showdown effort to avert a threatened nationwide rail strike.

Plans Already Underway

Dunn Yule Parade Is Set For Dec. 4

Dunn's gala Christmas Parade will be held on Friday night, December 4 at 7 p. m. and plans are underway to make it the biggest and best yet.

Darrel Garris, manager of McCrory's and secretary-treasurer of the Dunn Retail Merchants Association, said this morning that the retail group had agreed to assume sponsorship of this year's event.

The Chamber of Commerce

Bonanza Liner Goes Down In Bad Snowstorm

LAS VEGAS, Nev. UPI — The scattered wreckage of a Bonanza airliner that apparently carried 28 persons to their death was found today on a mountain top about five miles southwest of McCarran Field.

Clark County sheriff's deputies said there apparently were no survivors.

Charles Nichols, a pilot for Alamo Airways which aided in the aerial search said "it's pretty well scattered."

"I'd say there are no survivors," he added. "It's right on top of a mesa and parts of it are scattered over 200 yards."

A Bonanza spokesman said the airline is "proceeding with notification of next of kin on the assumption there are no survivors."

Near Former Crash

The wreck site is approximately five miles from the spot where actress Carole Lombard was killed in 1942 when a twin-engine plane crashed on Potosi Mountain. The actress, then married to the late Clark Gable, was returning from a war bond sales campaign.

A ground party sighted the wreckage of the Bonanza plane shortly after dawn on the mountain between Sloan and Arden near Interstate 15, the main highway connecting this gambling center with Los Angeles.

The plane, Flight 114 en route to Las Vegas from Phoenix, Ariz., disappeared Sunday night in the worst snowstorm to hit this area in 15 years. It carried 22 passengers, three crewmen and three Bonanza employees making the flight to Las Vegas as extras.

Frustrated By Storm

An all-night hunt for the plane was frustrated by the storm, darkness, a power failure and disrupted communications. The fact the plane was silver and white further hampered searchers.

McLean, Wife Badly Hurt

A retired Harnett official and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burt McLean of Erwin, were hospitalized with serious injuries and three other persons received minor injuries in a four-car collision that (Continued on Page Six)

Warns Dunn Facing Other Financial Problems

Town Advised Against Hospital Undertaking

Ernest H. Ball of Raleigh, general counsel of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, today advised the Town of Dunn that it "should not become involved financially in the operation or support of a hospital."

Ball pointed out in a strongly-worded letter to Dunn Mayor George Franklin Blalock that oper-

ation of a hospital is not a proper municipal function, and said: "It is my considered opinion that municipalities which are not now operating or supporting hospitals would be wise to refrain from doing so."

The chief attorney of the organization which advises and sets policies and procedures for cities and

towns of North Carolina said that general statutes provide authority for a town to operate a hospital, but added:

"In the historical division of public functions in North Carolina between counties and municipalities, all aspects of the public health have generally been viewed as properly a county function. As you know, many counties operate public hospitals; on the other hand, only a few cities do so and one of them is at present removing itself from the hospital business."

Mayor Blalock has already recommended that the town abandon plans for a \$2,070,000 municipal hospital in favor of a county hospital, warning that such a project could bankrupt the town financially, in addition to raising local taxes a minimum of 51 cents per hundred.

Knows Dunn's Problems

Attorney Ball today supported Mayor Blalock's position, pointing out that he is "aware of the very large capital expenditures which will within the next few years be faced by the Town of Dunn for sewage plant improvements, water plant improvements, a new city hall, a new elevated water storage tank, and an expanded water distribution system."

In view of these problems facing the town, Ball said, "I could not in good conscience say otherwise than that the town should not become involved financially in the operation or support of a hospital."

He said "the capital improvements mentioned are all properly within the scope of municipal functions; public hospitals are properly within the scope of county functions."

Blalock had warned earlier that if the town proceeded with the hospital project, it will not have funds available to meet other needs now seen or emergencies which might arise.

Earlier this month, the county board of commissioners named a special committee to study the possibility of establishing a county hospital in the Dunn-Erwin-Coats area which would be large enough and adequate to serve the entire county.

The committee is to report back on a site and with other recommendations no later than January 20.

Criminal Session Gets Underway

Judge Burgwyn On Bench In Harnett

Superior Court Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn of Woodland, patriarch of the North Carolina judiciary, opened a two-weeks criminal term of court at Lillington this morning, with a dozen murder cases and a heavy docket of other offenses set for trial.

The distinguished Northampton County jurist, as usual received a warm welcome from members of the bar and other friends who greeted him at the opening.

Known as a stern but fair man on the bench, Judge Burgwyn has established a reputation as a jurist who conducts court with dignity and all due deliberation, often adding a touch of Shakespearean eloquence to his oratory.

Distinguished Career

Judge Burgwyn has held public office since 1917 when he was first elected to the State Senate. He served in the Senate also in the 1921 and 1923 legislative sessions and was President Pro Tem of the Senate in 1925.

During the 1923 legislature Burgwyn was Northampton representative in the House.

The judge's judicial career began in 1932 as a district solicitor, a job his son, W. H. S. Burgwyn, Jr., now holds.

In 1937 Burgwyn moved to the other side of the bench upon receiving appointment from Governor Clyde R. Hoey as a superior court judge. He has served continuously since then as a judge.

In 1953 Burgwyn began an active retirement, becoming an emergency judge rather than circuit judge. He still holds court regularly in difficult assignments, being one of the most frequently called on of the half dozen emergency superior

court judges. Burgwyn served as a trustee of the University of North Carolina from 1916 to 1937.

LIGHT BULB SALE

Erwin Lions Club members will cover the town and vicinity Tuesday night beginning at 7:00 selling light bulbs. Proceeds will be used for their projects — civic improvements and work with the blind.

During Alimony Hearing

Doctor Is Jailed

Dr. Donald Johnson, a Garner physician, was jailed during the noon recess of Harnett Superior Court today pending completion of a hearing into his failure to pay \$300 a month alimony to his wife. His estranged wife, Mrs. Ruth Dare Tart Johnson of Dunn, told

the court this morning he made only one \$300 payment on Sept. 25 and had paid nothing since.

At the original hearing, Mrs. Johnson said she worked to help send her husband through medical school and that after he started (Continued on Page Six)

On Rotary Foundation

Young To Address Rotary Tuesday

The Rotary Club of Dunn will join the more than 11,800 Rotary clubs in 125 countries and geographical regions in participating in this week's world-wide observance of "The Rotary Foundation Week," Nov. 15-21, according to club president Pete Skinner. "This year's celebration is es-

pecially important in view of the legislative action taken at the Rotary convention in Toronto this year making available funds for expansion of the activities of the Foundation," he said. "The convention made available \$700,000 for 1964-65, \$750,000 for 1965-66, and \$1,000,000 for 1966-67." (Continued On Page Six)