

Considerable cloudiness with evening thundershowers tonight. Tuesday variable cloudiness and not as warm.

RUSSIA PREPARES FOR MOON SHOT

Dunn Leaf Market To Open Wed.

Hardy Predicts High Tobacco Prices

Despite the heavy rain of the spring and the summer that played havoc with much of the tobacco local tobaccoists today were predicting a better crop that was at first looked for as the prepared for the opening of the 1965 tobacco season in Dunn Wednesday morning.

They also expected a big break of tobacco opening day.

First Sale on Wednesday morning will be at the Big Four warehouse operated by Norman Hardee, Jack Calhoun and Tom Smothers. Second sale will be held immediately afterwards at the Planters Warehouse on Wednesday operated by Leland Lee and J. M. Smothers.

Each warehouse will sell 1,100 baskets of tobacco a day.

Leslie Hobbs of Clinton will be the auctioneer for the season here.

For the first seven days of the market loose leaf tobacco will be sold along with tied tobacco. Government support will be given to the tied tobacco throughout the season.

Warehouse personnel began working at the two warehouses getting ready for the market opening, the 18th year of the local market.

There will be no formal opening at the Big Four Wednesday. Only a few words from the Supervisor of welcome to the farmers.

Farmers were already bringing in their tobacco to mark today.

President Hardee of the tobacco board of trade predicted a record average for the market for the year.

Despite water damage from rain and sun in the area farm extension agents in the various counties surrounding Dunn, including C. R. Ammons of Harnett, said that the tobacco was better than they

had anticipated and though there would be less of it, what was brought to the market would be in excellent quality.

The government cut the tobacco

crop nearly 25 percent this year, a crop is operating under acreage and poundage control this year.

Farmers had one thing they were thankful about this year. It

the rains have cut their poundage under the poundage allotment in any instances they can add the less to their poundage quota next

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TOMATO TALK—William A. V. Cecil, left, vice president and treasurer of the Biltmore Company, talks tomatoes with Burwell Smith, agricultural engineer for Carolina Power & Light Company. A successful plan for growing and marketing the dwarf salad tomatoes shown here was implemented by the Asheville Agricultural Council to help increase farm income in the area.

Soft Landing On The Moon May Come Soon

MOSCOW (UPI)—A top-ranking Soviet space official today said Russian scientists have begun preparations for a soft landing on the moon.

He did not elaborate and set no target date for the attempt to land a satellite on the lunar surface without destroying the vehicle.

At the same time, Mstislav Keldysh, president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, hailed U. S. space feats and told a news conference that Soviet scientists were "following with interest" the current flight of Gemini 5.

Newsmen asked Keldysh about the charge made by the official Soviet news agency Tass that the United States had launched Gemini 5 merely to beat the Russians without sufficient preparations.

Tass Criticizes Scientists—"I haven't spoken to anyone on Gemini 5," he replied in jest. "Therefore it is hard to judge."

Tass had accused U. S. Scientists Sunday of taking risks with the lives of the two American astronauts in an effort to surpass the Russian record for the longest manned space flight.

Keldysh called the news conference to report on Russia's Zond 3 space probe which took pictures of the back side of the moon.

He said valuable information on a soft moon landing has been gathered and studies would continue.

Two previous reported Soviet moon landing attempts earlier this year apparently failed. Luna 5 crashed into the moon on May 12. Luna 6, launched June 8, missed the moon by 100,000 miles when it failed to respond to a radio command from earth stations.

Plan Mars Probes—Keldysh also said the Soviet Union planned to explore Mars by means of probes. But added it was difficult to say whether plans would be ready the next time the red planet is in a proper position from the earth.

COTTON GINNED TODAY

C. L. Tart Gin No. 2 in Godwin ginned the first bale of cotton today and it was probably the first ginned in the area. The cotton is owned by L. D. Baggett of Route 1, Godwin. The bale weighed 515 pounds and Tart is paying 50c per pound.

Courts, Welfare, Law Enforcement Agencies To Assist

Harnett Declares War On Truancy, Dropouts

With the opening of schools for the new term on August 30, the Harnett County Board of Commissioners is planning an intensive campaign to reduce truancy and dropouts.

