



DUSTING A DUSTER—Wearing a duster dress, hat and goggles favored by ladies in the horseless carriage days, this pretty miss is dusting off the Duster 340, Plymouth's newest budget-priced performance car. The little dust swirl emblem with the eyes decorates all of the youth-oriented Duster models.

Total Eclipse of Sun to Occur Over LaGrange, Greenville; Partial Eclipse Over Rest of North Carolina on Mar. 7

North Carolinians will turn their eyes heavenward next March 7 for the second time to witness one of this century's five total solar eclipses over the United States. And many of those who watch with greatest interest will be on the campus of East Carolina University, in Greenville, and in other Eastern North Carolina towns which will be along the dead center of the width of totality.

So rare are total eclipses over any given locale that they occur on an average of once every 360 years. In London there have been only two total eclipses in 14 centuries. In North Carolina, there will have been two in 70 years.

As the only major institution in the state so favorably located, and as the center of the most favorable vantage point in the country, ECU will play host to students, scientists and educators from throughout the country for the event. The Greenville campus will be at the center of scientific activity for the eclipse.

Only one other spot in the world is more favorable for telescopic observation — the mountainous area of Oaxaca, Mexico. Because of its altitude and the greater duration of totality, Oaxaca will be the primary area of telescopic observation.

Activity in Greenville will focus primarily on the educational aspects of the eclipse, but scientific observation via radio, photography and telescope will be conducted.

The largest telescope expected to be put to use here during the eclipse is a 10-inch Newtonian Reflector owned by an ECU student from Chesapeake, Va. Sophomore physics major Paul Gallimore will man his huge instrument from atop ECU's new physics building.

Conditions permitting, Gallimore's telescope, which is capable of resolution of a one-half mile area of the moon, will facil-

itate some detailed study of the action of solar flares during totality. An amateur astronomer and telescope maker since his childhood, Gallimore also plans an attempt to photograph the eclipse.

Dr. R. M. Helms, professor of physics and ECU's resident expert on solar eclipses, calculates that the eclipse will begin at 12:14:05 P.M. on March 7 as the moon moves between the sun and the earth. Totality will begin at 1:31:51 and end at 1:34:48, and the moon will slide completely out of line with the sun at about 2:48:56 p.m.

"In North Carolina," Dr. Helms says, "the center of totality passes near Elizabethtown, LaGrange, Greenville, Williamston and Windsor. The totality path enters the United States near Perry Florida, grazes Tallahassee, passes along the coast of Georgia, South and North Carolina, leaves land at Virginia Beach, passes coastal Nova Scotia and Newfoundland."

"The eclipse will be visible as at least partial in all of North America except Alaska, and will be prominent in nearly all of the U.S.A."

The last total eclipse seen in North Carolina was on May 28, 1900. Other totalities occurred on June 30, 1954 in Minnesota and July 20, 1963 in Maine. The only remaining totality in this century after March 7 will come in 1979 in the State of Washington.

Preparations for the eclipse are already under way at ECU and are being coordinated through a committee on professors and administrators including Dr. Helms. Invitations have already been extended to many students, educators and scientists and more will be made.

Although no predictions are possible yet, Dr. Helms expects the campus to be a beehive of activity with the dawn of March 7. A tentative program following the eclipse will include a

Stupid Escapee is Caught Again by Kinston Police

Several weeks ago Camp Lejeune Marine Michael Harris left Kinston police Lieutenant Pate holding the bag after asking to use a telephone.

Pate at the time did not know that Harris was charged with first degree burglary, breaking and entering and carrying a concealed weapon and just thought he was another drunk Marine.

Last Wednesday night Harris made the mistake of coming back to Kinston and he was recognized by officers, who promptly put the arm on him again. This time he's being watched a bit more carefully, already having proved his speed afoot.

Tuesday he was given six months in jail for escaping, 30 days for carrying a concealed weapon and bound over to superior court on the break-in charge. No probable cause of his guilt was found in the burglary charge.

Land Transfers

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports recording the following land transfers in his office during the past 2 weeks.

From Linwood Meadows to William T. and Ivy R. Bray 138.7 acres in Pollocksville Township.

From L. A. Stith to Lela and Gilbert Meadows a lot in Maysville.

From Freddie Simmons to Laura Simmons 1.5 acres in Pollocksville Township.

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Suicide Attempt

Twenty two year-old Charles Murphy of Poplar St., Kinston, is expected to recover from a self-inflicted shotgun wound in the stomach that he suffered at about 12:30 Tuesday afternoon. Despondency over separation from his recent bride was believed to have been the reason he tried to end his life. Attending doctors say he suffered a very serious wound but will recover unless there are unexpected complications.

report by telephone from Oaxaca on the results of observation, and reports from various scientists who observe the eclipse on the ECU campus.

"Although we anticipate some fine opportunities to study by radio certain interesting aspects of the eclipse, our primary concern will be for the educational value," Dr. Helms says. "The eclipse provides a unique opportunity for East Carolina University to be of great service to the education of scientists."

Year's 16th Traffic Death in Lenoir on Christmas Eve Night

Lenoir County's 16th traffic death of the year claimed the life of 17 year-old Frederick Allen Becton at about 8:30 Christmas Eve Night.

Patrolman R. D. Jenkins says the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Becton of Kinston route 6 lost control of the pickup truck he was driving and hit a ditch.

Linwood Craig Mazingo, 18, of 408 East Vernon Avenue, the only other person in the truck, escaped with minor injuries for which he was treated and released at Lenoir Memorial Hospital.

Newsman Becomes First Candidate In '70 Elections

Newsman Jack Rider paid his \$10 filing fee Monday and became the first candidate to file for office subject to the 1970 elections. Rider is a candidate for one of the three seats to be filled on the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners.

This year three of the five members are up for election. The incumbents include Commission Chairman Dick Whaley, Vice Chairman Luby Edwards and Milton Williams.

Williams is filling out the unexpired portion of Dan Lilley's term on the board after Lilley was elected to the state house of representatives, and Williams has indicated that he will not be a candidate, having retired last year as County Tax Collector and Supervisor.

Patricide Alleged in Shooting Monday

A 17 year-old boy is charged with killing his father as the result of a family squabble that began on Saturday and ended at about 12:40 Monday morning.

Detective Lieutenant Leslie Gay says 17 year-old Morris Lee Thompson admits shooting his father 41 year-old Clifton Leroy Thompson at their home at 905 Caswell Street.

Police say a warrant had been issued on Saturday against the father for threatening to cut his son's throat with a razor after the son had intervened in an argument between his father and mother.

At about 12:30 Thompson, after being missing over the weekend, came home and was threatening more mahhem, kicking in a front window, when his son shot him once in the chest with a .22 caliber rifle.

Thompson was able to walk a short distance before falling, but when police arrived on the scene he was dead at 901 Caswell Street.

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