FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy to fair today and Thursday with scattered showers during afternoon.

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Lejeune-Trained Dutch Marines Block Off Eastern End Of Java; Farm Benefit Payments Assured

Racketeering To Be Probed

House Subcommittee Will Look Into Monopoly In Building Industry

WASHINGTON, July 22 —(AP)—A House Labor subcommittee today announced it will go into 15 cities across the nation this fall to ferret out "monopoly, racketeering and restrictive practices" in the building industry.

Chairman Ralph Gwinn (R-NY) said the three-man group is taking its investigation to the citizens beginning Aug. 4 and 5 in Washington and ending Dec. 8 and 9 in Birmingham, Ala.

Meanwhile, the Senate approved 47 to 38 President Truman's reorganization plan for permanent coordination of government housing agencies under one administrator. The plan which, in effect, continues the wartime setup, became law with the Senate's approval.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) supported the plan, saying reversion to a pre-war status would mean a dozen scattered agencies and higher costs. Senator Byrd (D-Va) opposed, on the ground that the only result of the coordinating agency would be additional expenditure.

Gwinn, whose subcommittee colleagues are Reps. Owens (R-Ill) and Lucas (D-Tex), said they want to learn about restrictive practices in building, local laws or regulations that curb building activity, material limitations, supply, demand and price trends in labor, financing and materials.

Industry Crippled

More than half the working people, Gwinn said, have to work three and a half days to get in exchange a day's work from those who build homes.

"Private industry" he said, "has been crippled by the fantastic levels to which the labor monopolies have pushed wages and restricted the use of materials, by slow downs nad other restrictive practices dictated by the union bosses."

Federal housing is not the answer, Gwinn said, because this

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MARKS REVIEWS BIRTH OF CHEST

Wilmington Community Organization Five Years Old Today

Today marks the fifth anniversary of the founding of the Community Chest in Wilmington, according to H. A. Marks, president.

Five years ago today, Marks said, the representatives of six local agencies met at the Chamber of Commerce and agreed to join their fund raising efforts in one annual campaign. They adopted a constitution and by-laws and elected the following officers:

Harriss Newman, president; the Rev. Walter B. Freed, vice-president; G. F. Moose, treasurer; and George L. Stearns, secretary.

Newman, the founding president, served until the annual meeting early in 1944, at which time, Storer P. Ware, then secretary of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company was elected to succeed him. Ware soon left to join the armed forces, and his term was finished by Mr. Freed. Presidents since Freed have been, E. L. White, Ranald Stewart and Marks, the incumbent.

Twelve Agencies

Starting with six agencies, the Community Chest now embraces services in the fields of health, welfare and recreation. The list includes the Boy Scouts, Brigade Boys' club, Cameron Memorial Camp, Family Service society, Girl Scouts, Nursing association, Salvation army, Shaw boys' club, Social Service index, Travelers Aid society, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.

Through five campaigns, the Community Chest has raised a total of $797,262.50, of which about a third was raised for war relief appeals, and during this period has saved Wilmington 101 separate campaigns.

Newman served both as president and as chairman of the first campaign. The second campaign chairman was the late N. E. Drexler in 1943. The chairman in 1944 was Ranald Stewart, in 1945 Marks was chairman, and Louie F. Woodbury, Jr., was chairman last year.

Charles M. Harrington has been appointed chairman of the sixth campaign to be held this fall.

The Weather

FORECAST:

North and South Carolina — Fair Wednesday and Thursday, except partly cloudy with a few scattered showers along the coast in afternoon. Moderate temperatures with cooler along the coastal regions.

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

TEMPERATURES

1:30 a. m. 66; 7:30 a.m. 67; 1:30 p. m. 82; 7:30 p. m. 76; Maximum 83; Minimum 65; Mean 74; Normal 79.

HUMIDITY

1:30 a. m. 90; 7:30 a. m. 93; 1:30 p. m. 38; 7:30 p. m. 76.

PRECIPITATION

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.34 inches.

Total since the first of the month 9.47 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY

(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey).

