WEATHER

Fair to partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, and slightly warmer.

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GOOD AFTERNOON

Hitler is no longer guided by the stars. He now is giving his astrologist orders to be relayed to the stars.

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BRAZIL TO BACK U. S. AT LIMA PARLEY

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2 Officers, Convict Killed In Burlington

TWO CONVICTS SURPRISED IN ROBBERY ACT

Third Officer Slays One Escaped Prisoner; Other Still at Large

BRAVE POLICEMAN WAS VETERAN OFFICER

BURLINGTON, Dec. 7. (UP)—A sheriff who had been in office only two days and a veteran police officer of the Burlington city force were shot and killed today when they surprised two escaped convicts robbing a filling station. A convict was killed by a third officer and his companion escaped.

The dead were:

J. P. Robertson, 45, Alamance county sheriff who took office for a four-year term Monday.

S. W. Vaughn, 55, Burlington policeman of 20 years service.

Roy Huffman, Greensboro, who escaped October 22 from Anson county prison camp.

The other escaped convict was Kelly.

Robertson and Vaughn were shot before they could draw their guns as they walked into the filling station two blocks from the business section of this industrial city of 10,000 persons.

F. B. Baliff, a third officer who remained outside the station, fired through a window at the two convicts, killing Huffman.

Robertson had been a member of the city police force eight years prior to his election as sheriff last month. He was installed Monday with other county officers. He was at his office shortly after 2 a. m., when a truck driver telephoned to report he had seen a light burning at the filling station at the corner of Trade and Church streets.

The sheriff called the two city policemen and they drove in Robertson's car to the station.

Robertson and Vaughn left the car and went into the station. They were met by a blaze of shots in the darkness and both were killed instantly.

Baliff, who had remained in the car to see what was happening, ran to the station, broke a window and fired at the two men as they attempted to escape through a back door.

Huffman was killed but Kelly made a safe get-away. Baliff said possibly a third man may have been with them but he could not be sure.

Kelly was serving a 7-12 year sentence for breaking and entering, and Huffman a 6-10 year sentence on the same charge at the time they escaped from the prison camp.

County and city police joined in the search for Kelly but at 9 a. m. reported that so far no trace of him had been found.

NAZI PROPAGANDIST CHIEF MAKES BITTER ATTACK ON LUPESCU

BERLIN, Dec. 7. (UP)—The aide of Propaganda Minister Dr. Joseph Goebbels yesterday made a stinging attack on Mme. Magda Lupescu, red-haired and fiery Jewish charmer of King Carol II, by intimating that she might have had a hand in the blood purge of Rumania's fascist Iron Guard.

Goebbels' newspaper, Der Angriff, carried a front-page photograph of the "Danubian Du Barry" with a caption which said that her romantic life had been as remarkable as her titian-red hair. There was an accompanying article entitled: "The tale of a king and his Jewish girl friend."

Mme. Lupescu, for whose love Carol once surrendered his throne and went into idyllic exile, was compared pointedly with the Biblical maiden Esther who prevented the Grand Vizier Haman from exterminating the Jews from ancient Persia.

the Weather

Low temperature last night—[illegible] degrees.

TUESDAY

Maximum—48 degrees.
Minimum—30 degrees.
Mean—39 degrees.
Day's range—18 degrees.
Normal mean temperature for December—39.3 degrees.
Rainfall to date—.06 inch.
Normal rainfall—5.46 inches.

Waitress is Fourth Wife of Millionheir

Declaring his marriage had cut him off from sharing the millions of his socially prominent Chicago family, Potter d'Orsay Palmer is pictured with the former Louise Abatiello, his fourth wife, outside the Sarasota, Fla., roadhouse inn where, until their recent elopement, she worked as a waitress.

MISS JOHNSON IS GIRL SCOUT GOLDEN EAGLE

Many Promotions, Awards Made at Tuesday Night Award Court

Miss Ruth Lynn Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Johnson and for four years member of troop one, Girl Scouts, last night was awarded the Golden Eagle at a Girl Scout court of awards, held at the city high school auditorium and attended by a good sized audience.

