

Weather

Mostly cloudy and rather cool through Wednesday, with occasional rain developing over most of the state today and continuing through Wednesday.

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THESE LITTLE THINGS

By Hoover Adams

LAWYERS' FEE; DUNN PASTOR MAKES TIME; OTHER NOTES

Senator Robert Morgan's law firm is one of the busiest in the county and is also one of the most lucrative. He and his associates appear in big cases involving big money.

But they didn't get rich last week by saving accused slayer Richard Smith from the gas chamber.

Sen. Morgan and Attorneys Ed McCormick and Ben DeBarry had worked on Smith's defense, off and on, for over two months, sometimes until late at night.

All three of them were tied up practically all week with the trial. On the day before the "not guilty" verdict came in, they worked until 4 in the morning personally traveling the route Smith said he took in proving his alibi.

For all that work, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn allowed the three court-appointed lawyers a fee totaling \$500 - - or \$166.66 apiece.

But the state-wide publicity they received for winning a case most people thought couldn't be won no doubt made up for it. And should bring in some fat fees from other clients able to pay.

For pleading Peter Williams guilty - a proceeding that took less than an hour - Judge Burgwyn awarded former Judge M. O. Lee and James Peñny \$100 each.

Attorney McCormick might possibly consider the big courtroom victory as sort of a wedding present. He got married Saturday.

LITTLE NOTES: Speaking of the exonerated defendant Smith, he has been all smiles since the trial.

...Dropping by The Daily Record office for a visit, Richard met Charlotte Lucas in the hallway. "You didn't recognize me, did you?" smiled Smith, and then Charlotte, who stands only 5 ft. 2 inches, looked up at the tall man saw who he was. Erwin merchants received deeds for the buildings they purchased from Erwin Mills yesterday.

The Rev. Tom Freeman, pastor of Dunn's First Baptist Church, made Time magazine this week. The national publication with a circulation of millions quoted the popular Dunn minister on the trustee row at the Baptist convention.

One of the new buildings to be added by Erwin Mills at Erwin will cover an entire city block. Dunn Chamber Manager Charlie McCullers is due home tomorrow after a speaking tour through Texas, Kansas and a couple of other midwestern states.

Al Hawley reports that Furniture Exchange's expansion celebration was a whopping success. And David Garris, Abe Elmore and Wesley Cortes promise Dunn's Christmas Parade Dec. 4 will be the best ever.

Dr. E. Norfleet Gardner, former pastor of Dunn's First Baptist Church, is the author of another book, "Changing Patterns in Christian Programs," released last week by the Christopher Publishing House in Boston.

County Commissioner Jack Brock of Erwin, only survivor on the present board, is still thankful friends for the wonderful vote I got in Averagesboro

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DUNN HIGH GRID PLAYERS HONORED - Five members of the Dunn High School squad received honors in the All-Southeastern 3-A Team selections announced today. Bruce Bates, end, and Terry Keith, center, made the All-Conference First Team, Raefell Hill, guard, made the second team; and Jonathan Hill and Jack Tew of Dunn both received honorable mention. The Greenwaves had one of its best seasons and Coach Whitney Bradham said today he was delighted that five of his players received these honors. Pictured here are top row, Coza Bradham Bates and Keith; bottom row Raefell Hill, Jonathan Hill and Tew. (Daily Record Photos)

Three Missing, At Least 15 Hurt

Apt. Bldg. Halved By Blast

KANSAS CITY, Mo. UPI—An explosion cleaved a three-story apartment building in half early today near the downtown hub, injuring at least 15 persons. Three others were missing and feared dead.

The three—two children and an elderly man—were in first floor apartments that were buried in wreckage.

A fire broke out in the rubble and for a time hampered search parties but was soon controlled.

Of the 15 injured, only one was hospitalized. He was identified as Lawrence Pecard. The others were treated at hospitals and released.

Police first said 40 persons lived in the building and only 24 had been accounted for, but it appeared that about 30 were in the structure and only the three were missing.

The blast reduced half of the old building to rubble. Police said a gas leak apparently was ignited when a tenant lit a cigarette.