	HIGH	LOW
Wilmington	1:45 a.m.	8:56 a.m.
	2:17 p.m.	9:23 p.m.
Masonboro Inlet	12:19 a.m.	5:52 a.m.
	—— p.m.	6:16 p.m.

Sunrise 5:17; Sunset 7:20; Moonrise 11:16a; Moonset 11:16p.

River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. Tuesday 3.5 feet.

Lightning Injures Trolly Passengers

Sixteen Hospitalized When Bolt Sets Fire To Downtown Area; Motorists Help Ambulances

Carrie L. Broughton State Library Complimentary

PITTSBURGH, July 22— (AP) — Lightning struck a crowded outbound streetcar at the peak of the afternoon rush hour today, setting fire to a section of the car and injuring 16 passengers.

All of the injured were taken to Mercy hospital for treatment of cuts, burns or shock. Many were hit by flying class when the bolt ripped through the trolley.

Passing motorists aided police ambulance crews in removing the victims to the hospital.

Passengers said there was no panic and all aboard walked out calmly.

"The lightning made a terrific noise," said Sherry Marcus, an employe of a shoe store across the street who saw the bolt strike. "When I looked out it seemed as though the whole corner of the car was on fire. Then it all died out and the people started coming out.

"The car was crowded but there was no panic or stampede. They all walked out but two or three of them seemed to be burned very badly."

The lightning struck the No. 82 car at Kirkpatrick street and Center Ave., a short distance from the downtown area.

Grand Jurors Score City Fire Equipment

Report To Judge Carr Says Officials Have Ignored Recommendations

City officials have failed to follow recommendations of the Superior Court grand jury in New Hanover county in improving fire fighting conditions for as long as four years.

The grand jury made that charge yesterday in a two-page report turned over to Judge Leo Carr in which recommendations also were made for bettering conditions at the county home where sanitation and building repair were described in poor shape.

The court, following the jury's report, ascertained from court attaches that the last recommendations for improving fire fighting conditions was made late in 1945.

The court then instructed the clerk of the court to determine who in the city council has the responsibility of directing the fire committee.

Fire conditions that need immediate remedying are at the 17th and Dock streets fire station and the city fire boat.

"The grand jury wishes to point out that the recommendations in regard to the windows and front doors have been made by several previous juries as far back as 1943 and that the conditions have not been remedied," the report read.

Front doors at the station "are so difficult to open as to cause a possible loss in time in getting out," the jurrors reported. Windows on the second floor sleeping quarters should be placed in workable and watertight condition and the present heating system is inadequate, the report added.

The report also pointed out that the present fire boat is 35 years old and is reported "inadequate and obsolete." The pier leading to the boat is reported in need of repair.

The jurors asserted that "a competent inspector be authorized to report on this condition and if it is found to be true that the present boat and equipment be replaced without delay."

Seven definite recommendations for bettering the county home were listed.

Protection is needed for the line shaft in the laundry; a new cook stove is needed; improved ventilation in the kitchen is needed; the one-day supply of bed linen

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POMATOES SELL

PETERSBURG, Ind., July 22 — (AP) — John Ogden came to town today to tell of his crop of pomatoes.

Ogden said he planted some tomatoes this spring near his potato patch and now tomatoes are growing atop of potato plants and potatoes are growing on the roots. He believes bees crossed the pollen.

COMMITTEE READY TO PRESENT CASE

Organizations Will Ask Funds For Domestic Relations Court Here

Three years of research work and surveys will end for a domestic relations court committee at 10 a.m., Thursday when Rabbi Samuel A. Friedman, one of the members, rises before the New Hanover Board of Commissioners and the Wilmington City Council.

Rabbi Friedman will speak in the place of Rev. Mortimer Glover, rector of St. James Episcopal church, and chairman of the domestic relations court committee.

He will explain the jurisdiction, procedure and the benefits of such a court for Wilmington and will be assisted by J. R. Hollis, superintendent of welfare.

Rabbi Friedman, president of the community council, the sponsoring agency for the court, said yesterday over 100 civic organizations and associations had reported favorably on the proposition. Several months ago the council and commissioners were reported to favor the establishment of the court, also.