The girls of troop two joined in the program to pay honor to Hendersonville's first girl to receive the Golden Eagle, and numerous awards and promotions took place.

The program opened with a candlelighting service. Mrs. Robert Gibbs gave a talk on Scout law, and senior Scouts gave the ten laws, with scriptural quotations from which they were

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DR. W. R. KIRK HEADS STAFF OF HOSPITAL

Dr. Weddington Is Elected President Henderson Co. Medical Unit

Dr. W. R. Kirk was elected chief of staff of the Patton Memorial hospital, and Dr. J. L. Weddington was elected president of the Henderson County Medical Society as physicians of the city and county were entertained in annual meeting at the hospital last night.

A turkey dinner was served to the doctors by the hospital, and the business meeting followed.

Dr. Kirk succeeds Dr. Walter O. Allen as chief of staff, and Dr. Weddington succeeds Dr. J. S. Brown, Jr., as president of the medical society.

Dr. D. I. C. King was elected secretary of both groups and succeeds Dr. F. O. Trotter.

Dr. Kirk was named delegate and Dr. King alternate to the annual meeting of the North Carolina Medical Society, to be held in connection with a cruise to Bermuda next May.

Plans Laid To Expand Boy Scouts Work In County At Leaders' Dinner

Plans for increasing Boy Scout membership in existing city troops, extending Scouting to sections of Henderson county where there are at present no troops, and reorganizing some county troops were discussed at a meeting of Scout workers at troop 4 cabin, Scout center, last night.

About 25 attended the meeting, which opened with a supper, served by John T. Wilkins, Rr., Frank Rozzelle, Bill Bangs, and H. B. Drake, Scoutmasters and assistants.

A thorough discussion was conducted by Nathan Patla, chairman of the district committee, on the various phases of the program, recently outlined by A. W. Allen, Scout executive, of Asheville, and adopted by the district committee.

R. S. Gibbs, named chairman of a committee to make a survey of possible locations for new troops in the county, stated that his committee was not ready to report.

Completion of the survey, bringing city troops up to full membership, organization of new troops along the lines of the survey, and reorganization of some existing troops were set as immediate objectives.

Scoutmasters of the entire district will meet monthly for a discussion of mutual problems and an exchange of ideas, and troop committeemen will also attend these meetings.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting during the week of February 8 to 15, which will be National Scout week, the 29th anniversary of the movement.

The group also discussed the operation of the Boy Scout Drum and Bugle corps.

ITALIANS CALL HITLER TO AID COLONY AIMS

More Anti-French Demonstrations Held in Italian Cities

INSPECTION OF ARMY BASE IN PROGRESS

ROME, Dec. 7. (UP)—Anti-French demonstrations were held today in several big Italian cities as newspapers disclosed that General Alberta Pariani, undersecretary of war and army chief of staff, started an inspection of military bases and military establishment generally in Sardinia.

Demonstrations were staged in Turin, Florence, Naples and other cities.

Most of the demonstrations were staged by thousands of students who paraded, cheering Hitler, shouting against France.

PARIS, Dec. 7. (UP).—German Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop last night assured French Foreign Minister Bonnett that Germany does not support any Italian aspiration to acquire Tunis and Corsica, while it was reported here reliably today that Italy has demanded open German support of her unofficially declared, but spectacular pouplar demand for Tunisia and Corsica.

The report received here said that Hitler had received a message from both Mussolini and Italian Foreign Minister Ciane, asking support of the Fascist foreign demands.

Substantiating Germany's position with regard to the new colonial controversy was the further report that Ribbentrop had gone so far as to tell Bonnett that Germany had no part in Italian manifestations regarding French territory.

These developments came on the heels of the signing yesterday of the Franco-German "no-more-war' 'treaty in with its pledge, between these two nations, "ending our long and historic dispute."

