

Local News Briefs:

Skinner Gets 3 Months in Beating

Court of Record Judge M. C. Blanchard Thursday sentenced Carley Ray Skinner, 23, of 602 W. Diamond Road, Pace, to three months in county jail in connection with the April 29 beating of Deputy Constable W. A. Grider of Cantonment.

Roger Allen Benton, 20, of Woodbine Road, was also accused in the beating, but was released by the court for lack of evidence.

ACCIDENT VICTIM DIES

Ellis Gainey, 21, of 205 E. Hernandez St., died Wednesday night at Baptist Hospital of injuries received in an auto accident.

Gainey, Escambia County's 29th traffic fatality this year, died of a punctured lung, rib fracture and head injury. He had been charged by police with speeding, reckless driving and causing a collision.

THREE ARE INJURED

A head-on collision on Maxwell Street Wednesday injured three persons, none seriously, according to police reports.

Treated at Baptist Hospital were Daniel Lee Parker, 17, of 341 Pine Forrest Road; Nellie Presley Horstman, 34, of 612 Edgely Dr. and Teresa Wright, 15, of the same address.

The accident was caused when the auto driven by Park-

er skidded into the east bound lane and into the path of the car driven by Mrs. Horstman.

CHAPMAN STILL POOR

The condition of Bobby Leon Chapman, 23, of Sherman Field, remained unchanged Thursday, according to an Escambia General Hospital spokesman.

Chapman was listed in "fair to poor" condition after skidding into a utility pole Tuesday night on Fairfield Drive.

PENSACOLIAN SHOT

Willie Thomas, 103 E. Anderson St., was one of three men shot in Stuart Wednesday night by Robert L. Hartley, 37, of Booker Park Section.

Thomas, taken to Martin Memorial Hospital, was said to have been shot in the chest.

5 INDICTMENTS RETURNED

An empaneled Circuit Court Grand Jury Thursday returned five indictments, two of them capital offenses, against James D. Tucker, 26, of Springfield, Ill.

Indictments returned against Tucker were two counts of rape — one of a 15-year-old girl and her mother — aggravated assault on the woman's six-year-old son, crime against nature and lewd and lascivious behavior before minors.

Tucker was arrested by sheriff's authorities shortly after he allegedly forced four members of a family into a secluded area near Nine Mile-Muscogee Road and forced them to disrobe.

ANOTHER LOW SET

An already record low mer-

cury reading sank even lower Thursday morning when a breezy storm front moved through the Pensacola area.

A low of 67 was reached Thursday, a low mark for a July 20. Winds reached velocity of 25 to 30 miles an hour in gusts in some parts of the city during the storm.

465 AWARDS SLATED

Service awards will be given to 465 city workers July 28 when Pensacola stages its first "Municipal Employees Day".

The city will put on a parade at 2 p.m. down Palafox Street from Wright Street to Municipal Auditorium with more than 80 pieces of equipment — featuring everything from motorcycles to garbage trucks — taking part in the parade. The equipment will be parked at Municipal Auditorium so taxpayers can see what they're money has bought.

YOUTH IS FREED

A 17-year-old youth picked up by police following a robbery Tuesday night of the Kayo Service Station, Jordan and Palafox Street, has been released.

Hurricane View Reported Normal

MIAMI (AP) — The National Hurricane Center Thursday reported an area of above normal shower activity, accompanied by gusty winds, over the eastern Caribbean.

Elsewhere in the tropical Atlantic, Caribbean and Eastern Gulf of Mexico, conditions were about normal and unfavorable for development of a tropical storm, the center said.

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State Probing Other Prisons After 38 Killed

While investigation continued into the Jay Prison camp fire tragedy that killed 38, state officials Thursday opened a survey of Florida's 12 remaining road camp prisons, that have wooden frame-type buildings.

The team, sent by State Treasurer-Fire Marshal Broward Williams, consists of a Division of Corrections architect, State Road Department representatives and two fire marshals.

Thirty-eight inmates died as a result of the blaze at road prison Camp No. 32, which broke out about 9:15 p.m. Sunday. Thirty-seven were killed in the flames and the 38th victim, Jimmy Copeland, died Wednesday in Pensacola from severe burns.

A coroner's inquest found that three of the prisoners — all of whom perished — set off the fire.

All those injured have been released. Meanwhile, a pathologist continued the process of positively identifying the victims.