At the meeting, the place to be announced later, the city and county governments will be asked to appropriate $4,360 for the domestic relations court, which will have jurisdiction over cases of desertion, abandonment, custody of juveniles, assault on a juvenile by an adult, an adult contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile, illegitimacy, divorce actions where a minor child is involved, and several others.

It is estimated that after the court is operating there will be at least $100 a week collected for court costs and that the institution will pay for itself in a year's time.

The work of the committee, through which surveys of domestic relations courts were made in other cities, was done by Rev. Mr. Glover.

Rev. Mr. Glover, scheduled to make the presentation of the proposed setup of the court, will be out of town and his place will be taken by Rabbi Friedman.

NEW SENATE MEASURE WOULD EXCLUDE NEWS VENDORS OF SS TAX

WASHINGTON, July 22 — (AP)— The Senate Finance committee today approved a measure that would exclude newsboys, who are not on a salary or commission, from provisions of the Social Security act.

The House has already passed the bill.

The Social Security act does not apply to certain services performed by individuals under 18 years of age in the delivery or distribution of newspapers.

The bill, however, is designed to remedy possible defects in the law under which a district court held that in some circumstances the paper vendors are covered by the Social Security act.

ROBESON IS THIRD IN WEED ACREAGE

Columbus Placed Tenth In Nations Tobacco Production

Morning Star
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, July 22 — Two Southeastern North Carolina counties were cited for their part in the nation's production of tobacco yesterday be census director J. C. Capt.

According to a report from the census director to Senator Clyde R. Hoey, North Carolina has the nation's three leading tobacco-producing counties. He named them as follows — Pitt, Johnson and Robeson. Columbus county ranks tenth in the nation it was revealed.

Pitt county leads with 37,630 acres; Johnston is runner-up with 32,079; and Robeson is third with 31,778.

Wake county ranks fifth with 27,334 acres and Columbus county is tenth in the nation with 21,862 acres.

The report shows that thirty-one of the one hundred leading tobacco counties in America are in North Carolina.

Army Air Force Men Hit Dirt As Bren Lead Flies

JERUSALEM, July 22— (AP) —A group of American Air Force men, members of a graves registration team, were caught in the midst of a hail of machine gun fire which swept the heart of the Jewish business quarter tonight.

They had flown in from Algiers on a sight seeing trip, but had to "hit the dirt" when the bullets began whining.

"Let's get out of here," said M-Sgt. Dale H. Stinson of Canmer, Ky.

Beside him were Capt. Peter H. Spear of Tryon, N. C., and Lt. James R. Sterling of Saco, Me.

A few yards away, sprawled flat behind a curbstone were Lt. Charles H. Proctor of Sumter, S. C., and Lt. John W. Coffee, Jr., of Washington, D. C.

"This is a helluva note," said Coffee, glancing at the skies lighted by red and amber flares. "Well the fireworks are pretty, anyway."

Most of the party managed to retrieve Bren shells as souvenirs.

Senate Group Scores Again

Previously Deadlocked Conference Agrees To Continue Program

WASHINGTON July 22— (AP) — Powerful bi-partisan Senate support today virtually assured another year of life for the government's long range farm program with its benefit payments to farmers.

Senator Brooks (R-Ill) reported that a previously deadlocked Senate-House conference had agreed to continue the program for 1948 crops with a $150,000,000 fund promised to meet benefit payments and other costs. These include pay for farmer committeemen at state, county and local levels.

Agreement to continue the "conservation and use" program on a reduced basis next year — with maximum individual payments reduced from the present $10,000 top to $500 ended a stalemate that threatened to delay Congressional adjournment plans.

The House previously had voted twice to eliminate the benefit payment program in 1948 and sharply cut back payments on this year's crops.

Brooks, as chairman of the Senate conferees, won unanimous Senate backing on disputed points yesterday on rollcall votes. He carried this into conference today and prior differences were adjusted in about an hour.

Subject To Approval

The conference agreement still is subject to house and then Senate approval. This usually is forthcoming on a conference report.

