

Weather

Mostly cloudy and mild this afternoon and Saturday. High today 65-72 in mountains; 72-80 elsewhere. Fair and cool tonight.

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LBJ'S OPERATION IS SUCCESSFUL

Judge Burgwyn Flays Jurors For Freeing Trio

A jury that took less time to reach a verdict of acquittal than it took for the verdict to be announced and recorded received a stern rebuke from Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn in Harnett Superior Court.

He termed the acquittal of Wade and J. D. Ashworth, brothers, and Bill Taylor, all of the Manners community, as "a terrible miscarriage of justice."

Directing the jurors to be seated after the verdict was announced, Judge Burgwyn told them, "I disagree with the verdict. I don't like to criticize a jury but this is one of the biggest travesties on justice in the history of the county."

It took the jury only about five minutes or less to return its verdict and longer for Court Clerk Elizabeth Matthews to have to make entries on the three different charges against each defendant.

Jurors from Upper Little River Township, where the crime occurred, had been excluded.

The three men were tried with assault with a deadly weapon on Landon Womack, a white man, and Wallace Douglas, a Negro, at the home of Womack, and with forcible trespass. Taylor and Wade Ashworth were also charged with larceny.

State Senator Robert Morgan, who defended the trio, took exception to the judge's criticism of the jury and asked the court for permission to speak.

"No, Sir," replied Judge Burgwyn, refusing to hear the attorney.

Sen. Morgan said later that he was glad Judge Burgwyn hadn't allowed him to be heard. "He probably realized I might have said the wrong thing and he actually was doing me a favor," said Morgan.

It was a hotly-contested case growing out of the Community in Western Harnett where large delegations of citizens have appealed to the county board of commissioners on two occasions for better law enforcement.

The subject of law enforcement ran through testimony of various witnesses.

There was intense interest in the trial and a large crowd of citizens for the community was on hand for the proceedings.

Douglas and Womack claimed that J. D. Ashworth held a gun on (Continued On Page 5)



LEAD IN ERWIN — Meeting at the King's Arms restaurant to launch Erwin's effort in the statewide Million-Dollar-Cabinet drive for Campbell College Thursday night were (seated, l. r.) Rev. Douglas Farmer, Mike Crawford, Rosemond Godwin, Mrs. E. H. Bost, Tom Sherman, Bill Harrington, and (standing) President L. H. Campbell, Bruce McLamb, Wayne Dunn, W. L. Corbin of Dunn, (Harnett County chairman) and C. W. Howell. Harrington and Howell are co-chairmen for the drive in the Erwin community.

Harrington and Howell Co-Chairman

Erwin Backs Campbell Drive

With an organizational meeting at King's Arms restaurant Thursday evening, the Erwin community joined the five drives that have already organized formal campaigns to help make up Harnett County's quota in the statewide Million-Dollar-Cabinet drive for Campbell College.

County groups are working to raise one-tenth of the \$1-million that Henderson Belle of Charlotte and a blue-ribbon team of business men are seeking in the state.

Being Formed Near Lillington

New Fire District

Petitions for a new rural volunteer fire department in the center of Harnett County are being circulated this week.

The petitions, when completed, will call on county commissioners to establish the Summerville Fire District. It would serve an area four miles from the center of Lillington.

Also, a petition is being circulated to establish a similar district for the Flatwoods volunteer fire department.

Both petitions are expected to be presented to the county commissioners within two weeks. The commissioners would then call for a vote in the areas to determine if a special tax may be levied to support the operations of the departments. Such a vote, likely would be held in December. (Continued On Page Eight)

Other Cases In County Court

Damages Awarded Three In Accident

Judgements totaling \$7,700 were awarded three defendants in lawsuits growing out of the same wreck tried yesterday in Harnett Superior Court.

Georgia Mae Palmer, a minor, was awarded \$800 for hospital medical expenses and doctor bill for injuries sustained in an automobile accident, by presiding Judge Robert B. Morgan, during Tuesday's session of Harnett County Civil Recorder's Court. The defendants in the case were Henry Larry Williams and Alice Burres Williams.

In the companion case of Neller Mae Palmer, administratrix of the estate of Glenda Palmer, deceased, the defendant was awarded \$3,000 in a judgment from the same defendants.