CHURCH BAZAAR

The W. H. & F. M. Society of Banner's Chapel Advent Christian Church near Benson will sponsor a bazaar Wednesday from 8 a. m. until 1:00 at R. G. Adams Grocery in Benson. Home dressed hens, pies, cakes, country produce, aprons and crafts will be on sale.

Jim Cromartie Dies At Age of 54

Cromartie Funeral Wedns. Afternoon

James M. (Jim) Cromartie, 54, popular Dunn business man and member of one of Dunn's oldest and most prominent families, died last night about 11:30 o'clock at his home at 205 North Fayetteville Avenue.

Mr. Cromartie had been in ill health for sometime and death resulted from a self-inflicted pistol wound.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Cromartie Funeral Home, which was established here by his father, the late Raymond L. Cromartie, Sr. and is now operated by his brother, Raymond L. Cromartie, Jr.

The Rev. Wallace Kirby, pastor of Divine Street Methodist Church, will officiate and burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Cromartie was a native and lifelong resident of Dunn, son of Mrs. R. L. Cromartie, Sr. and the late Mr. Cromartie. He was a graduate of Dunn High School.

Air Force Veteran
A veteran of World War II, Mr. Cromartie served as a laboratory

U. S. Missionary Among Those Executed Today

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo UPI—In a frenzy of gunfire, Congo rebels massacred an estimated 50 white hostages in Stanleyville today as Belgian paratroops and American planes carried out a spectacular rescue mission.

Dr. Paul Carlson, an American medical missionary from Culver City, Calif., was reported among the dead. He had been condemned earlier by the Communist-backed rebels as an American spy.

Also killed was Miss Phyllis Rine, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, a teacher in Stanleyville.

President Johnson takes "full responsibility" for U. S. participation in the Belgian-American air drop designed to rescue white hostages from Congo rebel forces, the White House said today from Johnson City, Tenn.

The bloodshed in Stanleyville was centered at two points—a hotel where whites were held captive and in Lumumba Square in the heart of the city.

In the hotel killings, the rebels hauled about 200 white persons out of the building into the street where they sprayed them with machine gun fire. A number were killed; other wounded.

Herded Into Square
Another 250 hostages were herded. (Continued On Page Six)

Dunn PTA Meets Tonite At 7:45

Featuring a film strip, special record and a panel discussion on reading instruction, the Dunn PTA program for November will be presented on Tuesday night at 7:45 in the high school auditorium.

Magnolia Avenue School principal Robert Cannady will serve as moderator for the panel composed of two middle grade and two primary teachers, Mrs. Fannie Sue Jackson, Mrs. Iredell Pope, Mrs. Janie Pope, and Mrs. Ruth Britt.

The program is designed to show how children learn to read and how the school program instructs and aids them.

A special film strip prepared by the National Education Association and an accompanying record will be featured on the program.

All parents are urged to attend this special program.

Erwin Methodists Face Weighty Decision

Church Must Move Its Plant Or Erect All New Building

Members of the Erwin Methodist Church have an unusual and momentous decision to make, one that's also weighty in actual tonnage as well as in importance to the church and to the community.

They must decide whether to move the big two-story (plus basement) brick and wood church several blocks across town to a new site beside the Erwin teacherage of the church and to the community.

ture and erect an entirely new building.

The wooden sanctuary and original building was erected about 60 years ago and the brick educational building was added later.

Rev. Carl Calloway, pastor, said today the entire church plant must be moved away from its present location to make way for expansion of the Erwin Mills plant.

Total cost of the mills' expansion and building program has not been announced but has been estimated at over two million dollars. Supt. C. W. Howell said one new building will cover the entire city block where the church now stands.

Erwin Mills has paid the Methodists \$50,000 for the site with the privilege of salvaging and moving away everything it can and the church has bought a new \$10,000 site beside the teacherage, which is all the way across town — including a railroad crossing and a main highway as well.

The decision now is whether to try to move the big plant (the wooden building is 60x65 feet in size and the brick addition about 45x70 feet) or to build a new church plant.

