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## Lawyer Rapped

WASHINGTON (AP) — A lawyer for a Philadelphia Teamsters Union local was accused today of "acting highly improperly" in serving also as counsel for men accused of stealing from their union.

## Shelling Begun

BUKITTINGGI, Central Sumatra (AP) — An Indonesian government naval task force of a destroyer and four corvettes bombarded the rebel port of Padang for two hours today. The long expected final assault to crush the rebellion appeared at hand.

## German Jet Flown

AUGSBURG, Germany (AP) — Germany's famed World War II airplane manufacturers — Messerschmitt and Heinkel — have assembled and flown West Germany's first postwar jet plane.

## New Judge

HURON, S. D. (AP) — Chief Judge Archibald K. Gardner of the U. S. Court of Appeals said today he will appoint a new judge to hear the integration case at Little Rock, Ark. U. S. District Judge Ronald Davies of North Dakota, who heard the case last September in trying cases in his own district now, he said.

## Changes Offered

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower today sent Congress his proposals for strengthening the hand of the Secretary of Defense but left for later action the matter of Pentagon money control.

## Score Called

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate rackets investigating committee called a score of witnesses today for a probe into alleged juggling of financial records of a Philadelphia Teamsters Union local.

## Crash Kills Four

PORTSMOUTH, N. H. (AP) — A B47 jet bomber crashed and burned last night taking off from Pease Air Force Base. Its crew of four was killed.

## Veto Result Told

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Foreign Minister Halvard Lange said today any Norwegian attempt to acquire atomic weapons for West Germany would mean Norway had placed herself outside the Atlantic alliance.

## Two Die In Fire

BOSTON (AP) — A father and his baby son perished early today in a flaming apartment house. Three others trapped by the flames leaped from third floor windows and were injured.

## No Provision

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## NATO Arms Need

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Tornado Upended This House At St. Augustine

## \$5 Million Damage

# Florida Twisters Hurt 50 Persons

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP) — Martial law was lifted today and this Florida east coast city began the task of cleaning up the wake of a vicious tornado. It left 50 persons injured and property damage estimated at five million dollars.

## Four Convicted In Boy's Death

NEW YORK (AP) — Four members of a youth gang were convicted last night in the slaying of Michael Farmer, 15-year-old policeman's son of a city fireman.

All escaped the electric chair. The three other defendants were all acquitted.

An all-male jury returned its verdict 24 hours after receiving the case.

Charles (Big Man) Horton, a 19-year-old Negro, and Louis Alvarez, 17-year-old Puerto Rican, were convicted of murder in the second degree. They face a mandatory term of 20 years to life in prison when they come up for sentencing May 21.

The three other defendants, subject to judgment for first-degree murder, for which the death sentence is mandatory.

Alvarez's father, Louis, fainted in court when he heard the verdict. Found guilty of second-degree manslaughter, punishable by up to 15 years in prison, were Leroy (Magician) Birch, a Negro who was the oldest defendant at 18, and Leoncio (Jello) de Leon, 17, a native of the Dominican Republic.

Acquitted were the three remaining members of the Egyptian dragons on trial: John McCarthy, an epileptic and the "baby" of the group at 15; Richard Hills, 17, who had claimed he was drafted into the gang; and Greave Melendez, 15-year-old native of Puerto Rico. Hills and McCarthy are white.

This ended what was said to be the longest first-degree murder trial in the history of New York City. It began Jan. 18. Estimated cost: \$250,000.

## Prowler In Auto Caught By Woman

DENVER (AP) — "It wasn't so much," Mrs. Lorraine Reposa, 29, told police. "I outweigh him at least 20 pounds."

She had caught a 19-year-old youth prowling in the rear deck of her automobile outside the tavern where she works. When officers called by a patrolman arrived, Mrs. Reposa had him in a firm grip.

The captive gave his name as Frank Martinez. He was held for investigation.

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## 3rd Child Is Pulled To Safety

Three children fell into a deep, muddy hole off the North 29 bypass in West Mecklenburg shortly after noon today. Two of them were pronounced dead on arrival at Memorial Hospital.

One child, five-year-old Alice Elaine Shepard, was rushed immediately to Memorial Hospital by a passerby. She was pronounced all right.

Two others, Tommy Gardner Shepard, 9, and Charlie David Shepard, 7, were taken from the water by crewmen of the Charlotte Life Saving & Rescue Squad but were dead on arrival at Memorial Hospital. County police and a surgeon had been asked to stand by in the emergency.

A fourth, Joe Shepard, 4, was found standing on the edge of the water hole. He had not been in the water.

## SUFFERS SHOCK

He was suffering from shock and could not give a coherent account of what happened to his sisters and brothers.

The children lived with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Desha Wease, on Moore's Chapel Rd., about nine miles west of the Charlotte city limits.

Charlotte News reporter Julian Scheer, who had rushed to the scene, described the pool as being deeply deep. It apparently was formed by construction of the Highway 29 bypass.

The pool is about 70 feet long and 30 feet wide. It's said to be about 15 feet deep in the middle, but Scheer said it looks like a very shallow puddle.

It was not immediately known how the children fell in the water. A neighbor had seen the children playing on the bypass, said Scheer, about noon. The two older boys were on the edge of the pool, but not in the water.