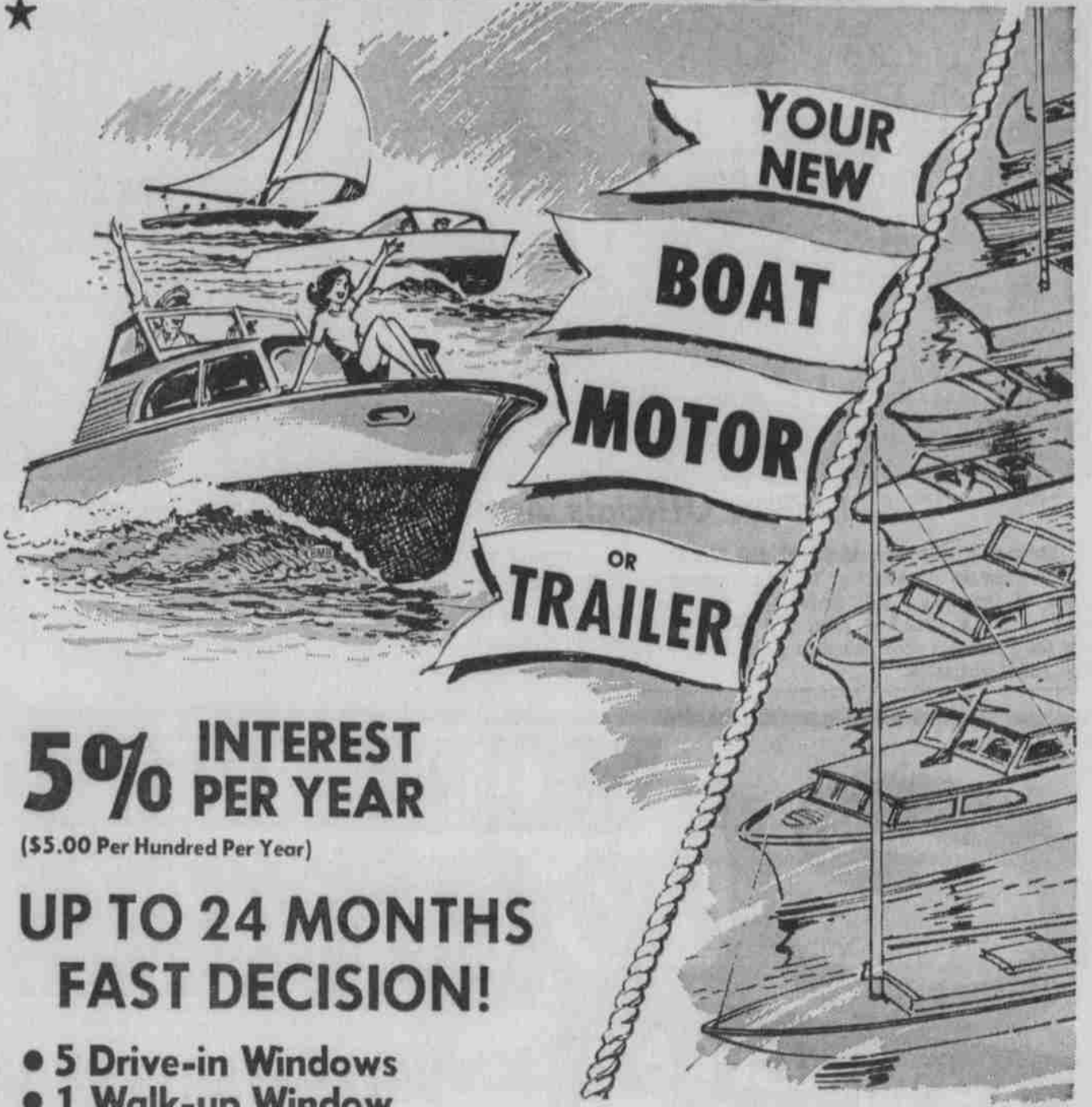
"They're making a survey of the wooden camps to see what recommendations they can come up with for improvement," said division of corrections director Louis Wainwright.

Interrogation of survivors, meanwhile, continued.

Participants included corrections personnel, two deputy state fire marshals, representatives of the attorney general's office and an agent from the Wackenhut Corp. — which spearheads Gov. Claude Kirk's "war on crime."

Results of the probe will be turned over to state attorney for that area, Bill Stafford, and the board of commissioners of state institutions.

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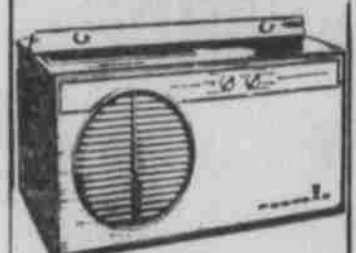
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