Despite the cordial mission which brought Adolph Hitler's "traveling salesmen" to Paris, he was received sullenly on all sides by the French people, who gave him neither cheers nor booes as he rode along the heavily guarded boulevards.

Guarded by thousands of Mobile guards in shiny helmets who surrounded him wherever he turned, Ribbentrop was spirited into Paris in a roundabout manner that brought his train into the rarely-used Invalides station to thwart any hostile leftist demon-

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TOY MATINEE SATURDAY A.M.

Legion Benefit Event Will Be at Carolina, Mayor Announces

The annual Christmas toy matinee for the benefit of the American Legion toy campaign will be held on Saturday morning at the Carolina theatre, Mayor A. V. Edwards announced today.

The toy matinee is given each year by the theatre to aid members of the Legion in the collection of toys for distribution to children who would otherwise be without Christmas presents.

For the past several years, the Legion has collected toys and repaired them for Christmas distribution. The theatre management assists each year by the toy matinee.

A good program of picture entertainment has been prepared for Saturday morning by the Carolina, and the price of admission is one toy for each child or adult. Mayor Edwards today asked that people who attend bring a really good toy, as all will be used in a very worthy cause.

The toys collected by the Legion are distributed by members of the Auxiliary and are used only in thoroughly investigated needy cases.

Mayor Edwards also asked this morning that people having toys they wish to give for this purpose call the city hall and the toys will be collected.

NEW REPRESENTATIONS ARE MADE ON GERMAN DECREES AFFECTING AMERICAN JEWS

Are in Regard to Enforced Liquidation of Business by January 1

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(UP)—Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles today revealed that the United States has made new representations to Germany in connection with the German decrees against Jews.

Welles said that the new representations demand exemption for American nationals and property from provisions of the recent order that Jews must abandon the retail business field by the first of the year.

WPA ROLLS DROP FROM HIGH PEAK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. (UP)—Works Progress Administrator Hopkins today announced that relief rolls last week continued to decline from their all-time peak reached early in November and dropped to 3,183,418. Hopkins said WPA rolls showed a decrease of 33,088 persons during the week.

FSA TO AID FARM PEOPLE IN SOUTH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. (UP)—The Farm Security Administration today prepared to make rehabilitation loans to farmers dropped from WPA rolls in 12 southern states.

FSA Administrator W. W. Alexander said that the new program is designed to get the needy farmer on his feet.

The amount available or the number of former WPA workers to receive loans was not disclosed.

H. S. CONCERT IS ARRANGED

Band and Other Units Will Perform Friday Night, December 16

The Hendersonville high school will give a music concert at the auditorium on Friday night, December 16, at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced today.

The program will feature the high school band, under the direction of Julian Helms, the elementary school band, also under the direction of Mr. Helms, the high school glee club, and the grammar school rhythm band, both under the direction of Miss Schreyer.

The public is invited to attend and the complete program will be announced later.

F. R. STUDYING U. S. DEFENSE

New Taxes May Not Be Needed; Will Not Make Trip to Lima

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. (UP) President Roosevelt disclosed yesterday that he favors financing his new billion dollar national defense program on a pay-as-you-go basis and suggested additional taxation as a means of obtaining this objective. He declined, however, to definitely commit himself to such a course.

At his first press conference after returning from Warm Springs, Ga., he said he flatly opposes paying for the expanded armament program through additional borrowing. He added that the program has not proceeded beyond the study stage and that no decision as to the apportionment of costs has been reached.

Because defense expenditures are seldom self-liquidating, he said, he firmly believes that such spending must be paid for from year to year.

Following the conference, the White House stressed that Presi-

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SANTA TO BE IN CITY AGAIN ON SATURDAY

Will Ride Motor-Driven Float; Winners of School Contest Undetermined

Santa Claus will return to Hendersonville Saturday, and in addition to his walks about the business districts he will make two tours of the city in the specially constructed float in which he rode on the occasion of his first visit last Tuesday night.