## HEARD DOG BARK

Another neighbor, Leonard Tucker, driving a tractor along Moore's Chapel Rd., heard the children's dog bark and saw Joe standing beside the pool pointing toward the water.

Tucker plunged in and pulled Alice Elaine out.

He could not find the other two boys and Life Saving men from Charlotte and Mount Holly were summoned.

They pulled Tommy from about six feet of water. The other child was found lying face down in shallow water at the edge of the hole.

## Angry Man Uses Poisoned Sweets

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Candy is deadly but arsenic is terrific, declared a 30-pound transient who tried to kill his estranged wife and mother-in-law with poisoned sweets, sheriff's deputies report.

James C. Galtier, 41, arrested yesterday, mailed arsenic-laced candy to his wife, Mary, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary E. Uris, officers said.

"I was mad at the whole bunch of them," officers quoted Galtier as saying. "My life was going to take the kids for good."

His wife, Mrs. Uris, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Uris, were the candy. They became violently ill. But officers said they will recover.

Galtier was booked on suspicion.

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# 2 Mecklenburg Boys Crown In Muchhole



Billy Lee Privette Talks To News Reporter In County Jail Cell Today

## 4-Times-Wed Man Kills Wife He 'Loved The Most'

By JOHN KILGO  
News Staff Writer

Billy Lee Privette, dressed in a shabby blue sport coat and a pair of baggy gray trousers, sat in the county jail and talked of the confusion that can creep into a man's mind.

Probably the most distinguishing thing about this native Virginian is that he doesn't look like a killer.

He is a rather handsome man with piercing green eyes and curly black hair who has lived an adventure-packed 26 years.

He has had four wives, and he is in jail today charged with the murder of the one he said he loved the most.

"Frances and I went to my trailer Wednesday night," he said, staring at the floor and twisting his hands. "I don't think I had planned to hurt her."

"BEFORE I KNEW IT"

"But before I knew it I'd hit her in the head with the flashlight and choked her. I loved her with all my heart. I still do. She never did anything to hurt me. I wanted to go back to her, but I guess I just didn't try hard enough."

Privette came to Charlotte from Richmond, Va., three years ago. He said he worked at odd jobs in Virginia and here he was employed at a veterinary hospital.

He speaks intelligently and said he went through one year of high school.

He said Frances Wingfield came to Charlotte in early March from Richmond and got a job in a local department store.

"I went to work the day after all this (Wednesday) happened," he continued, "but I couldn't keep my mind on my job so I went back to the trailer."

LAY ON BED, THOUGHT

"I stayed there for awhile, then I went to Frances' place on W. Kingston Ave. I just lay on the bed over there and thought of her."

"I guess her family will come down today. She had a sister that was real close to her. This is going to kill her."

Privette was given a six-month earlier suspended sentence and placed on probation for three years for assaulting his present wife, Mrs. Catherine Rose Privette.

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## Accused Wife Killer To Get Friday Hearing

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Preliminary hearing for a confused and desperate Charlotte man — charged with beating his third wife to death with a flashlight — has been set for Friday in County Recorder's Court.

Billy Lee Privette, 26, 3240 Park Rd., is in county jail charged with the killing of Frances Wingfield, 21, of 129 W. Kingston Ave.

Police said Privette admitted killing the Wingfield woman at his trailer located on the banks of Sugar Creek on Park Rd. last Wednesday night.

He was arrested yesterday, a few moments after he was given a suspended sentence in Superior Court for assaulting his present wife, Mrs. Catherine Rose Privette.

SAW BODY

Mrs. Privette discovered the body yesterday afternoon when she went to the trailer to get a pocketbook she had left there the previous Friday night.

The two had been separated for several weeks. After Mrs. Privette discovered the body, she called her lawyer who called county police.

After police learned that Privette had just left the courthouse, they set up a blockade of police cars in the area.

Privette drove up to the trailer in Miss Wingfield's car and police arrested him. Officers said he cried out, "I killed her. I killed her. I killed her."

Privette said he had wanted to go back to Miss Wingfield for a long time. She came to Charlotte from Richmond, Va., on March 10 and got a job in a local department store.

HAD VISITOR

Police said Privette had Miss Wingfield over to his trailer last Wednesday night when his half-brother from South Carolina stopped by to visit him.

The brother stayed until about 9:30 p. m. said, and then Miss Wingfield went into the bathroom to roll her hair and Privette went to get a hamburger.

Police said Privette gave them See FRIDAY on page 2-A

## Dam Nearer Breaking Point Way Left Open For Tax Slash

Special To The News

BENNETTSVILLE, S. C. — With a break in a dam expected at any minute, residents of the Shady Rest section of Bennettville — slept in their cars and at homes of friends last night to escape a recurrence of last year's flooding.

Leaks in an earthen dam at one of two State Wildlife Commission lakes are threatening the homes of about 600 persons for the second time in little more than 30 days. Already about 200 families have been evacuated.

A Bennettville radio station remained on the air throughout the night to warn people in case of a flood, and the Red Cross was on hand to provide meals for evacuees. Members of the 201st Medical Battalion of the S. C. National Guard were called on to guard the area.

Four large cracks have appeared in the dam as a section 30 feet wide began crumbling yesterday.

A relief ditch was cut several hundred yards from the break in order to relieve pressure.

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