The farm bill is one of the last five major measures to finance

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PACKERS BLAMED FOR HIGH PRICES

Union Spokesman Says Large Processors Employ Monopoly Control

CHICAGO, July 22 —(AP) —The CIO United Packinghouse Workers union today blamed high meat prices on "monopoly control of meat exercised by the large packers" and asked for a Congressional inquiry of what it called "the meat price gouge which is now going on."

However, the American Meat Institute, packer spokesmaon accused the union of making an "entirely misleading" statement and said "it ignores facts and juggles figures."

Ralph Helstein, union president, in a statement, declared "the packers are engaged in slick advertising campaigns which seek to absolve themselves of all responsibility for high meat prices and to shift the blame on the farmers and retailers."

He asserted the packers' beef markup was 43 per cent higher last month, as compared with a year ago when there were price control and government subsidies, than were the increased prices to farmers and 19 per cent more than retail prices.

"This is a clear demonstration," Helstein said, "that the monopoly control of meat exercised by the large packers is callously indifferent to the needs of the great number of American lower and moderate income groups who are compelled to pay these high prices or else do without meat for their families.

"It is a sad commentary on our present Congress that it is inquiry-

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JIMMIE STONE, 13, of 811 Ann street, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stone, and a route carrier for the Star-News promises that he will be no "softie" next Wednesday, although he will represent a soft drink firm in the Soap Box Derby. A high school freshman-elect, Jimmie will be sponsored in the big race by the Royal Crown Bottling company.

Officials Named To Handle Soap Box Derby Here July 30

Overheated Furnace Gives Firemen Run In Cool July

DETROIT, July 22—(AP)—A freak cold snap produced a series of winter-like incidents in Michigan today.

In Lansing the fire department listed a minor blaze as caused by an overheated furnace, first such July incident in firemen's memory.

A cottager at a lake near Kalamazoo, Paul Spencer, was severely burned when he poured gasoline instead of kerosene into a furnace while trying to banish the chill.

In Detroit, Grand Rapids and other Michigan cities it was the coldest July 22 on record. Lowest reading in the state was 41 at Cadillac. Detroit had 52 and Grand Rapids 43.

F. P. O'Crowley Will Again Be Chief Judge, Sweazey Chief Starter

With the Wilmington Soap Box Derby just one week away, entrants, parents and Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public yesterday were quickly whetting up increasing interest in the race which will be sponsored by The Star-News and Raney Chevrolet company.

As a score or more boys were busy with paint jobs on their cars yesterday, reports reached Derby headquarters that at least four more racers had been completed and were ready for test runs Saturday morning.

Sponsors, too, were busy lining up their name signs for the cars that will represent them in the Derby, an event which is expected to attract a crowd of well over 10,000 persons to Derby Downs next Wednesday afternoon.

By far the most important announcement released from Derby headquarters during the day was the fact that final selection of officials who will handle actual running of the big Derby, had been made and approved.

List of Officials

As submitted to headquarters by Chairman Ralph Volk and his committee, the list of officials will be as follows:

General Chairmen—Mayor E. L. White, C. H. Casteen; Track Di-

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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT STUDYING SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES MART

WASHINGTON, July 22 — (AP) — The Justice department said today the Savannah, Ga., cotton and naval stores market "is being studied by the department."

Officials declined to discuss the matter further, other than to say in response to an inquiry that John F. Sonnett, head of the department's anti-trust division, has asked exchange officials at Savannah "to supply certain information."

Sonnett had no comment on the action.

GROUPS PROTEST AIR ROUTE CHANGE

Commissioners, Chamber Officials Back National Airlines Arguments

Representatives of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, New Hanover Board of Commissioners and of the town of Myrtle Beach, S. C., at a meeting yesterday in the Woodrow Wilson Hut, resolved to protest to the Air Coordinating Committee at Washington the proposed coastal airway route between Wilmington and Florence by Whiteville.

The representatives of the various civic interests, who supported by their action the National Airlines protest of the same dog-leg route, also protested the proposed relocation of the VHF range from Myrtle Beach to Whiteville as originally set forth.

The new route will run from Norfolk, Va., Elizabeth City, New Bern, Wilmington Florence to Charleston, S. C.