A third action, all of which stemmed from the same accident, \$4,100 was awarded to Maurice McLean, a minor, against the same defendants in the case. (Continued On Page 5)

Lewis To Preside At Photo Meet

John (Red) Lewis, well-known Dunn photographer and president of the Eastern District of Professional Photographers of North Carolina, will preside over a meeting of the group Sunday at the College Inn in Raleigh.

The outstanding program arranged by Mr. Lewis will include talks and demonstrations by the following: Charles Kraft of Mt. Olive, on "Posing and Lighting;" Buss Barringer of Rocky Mount on "Advertising and Promotion;" and Miss Hallie Siddell of Raleigh on "Something New and Different in Color."

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and adjournment will be at 5:30. Mr. Lewis has been a leader in the State organization for years.

Judge Denies Petition; One Gets Extra Time

Prisoners Lose Their Cases

Superior Court Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn denied requests for new trials and freedom for two prisoners brought back into Harnett Superior Court for post-conviction hearings on the contention they did not receive a fair trial earlier.

One was a convicted slayer who now contends he didn't do it and the other defendant was serving 25 months for an accumulation of sentences.

The convicted killer was sent back to prison and the other defendant ended up with an additional six months on the roads for escaping.

Judge Burgwyn, noting the large number of post-conviction hearings before him, observed that he had little patience with them and expressed belief that nearly all defendants received fair trials.

"They've got a lot of these 'courthouse lawyers,' as he described the convicts, 'who think they know a lot of law. They know just enough to petition for a hearing and then they claim they didn't have a good lawyer' (Continued On Page 5)

Naval Hospital Now Serving As White House

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson underwent two hours and 15 minutes surgery today for removal of his gall bladder and a kidney stone. He came through the operation in good shape.

Press Secretary Bill D. Moyers reported that the Chief Executive experienced "mild discomfort," however, as he came out of the anesthetic about 10 a.m. EDT, 45 minutes after the operation was completed.

Moyers told reporters at a 12:15 p.m. briefing at Bethesda Naval Hospital that Johnson was able to carry on a conversation by 11 a.m. The operation started at 7 a.m. and was over at 9:15 a.m.

After the surgery was complete Johnson remained in the recovery room until about noon when he returned to his third floor suite. A medical team headed by Dr. George A. Hallenbeck of the Mayo Clinic at Rochester Minn., removed the President's gall bladder which contained one stone and a kidney stone from the right ureter, the tube connecting his right kidney with the bladder.

Moyers earlier had described the operation as "a complete success." He quoted Dr. James Cain, Johnson's family physician, as saying "everything went off beautifully as expected."

Mrs. Johnson and Luci were at the hospital when the operation was performed. They were informed of the outcome immediately upon the conclusion of the surgery.

Moyers said the surgical procedures were routine. The 57-year-old Johnson who suffered a heart attack in 1955, displayed no cardiac irregularity today.

Manslaughter Term Suspended

Owen On Probation

Ezekiel Owen, 32, of Lillington, Route 2, convicted Monday in Harnett Superior Court for manslaughter in the March 28th rifle slaying of James Campbell, about 30, of the same community was sentenced today to three to five years in State's prison and placed on probation.

"I believe this is basically a good man who made a mistake," declared Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, in approving an appeal from State Senator Robert B. Morgan to place Owen on probation.

Sen. Morgan cited Owen's good character that he operated a farm for his grandmother about eight miles from Lillington and had not been in trouble previously.

Solicitor Archie Taylor prosecuted Owen for second degree murder but the jury returned a verdict of manslaughter.

According to Owen, Campbell had shot at his car as he was enroute home with a girl friend, Jesse McDougald. He said he went home, got 16 rifle bullets and "we had a war." He said he fired all the shots although only two of them hit Campbell, who fell dead about 500 yards away.

Owens claimed Campbell had a gun but officers said they found no weapon and no evidence he had been armed at the time.

Sen. Morgan offered witnesses who testified that Campbell was a man of violent temper, that the slain man was already on probation for shooting another man and some of the witnesses swore they heard Campbell threaten earlier in the day that he planned to kill Owen.