In announcing that the veteran saint will return to Hendersonville Saturday and on each succeeding Saturday until Christmas, Miss Jennie Bowen, vice-chairman of the merchants division of the chamber of commerce, said Santa was so well pleased with his two previous visits here that he personally expressed a desire to make Hendersonville his week-end headquarters. He was in Haywood county today, but he did not divulge where he will be Thursday and Friday.

Santa's trips in the motor-driven float are scheduled for 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. Saturday, and each will be of a half-hour's duration. While it will be impossible for him to greet little folk while riding, he will spend the rest of the time from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. on the sidewalks of the business districts and, as he did last Saturday, he will shake hands and receive requests for special gifts to be delivered on Christmas eve.

Meanwhile, merchants were preparing to serve thousands of customers with unusual values in Christmas merchandise. A substantial increase in business last Saturday was reported over the corresponding period of last year, while there was evidence this week that many shoppers will do their Christmas buying early.

The judges who were to deter-

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TO KEEP IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FEAST AT CHURCH ON THURSDAY

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated tomorrow at the Immaculate Conception Catholic church, the occasion being a Day of Obligation.

Services will be held at 7:30 and 8 o'clock in the morning and a high solemn mass will be celebrated at the church at 10 o'clock in the morning.

The celebrant will be the Rev. Nathaniel Osm, of Asheville; the deacon the Rev. A. Rohrbacker, of Waynesville; subdeacon the Rev. Hugh Doland, of Swannanoa; master of ceremonies the Rev. A. Rocette, of West Asheville; the preacher will be the Rev. Stephen Sullivan, of Spruce Pine.

The music will be the Mass of St. Anthony, and the offertory will be "Maria Salvatoris." The communion will be "O Lord, I Am Not Worthy," and the recessional "Mother Dear, Pray For Me."

Turner Certified As Constable; He Polled Two Votes

Election of T. T. Turner as constable of Crab Creek township was certified today.

Mr. Turner was elected by two votes, these being written in on the county ticket as there were no formal candidates appearing on the ballot.

The two votes were cast in Bowman's Bluff precinct and no votes were cast in Crab Creek. These two boxes constitute the township.

ANNA HAHN'S EXECUTION IS SET TONIGHT

Convicted German Poison Murderess Denied Governor's Reprieve

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 7. (UP) Attorneys for Anna Marie Hahn today announced that they were seeking a writ of habeas corpus in United States District court in an effort to halt her execution tonight.

The habeas corpus action is based on the contention that Mrs. Hahn's constitutional rights were denied when the prosecution introduced evidence of four murders instead of one during her trial. A ruling on the application was expected this afternoon.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 7. 7. (UP). Anna Marie Hahn, convicted blonde poison murderess who was accused of the "mass killings" of four elderly acquaintances, collapsed in her death row cell last night when her attorney informed her that Governor Martin L. Davey had ruled she must die in the electric chair tonight.

The attractive, 32-year-old German woman sank sobbing into a chair as her attorney, Joseph Hoodin, entered the cell and told her:

"I have bad news for you."

She nearly fell from the chair, and Hoodin and a prison attendant caught her. The doomed woman, who will be the first to die in an electric chair in Ohio, sobbed:

"Oh, my God! I didn't think he would do that!"

Governor Davey, returning from a trip to New Haven, Conn., said he had decided there was no

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Warning Issued Not To Destroy Christmas Greens

Chief of Police Otis Powers stated today that some merchants had called his attention to the fact that people were breaking and destroying Christmas decorations on the streets.

Any person found destroying such property will be prosecuted, Chief Powers said, and if any person sees any such acts committed they are asked to report it to the police department.

SOLID FRONT IN AGGRESSION BIG OBJECTIVE

American Delegation to Eighth Pan American Session Lands

HULL TO SEE HIGH OFFICIALS PROMPTLY

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 7. (UP)—The eighth Pan-American conference appears certain to endorse in principle President Roosevelt's program of solidarity of the Americas against foreign aggression, authoritative sources said today, upon arrival of the United States delegation, headed by Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

After a series of informal conferences preliminary to opening of formal sessions Friday, it was learned that Brazil expected to introduce a resolution endorsing the United States' viewpoint generally.