The protest filed, however, con-

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COLD SNAP HITS 1947 CORN CROP

Temperatures Drop To Lowest Point For July In Chicago History

CHICAGO, July 22—(U.P.)—A midsummer cold snap moved across the Midwest today, dropping temperatures at some points to record-breaking lows for July.

The new threat to the corn crop developed as the Agriculture department at Washington revised upwards its 1947 estimate of yield, reflecting the effect of good weather that has prevailed in the corn belt during the first two weeks of July.

The Department's estimate, made in a special report, was for a crop of 2,770,930,000 bushels, an improvement of 158,000,000 bushels over the department's July 1 estimate. Crop experts said more delay in the growth of corn which was hit by floods last month and the increasing danger from frost this fall before the crop is developed fully, might necessitate a new and lower estimate.

The freakish twist of weather had immediate reaction on the Board of Trade, the world's largest grain mart.

Corn Price Jumps

Low temperatures in the corn belt states caused early strength in trading and corn for delivery this month jumped nearly three cents to $2.20 a bushel. The top price was one cent beow the all-time high of $2.21 a bushel set July 11. Profit-taking developed

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HOUSE PASSES BILL FORBIDDING EXPORT OF OILS, GASOLINE

WASHINGTON, July 22— (AP) — The House passed and sent to the Senate today a bill to forbid exports of oil and gasoline if they interfere with national defense or security or impair civilian supplies.

The Merchant Marine committee sponsored the measure after an inquiry into shipments of petroleum products to Russia.

The bill would bar exports of gasoline, diesel, bunker and lubricating oils unless the Secretary of Commerce certifies that they will not injure defense, security or civilian supplies.

The secretary would have to make monthly reports to Congress on exports.

BROWN CONVICTED IN NEGRO DEATH

Jury Recommends Leniency On Involuntary Manslaughter Charge

Stocky, heavy-set J. B. Brown, 23, Wilmington laborer, heard a jury yesterday in New Hanover county's Superior Court return a verdict of involuntary manslaughter against him and recommend leniency.

The trial that lasted all morning, was the result of the death of Paul Bostic, 33, Negro, last January 3 following a dice game and an argument that occured aboard a boat that was carrying a gang of laborers to the reserve fleet near the shipyard.

Three Negroes, all passengers on the boat at the time, testified yesterday in Judge Leo Carr's court, that Brown without warning, struck the Negro, knocking him overboard as the ship came opposite the shipyard.

Dr. A. H. Elliot, who examined the body, said that death probably was due to drowning but a fracture of the bone in the dead man's temple could have rendered him unconscious.

Brown Testifies

Brown, the only witness placed on the stand for the defense by Attorney Elbert Brown, related that Bostic was threatening him and was about to hit him when the defendant struck first.

State witnesses questioned by

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Attacks Gain In Intensity

Amphibious Forces Go Ashore On Tip Of Oil Rich Sumatra

BATAVIA, Java, Wednesday July 23—(U.P.)—Dutch Amphibious forces led by American-trained Marines, have landed on the Southern Java coast and Republican defenders are locked in heavy fighting with a armored spearhead 35 miles from their capital, the Indonesian radio reported today.

BATAVIA, Java, Wednesday, July 23—(U.P.)—Powerful Amphibious forces of Dutch Marines, led by American trained commandos, are cutting off the Eastern end of Java and its rich sugar centers after landing at five main points, Dutch and Indonesian advices indicated today.

Tank led regulars, according to Republican reports, have launched a drive for the Republican capital of Jogjakarta, on the South side of central Java.

Amphibious forces were reported ashore at the Southwest tip of oil rich Sumatra and on the West coast near Padang.

On the third day of the Indonesian war Dutch land, sea and air forces were attacking heavily all along the length of Java. Fighting was fierce in many districts and the Republicans asserted they were counter-attacking in the area of Semarang, moving in from the West to impede the developing Dutch drive on their capital.

Power Center Held

An unconfirmed report said that Dutch troops had captured the important electric power center of Soekaboemi in Southwestern Java.

Republicans asserted that Dutch warships bombarded two Western Java ports, Merak and Palahoehan, and that one of the ships engaged at Merak was damaged by four direct mortar hits.