Rev. Calloway and members of the building committee met yesterday with a house-moving contractor and builder. They said the two buildings can be moved and put back into good condition for approximately \$47,000. Eight thousand of that is for the moving alone.

Erwin Mills wanted the site to be ready to start building two weeks from now but kindly agreed to wait until after Christmas. Church leaders said Mr. Howell and other mill officials are being extremely helpful.

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ASK THE COMPUTER - Purdue University freshmen Robert Young and Allyson Carr watch as Purdue's big computer matches students for the junior dance. Ticket buyers were promised that if they answered 18 questions honestly the computer would select the "perfect dates" for them. (NEA Telephoto)

Confederate Battle Date Changed

Averagesboro Event Set For April 17

Meeting for its first session held in Dunn, the Harnett County Confederate Centennial Commission set the date of the observance of the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Averagesboro ahead to April 17 last night.

The observance had originally been scheduled for March 20 but the committee members felt it was too short notice to have the event. The actual battle was fought on March 15 to 16.

Malcolm Fowler, chairman of the Harnett commission, presided over the session last night which was attended by the largest group that has been held so far at the meetings.

Among those attending last night were Mayor George Franklin Blacklock, Mrs. Arthur Pope, president of the Chicora Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Mrs. I. F. Hicks, and a number of others including representatives from the western part of the county and from Erwin.

The group set up a tentative budget of \$6,000 for the observance. This amount was allocated to details for the program, to be held

Sherwood West Is New Deputy

Sheriff Wade Stewart today announced the appointment of Sherwood West as the new Deputy Sheriff at Erwin.

He will take office the first of the month succeeding veteran deputy Clarence E. Moore, who will end his duties tomorrow.

Mr. West has been employed for a number of years at the prison camp at Lillington. Sheriff Stewart said West, about 30 years old will join his force with the highest recommendations.

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Sharon Finch To Appear At Midway Pageant

Plans are shaping up nicely for Tuesday, Dec. 1, according to James E. Vann, Carroll Jackson, Andy Lee, and Stanley Carroll, members of the steering committee for the pageant.

The director is Lamar Stone who has had considerable experience

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Final Meeting For Four Of Five Present Members

Harnett Board Meets Tonight

Harnett County commissioners will meet in special session tonight, Tuesday, at 7:30 p. m. at the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Alex M. Cameron of Rt. 6 Sanford, chairman, said the meeting will be the final one for the present commission before the switch in membership which is upcoming in December.

The board will review some complaints from tax payers about

property valuations which the board earlier had promised to review.

Chairman Cameron and Commissioners Worth Lee Byrd, A. C. Barefoot and Fred M. Byerly are retiring after this meeting.

However, they will meet long enough on the first Monday in December to turn their offices over to their successors, Commissioner Jack Brock of Erwin, the only present commissioner remaining on

the board, is being mentioned for the post of chairman.

Cameron is retiring after eight years service, Mr. Byrd has ten years service, and Mr. Barefoot, two years.

New commissioners who will take office are Willard Mixon of Dunn, J. E. Womble of Lillington, W. J. Cotton of Kipling and Harvey O'Quinn of Manners.

Optimistic, But Working Hard, Runnina Scared

Morgan Seeks High Senate Post

State Senator Robert Morgan of Lillington, headed to the State Senate for his fourth term, today was "working hard and running scared" in his campaign to become president pro-tem of the Senate in the 1965 General Assembly.

Senator Morgan is one of the two senators who will represent the new 18th district which includes Lee, Harnett, Hoke, Moore and

Randolph counties. Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines is the second senator from the new district.

Morgan's opponent in the race for president pro tem of the Senate is Dallas Alford of Rocky Mount, state senator-elect from Nash County.

Alford, too, was optimistic about his chances. Both men were in Raleigh Friday to attend the

dedication of the State hands and seeking support.

They were also in Charlotte for Sen. Irvin Belk's extenuation Friday night.

Morgan said today that he has "a promise of 25 votes," which is more than enough to win.

The young Lillington attorney stressed that his bid for the post

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