County and local school officials, court authorities, the sheriff's department, county welfare officials, and the local police and other law enforcement officers in each town are being recruited to assist in this all-out effort.

Commissioner Willard Nixon of Dunn, who brands truancy and dropouts as among the county's most serious problems, said today that county commissioners will hold a joint meeting with the county board of education within the next few days to work out details of the campaign.

"Taxpayers are having to spend too much money providing these schools, special courses and other educational opportunities for any person to fail to take advantage of them," said Nixon.

He said truancy is also costing taxpayers heavily in the form of welfare payments and the cost of crime as by-products of the failure of parents to keep their children in school every day of the term that the student is physically able to attend.

County commissioners, said Nixon, have been discussing the problem for about a year and have decided that the school attendance law in Harnett will be enforced even if it takes jail sentences for parents, loss of welfare assistance and other drastic measures to do it.

Nixon said he made his own personal survey during three weeks of the last school year and on some days "counted as many as 30 school-age children loafing up and down the streets with no apparent legitimate reason for not being in school."

He said the board had evidence

that some principals have padded their daily attendance reports in order to retain larger teaching staffs than required.

Commissioner Nixon said the county board would request the board of education for additional truancy officers, ("I think they call them by the fancy name of



DIZZY ART—"Vertigo" is the title of this pinwheel-like painting by Casper, Wyo., artist Robert Wehrli. The seven-foot canvas in strong red, yellow and green, is mounted on a pivot so that it can be rotated for proper, dizzying effect.

Mrs. Ben Atkins Hurt In Wreck

Mrs. Benny F. Atkins, 50, of 306 W. Harnett St., was hospitalized as the result of a two-car collision that occurred at 12:30 this afternoon at the corner of W. Harnett and N. McKay Ave., right near her home.

This is one of the most dangerous intersections, in town and numerous accidents have occurred there in the past, many of them serious ones.

Mrs. Atkins was headed east in a 1963 Thunderbird, and Aaron D. Wood, 50, of Four Oaks, Route 2 was headed north in a 1965 Chrysler.

Mr. Wood said he was unable to see the other car at the nearly-blind crossing and was cited for failing to yield right-of-way.

Mrs. Atkins was admitted to the hospital with a broken nose and other injuries, the extent of which were not determined immediately.

Her Thunderbird was a total loss. The bumper was torn off the new Chrysler.

Sgt. Joe Davidson and Patrolman Jimmy Mazingo investigated.

Astronauts Fire Maneuvering Rockets From Space Craft

Gimini 5 Going Eight Days

SPACE CENTER, Houston (UPI)—Astronauts Gordon Cooper and Charles (Pete) Conrad blasted themselves into a new path with maneuvering rockets today in the third day of their space voyage and with all systems "go" for a full eight-day flight.

Precisely at 12:50 p. m. EDT while in contact with the Guaymas, Mexico, tracking station, the Gemini 5 rockets "burned" to lower the high point of orbit by 12 miles and send the spacecraft off after an imaginary "phantom" rocket for a rendezvous experiment.

The apparently successful maneuver occurred at the end of the 32nd orbit.

"Right on the money," the astronauts reported.

At 12:56 p. m. EDT, they entered the 33rd orbit off the southeast coast of the United States.

Well-Known Dunn Woman Dies

Lanier Funeral Set Tuesday At 2 P. M.

Funeral services will be held here Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Elsie Baggett Lanier of Dunn, 55, widow of Homer J. Lanier of Raleigh.

Mrs. Lanier, member of a well-known Dunn family, died Sunday in Betsy Johnson Hospital here. She had been ill since suffering a stroke in December of 1960 and was a patient at the Dunn Rest Home.

She suffered a second stroke on Friday and her condition became gradually worse.

Mrs. Lanier served for 11 years as a deputy in the office of Harnett Register of Deeds Inez Harrington in Lillington and for 13 years prior to her illness held a position with Bryan Rock and Sand Co. in Raleigh.