Republican communique said also that a Dutch plane was shot

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REGULATION "W" NEARS OBLIVION

House Votes To Strip Government Control Of Time Purchasing

WASHINGTON, July 22 — (AP) — The House voted today to strip the administration of all authority to control installment buying. The measure proposes to end immediately the restraints on credit purchases of such things as automobiles, refrigerators and radio.

The Senate had approved a bill to continue the controls in modified form to December 31 but the House rejected this and sent its own measure to the Senate.

Since President Truman has advised Congress he will lift the controls imposed in wartime—unless Congress gives him peacetime authority—today's House action pointed directly toward an early end of all installment buying regulations.

The house action was by voice vote. There was no rollcall.

The House vote brushed aside Mr. Truman's request that he be given peacetime authority to continue the installment buying curbs, as a check against inflationary tendencies. The controls (known as Regulation W), were instituted by executive order under authority of the trading with the enemy act.

One Third Down

They require one-third down payments, with installments running no more than 15 months, on automobiles, cooking stoves and ranges, mechanical dishwashers, ironers, refrigerators, washing machines, room unit air conditioners, radios, phonographs, sewing machines and suction cleaners.

A 20 per cent down payment, with installments limited to 15

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Along The Cape Fear

PORT CITY—Back in 1898, according to an old paper, Wilmington was really "going to town."

The city had appropriated a fund of $150,000 to encourage manufacturing.

Six railways were carrying freight at low rates to all interior points.

And the Cape Fear channel had just been dredged to 22 feet.

It is a time to be remembered by many of the older residents in the Port City today.

There were great lumber mills and naval stores market. Cotton receipts amounted to 200,000 bales a year.

It was a great time for the businessman.

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FARMING—And the farmers weren't faring so badly in the year of 1898. On nearby lands, which could be purchased at a moderate price, were farms especially adapted to growing crops for early northern markets.

In this manner all competition was eliminated for the produce and good prices were received for crops.

Lettuce, strawberries, peaches, grapes, rice and garden crops, were principally grown in this section.

And, as the paper recorded, "labor is plentiful and cheap and living expenses just what you choose to make them."

The paper continues, "Here the climate favors outdoor work the entire year. Here are excellent terminal facilities and in summer, inexpensive seaside resorts. Here it is healthy at all times, statistics showing a rate of mortality less than that of any other city except one in the United States."

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IN PRIME—In 1898 Wilmington was in its prime. It was the largest city in the state and one of the prettiest, the old paper showed.

In fields other than business and farming, the Port City appeared, from what the paper states, to be on good behavior.

Thirty-six churches and a complete system of well conducted schools and similar institutions were listed. "Good order is everywhere maintained. There are no hoodlums, no rowdies, no criminal classes."

Even the weather seemed to be

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Man-Made Rain Incenses Hopi Snake Dancing Clan

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., July 22—(AP) —Hopi snake dancers were described today as incensed over the white man's invasion of their realm as rainmakers.

Advised that rain was precipitated over Roosevelt Dam by dropping dry ice into a cloud from an airplane, Indians declared the rain clouds actually were produced during their Southwest powwow ceremonies here July 4.

"We object to white men spilling water out of our clouds that happened to drift south," a spokesman said. "If white men want water, let them do their own dancing and make their own clouds."

The dry ice experiment was made yesterday by the Arizona Republic, Phoenix newspaper, and science teachers from Phoenix Junior college.

Five hundred pounds of dry ice were dropped on clouds from a chartered air liner, causing a shower that fell for more than 25 minutes. It was reported to be the first large scale attempt to

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And So To Bed

It was early Monday morning and Mrs. Lonnie Carter, of the Ogden section, was busy preparing her clothes for the laundryman. Several small kittens kept pulling at the small pile of garments and Mrs. Carter kept pushing them aside.

Shortly the laundryman arrived and collected the bundle of clothes, tossing them in his truck he returned to the laundry where the workers discovered a small black cat had been tied up in the bundle of laundry.

"I can promise to return the cat, but he might be white," the laundryman jokingly told Mrs. Carter when he phoned of his discovery.