ABOARD S.S. SANTA CLARA, Enroute to Lima, Peru, Dec. 7.—(UP).—Members of the United States delegation to the eighth Pan American conference last night spent their last few hours aboard the Santa Clara in a final discussion of their plans at the parley.

The liner was scheduled to dock at Callao, the port of Lima, at 7 a. m. today.

The delegates, headed by Secretary of State Cordell Hull and including Alfred M. Landon, former Kansas governor and 1936 Republican presidential candidate, were expected to leave at once by automobile for Lima, where the conference opens Friday.

Hull plans to call officially on Foreign Minister Carlos Concha of Peru, as soon as possible and arrange a visit to President Oscar Benavides. Later he will call on the heads of all the delegations the same as he did at the seventh Pan American conference in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1933.

F.D.R'S. VIEWS ARE CERTAIN INFLUENCE

LIMA, Peru., Dec. 7. (UP).—President Roosevelt's views on inter-American relations are bound to influence deliberations at the eighth Pan American conference which opens here Friday, Foreign Minister Julio Tobar Donoso of Ecuador said yesterday.

Tobar's statement coincided with reports the Brazilian delegation would sponsor a declaration—not a written pact or resolution—approving a common defense of the western hemisphere against foreign aggression. Such a declaration, it was believed, would receive unanimous approval and would avoid possible embarrassing discussions of such a plan as the so-called "Roosevelt doctrine." At the same time, it would place the American nations on record as favoring solidarity of action in the face of aggression from any point.

Tobar, who heads the delegation named by Ecuador only after strong pressure had been brought to bear on the quito government by several South American countries and the United States, said Mr. Roosevelt's "good neighbor" policy "merited the applause of the whole continent." Ecuador hopes the doctrine will help in part to achieve settlement of its long-standing territorial dispute

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15 Shopping Days Till Christmas

LOOKING BACK TO CHRISTMAS 15 YEARS AGO—Santa was being good to Toronto Drs. Banting and MacLeod; they got Nobel Prize for their discovery of insulin. . . . Reformers were launching cleanup of New York stage. . . . Because of change from Julian to Gregorian calendar, practically whole Christian world celebrated Christmas on same day—Dec. 25—for first time in three centuries. . . . President Coolidge freed 31 war prisoners.

Nazis Force Jews To Pledge Quick Departure From Reich For Freedom

BERLIN, Dec. 7. (UP)—The Nazi Gestapo (secret police) under Heinrich Himmler is compelling all imprisoned Jews to sign pledges that they will leave the Reich immediately, in some cases within three weeks, before releasing them from concentration camps, it was revealed last night.

The secret police orders threatened to wreck plans for the orderly emigration of Germany's Jews because it is impossible for thousands of them to obtain foreign visas within such a short time.

As result, it was indicated that many of 700,000 Jews seeking escape abroad rather than be driven into virtual ghettos would be thrown back into concentration camps when the time limit expires and they have been unable to migrate.

Shortly after the Nov. 10 anti-Semitic rioting throughout Germany it was estimated that between 50,000 and 55,000 Jews had been imprisoned, many of them wealthy and influential Jews held as "hostages" for payment of a $400,000,000 collective "fine" and about $200,000,000 in rot damages.

It was understood that at least 2,000 Jews had signed pledges to leave the Reich immediately in order to obtain their freedom from the prison camps, although they realize that it is virtually impossible for them to go through the regular emigration procedure within three weeks.

A large group, it was learned, planned to go to Shanghai because no visas are required for China, although discouraging reports have been received by German Jews of the treatment received by Jews already in China.

Others accepted "visitors' permits" for South America and other countries but many of these are threatened with being stranded abroad when the permits expire.