Her husband, co-owner of the Lanier-Womble Clothing Store in Raleigh, has been dead for a number of years.

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On 5th Anniversary At Spring Branch

Rev. C. Gary Long Resigns Pastorate

The Rev. C. Gary Long, 30-year-old pastor of the historic of Spring Branch Baptist Church near Dunn resigned the pulpit Sunday on his fifth anniversary in that pastorate.

Chairman Wayne Lee of the church's board of deacons immediately called the church into a business conference and the membership unanimously voted to ask Long to reconsider. When he advised his decision was final, the resignation was accepted with regret.

The Rev. Mr. Long, who preached his first sermon at the age of 15 and has spent half his life in the ministry, said today that he has no plans for the future but that he and his family will return to his hometown of Charlotte, where they recently have completed construction of a new home.

A nine-member pulpit committee

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REV. GARY LONG

Pays No Taxes, Not Authorized To Do Business In N. C.

Eure Calls Southern Asso. An Unauthorized "Monster"

RALEIGH (UPI)—Secretary of State Thad Eure suggested Saturday North Carolinians could form their own accreditation association to eliminate the threat to its schools because of the Speaker Ban Law.

Eure was applauded by members of the Federation of All Veterans as he called the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools a "monster."

"This outfit was incorporated in a county clerk's office in Georgia five days before the passage of the North Carolina Speaker Ban Law," said Eure. "It is not authorized to do business in this state. It doesn't pay a penny tax here. It has no legal status here. It has not filed a process agent here. Yet, it is attempting to exercise more power over the legislature than the Constitution has given the governor of the state. In fact, it has served notice on our governor that unless the law is repealed, accreditation of the colleges of our state may be withdrawn."

"What a monster," he said.

Eure, an author of the Speaker Ban Law, urged its detention and observance. He was critical of professional educators who, he said, live on a public tax levy and attack the legislature.

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All From Mame's Area

Six Face Federal Liquor Charges

Six Harnett County men were arraigned before U. S. Commissioner C. W. Jackson at Fayetteville on a variety of liquor law violations.

The men were identified as Wade John Ashworth, 7, James Daniel Ashworth, 23, and Samuel Scott Ashworth, 17, all brothers of Box 662, Mame's; Fred Douglas Burns, 47, of Lillington, Rt. 1; and Edward McKoy, 45, and Ernest Pemberton, 35, both of Lillington, Rt. 3.

The three Ashworth brothers are white while the other three are Negroes.

Each of the accused was bound over on \$500 bond for appearance at the next term of district court (Continued on Page Eight)

When Car Overturns

Five Youths Injured

Five occupants of a 1963 Ford were hospitalized Saturday night after an accident which demolished the vehicle.

Highway patrolman Bill Grady of Erwin said the accident occurred at a curve just before the D & E cut-off near Chicora Country Club.

Michael Roger Mann, 17, of Lillington was driving the Ford owned by his father, Roger Mann, westward the club, when it rounded a curve, ran off the left shoulder and overturned.

Trooper Grady said speed was apparently the cause of the accident.

Occupants in the car were Edward E. Breedon, James M. Jackson, Lonel McDonald and Dwight Stogsdill, all of Lillington. It is not known how seriously the boys were injured.

The accident happened about 10:30 p. m.

CAR HITS BIKE—Saturday afternoon Patrolman (Continued on Page Eight)

Addresses State's County Commissioners At Asheville

Gov. Moore Plugs Road Bonds

ASHEVILLE (UPI)—Gov. Dan K. Moore cranked up his mountain-to-coast campaign in support of the proposed \$300 million road bond issue.

Moore told the annual convention of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners that passage of the Nov. 2 referendum is "absolutely essential."

Chairman Jack Brock of Erwin and Commissioner W. J. Cotton of Kipling are representing Harnett at the meeting.

The state is rapidly outgrowing a road system that might have been adequate a decade ago but no longer is, the governor said.

"The cost of roads is continually going up. If we wait, the increase in construction cost will more than match the interest we will pay on the bonds. Unless we

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