Money Being Raised For Bills

Frat Pledges Badly Beaten; One Loses Eye

DENTON, Tex. (UPI) — Fraternities of North Texas State University worked today to raise money to pay medical bills of students beaten by other fraternities brothers in "senseless" attacks in which one youth lost an eye.

The said they were concerned that fraternities would get a bad image.

Mass Meeting Set For Tuesday Night

Erwin Fire District Proposed

A Mass Meeting will be held at the Erwin High School Auditorium, Erwin, N. C. Tuesday night, October 19, 1965, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of discussing a proposed Fire District for the Erwin Fire Department.

The proposed Fire District will be from Erwin to Black River going East, and from Erwin to a point extending four (4) miles North, South and West of Erwin Fire Station.

All property owners residing with the proposed Fire District are urged to attend.

"This is a very important meeting! Your presence is requested," said Fire Chief R. M. (Red) New in calling the meeting today. Dr. New is also chief of the Erwin Rescue Squad.

Chief New and others favoring establishment of the fire district plan to ask the Harnett County Board of Commissioners to call an election in the district, to be known as the "Erwin Fire District."

If approved by the voters, a special tax on all taxable property in the district would be levied to pay the cost, not to exceed .15 cents per hundred dollar valuation for the purpose of providing fire protection in the district.

Farm Bureau To Hear Mangum

B. C. Mangum of Rugeon, president of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation, will be the guest speaker Oct. 25 at the annual Harnett Farm Bureau meeting.

The meeting will be held in the Lillington School cafeteria. Barbette will be served. President Carson Gregory will preside.

Mangum owns and operates a 397-acre farm near Roxboro. He has served three years as a director of the American Farm Bureau.

Parents Will Lose Welfare Cash

Truancy Crackdown

The Harnett County Board of Commissioners is beginning a strict crackdown on parents who allow school-age children to miss classes.

Among other things, such absences will cause parents to lose their welfare payments, if they are now receiving them. It can also lead to jail sentences for the parents.

Commissioner Willard Mixon moved at this week's meeting of the board that law enforcement officers be requested to question every child observed out of school during school hours, to ascertain the reason and to report to the proper school authority the name

of the child. Mixon has been very interested in enforcing school attendance for some time.

Board chairman, Jack Brock, later stated: "Welfare Assistance recipients must either put their children in school or be terminated on welfare. We will not give them assistance, and provide the children with food for breakfast at school in hardship cases, and then see the children not going to school."

Brock further thought that not only is the children's attendance necessary when the parents receive welfare assistance, but that if the board gives subsistence (Continued On Page Eight)

Chairman Tilghman Says Plans Nearing Completion

Hospital Work Set For March

Chairman Myres Tilghman of the Betsy Johnson Hospital board of trustees told Mayor Bill Marshburn and members of Dunn's city council last night that plans are progressing nicely toward construction of the town's new hospital.

Officials now expect that construction can be started in March. Issuance of the \$550,000 municipal bonds for the hospital is scheduled for March 14.

Mr. Tilghman told the board that the architects are now working on their third set of plans for the building. The first sets of plans proved too expensive, he said, but the new set will be within the available money.

The town has agreed for the hospital to put a \$200,000 mortgage on the present property, if necessary, to begin work on the new building. Officials hope they won't have to borrow this amount, however.



UNDERCOVER — No, Virginia, they are not swimsuits. The models are actually wearing one-piece female undergarments presented by Women Underwear in Paris. Ensemble at left is done in a tiger design, and the one at right is done in a cobra pattern. The apparel is designed for women who do not wish to wear the conventional, three items of feminine underwear. (UPI Telephoto)

Six Miles East of Benson

Klan Rally Monday, Jones Will Speak

The United Klans of America, Inc., will present a program on Monday, October 11, at 8 p. m. six miles east of Benson on Highway 50.

The Grand Dragon of North Carolina, Bob Jones of Granite Quarry, is scheduled among the speakers, according to J. W. Mc

Lamb of Dunn, Route 2, who made the announcement here. A handbill circulated in the area states that the meeting is for the white public only and is authorized by the board of directors of the United Klans of America, Inc.

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