

WEATHER

North Carolina — Fair and very cold today and tonight; high temperatures today ranging from low 20's mountains to low 30's east portion, low temperatures tonight 5-10 in the mountains and 10-20 elsewhere.

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HALL, HEADY, KISS, DIE TOGETHER



TICKLE FROM SANTA — Little Lena Mae Strickland of the Falcon Orphanage got a tickle from Santa. The old gentleman dropped down to the orphanage grounds yesterday as he flew over the area on his helicopter. He also made a visit to the Dunn Free Will Baptist Orphanage. Some 70 children turned out at the Falcon Orphanage, and 40 at more at the Free Will Baptist Orphanage. (Daily Record Photo)

Old Santa Pays Visit To Children At Orphanages

Santa Claus' helicopter flew down at the Falcon Orphanage yesterday to give the old gentleman a holiday visit with some 70 children. Earlier in the afternoon, he made a visit at the Dunn Free Will Baptist Orphanage. ... Around 3 o'clock the children gathered at one of the boys' homes at Falcon to await the arrival of the kind gentleman. ... Outside offices from Pope Air Field were busy driving up a big truck loaded with toys. The group marked off a space in an adjoining field to show Santa where to set his helicopter down. ... They danced around. For a few minutes the children danced about the field as the old gentleman hovered just overhead, waving to the kids. As the helicopter came to rest, the show and (Continued on page six)

NEW YORK (AP) — Convicted Communist leader Robert G. Thompson, 38, got his wish today to spend the winter in a climate more favorable to what his attorney called his delicate health. Federal authorities announced Thompson will be taken tomorrow to the Atlanta federal penitentiary, where he will serve out a three-year sentence for violation of the Smith Act and a four-year term for contempt of court. ... MEXICO CITY (AP) — The mysterious international agent who in 1940 drove a pickaxe into the brain (Continued on page six)

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Two Coast Guard cutters, called by the aid of a small freighter, were today in unusually heavy seas today after a run out of fuel 30 miles southeast of Galveston, Tex. The SS Florida Star, owned by the Seward Line of New York, rolled last night it had run out of fuel. The freighter carries a crew of 35 men. ... MEXICO CITY (AP) — The mysterious international agent who in 1940 drove a pickaxe into the brain (Continued on page six)

Patrol Chief Urges Safety On Holidays. Col. Rommie Williamson of the Highway Patrol, issued a pre-holiday warning to motorists today to drive carefully during the next three weeks. Beginning Monday, patrolmen in Harriet and Johnston Counties will begin what Williamson called the "rotation" of patrol routes and speed watching devices. Harriet, with 24 fatalities, has already exceeded the traffic death rate set in 1952, he emphasized. During the holidays, patrolmen will concentrate patrolling on sections of the county having the worst accident records. Speed clocks will be set up in an effort to apprehend speeders, it was pointed out. The speed "catcher" is a device consisting of two cables stretched across the highway with accompanying patrolmen and a stop watch with which to compute the time it takes vehicles to cross the cables. The two cables are set 100 feet apart. Tuesday of this week, patrolmen arrested 19 speeders using the speed clock method. Col. Williamson reported this week. During the holidays, the patrolmen will endeavor to save lives, Williamson said. Last year 100 persons lost their lives during each holiday in North Carolina.

Little Progress Is Reported At Ike's Conference

WASHINGTON (UP) — President Eisenhower's program conferences with congressional leaders are making little progress toward satisfactory answers to the vital questions of government finance.

Republican office holders find problems of taxation, economy and budget balancing more difficult now than they appeared to be in the 1952 campaign. As of Dec. 15, the Treasury was in the red by nearly 10 billion dollars, with a bit more than half of the current fiscal year still to go. The flow of Treasury revenue will quicken during the next six months. Mr. Eisenhower estimates that the Treasury deficit will have been reduced to about \$3,000,000,000 when the fiscal year ends at midnight, June 30.

But that is a long way from a balanced budget, although the President is proud of having lopped 13 billion dollars from the Truman administration's final request for funds. Even so, few persons are willing to predict today that the budget can be balanced in the succeeding fiscal year, which will end 18 months hence on June 30, 1955. Chairman John Taber (R-NY) of the House Appropriations Committee said Thursday during a break in the White House conferences that six billion dollars could be peeled from government spending in the fiscal year ending in 1955. He said the 1955 budget could be balanced too, but he did not specify how nor claim that Mr. Eisenhower and other conference agreed with him. Spending reductions right down the line was Taber's suggestion for economy and a balanced budget. But economists looking for chunks of savings which will add up to six billion dollars a year cannot find that kind of money at all points down the line of government spending.

Five Goldsboro Residents Die In Guam Crash

GOLDSBORO (AP) — The former Agnes Stevens of Goldsboro, her husband and three children were among 19 victims of a B29 crash on Guam yesterday, the Air Force notified relatives today. ... Mrs. Stevens, wife of Lt. Col. Bartlett L. Mills, Mills and their three children, Margaret, Helen and Martha, were killed in the crash. Stevens said Mills was sent to Guam last March and that Mrs. Mills and the children went there in June. Mills is a native of Ashland, Ky., and his wife met while he was stationed at Seymour-Johnson Field here during World War II. (Continued on page five)

Church Plans Holiday Party

The annual Christmas Party for the children of Sacred Heart Catholic Church will be held tomorrow morning, commencing at 10:30. The party will be held at the Sacred Heart Rectory and will be under the supervision of Mrs. Michael Williams, who is the local chairman of the Department of Home and School. SISTERS TO BE PRESENT. The Reverend Sisters from Newton Grove will be the principal guests at the party, headed by the Reverend Sister Mary Bernard who is the superior of the Sisters residing there. They are expected to arrive in Dunn around 10:15 tomorrow morning. The proceedings of the party will also honor the Reverend Sisters who come to Dunn each Saturday morning to instruct the small children in the teachings of the Church. The ladies of Sacred Heart parish have 100-70 and decorated a Christmas tree for the occasion and will also accompany the party with gifts to present. Mothers of the children will accompany their children for the festivities at the rectory.

DUNN STORES OPEN — Beginning Saturday night, Dunn's retail stores will remain open until 9 o'clock every night until Christmas for the benefit of those who haven't already done their Christmas shopping. ... SANTA AT HENSON — Santa Claus will arrive at the first station in Benson Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It was announced today by President Harold Medlin. He'll have gifts for all the boys and girls. Beginning Saturday night, Benson's stores will remain open until 9 p.m. every night until Christmas.



PURDIE'S ADDS NEW SLEEP DEPARTMENT — Purdie's, Inc. of Dunn has added one of the most modernistic sleeping departments to be found anywhere in the State. J. W. Purdie, left, owner of Purdie's, is shown here receiving congratulations from Jack Brown, right, Eastern Carolina sales manager for The Mebane Company, manufacturers of the famous Kingsdown mattress line. The new sleep department is fully equipped with a complete line of bedroom furniture, mattresses, box springs, etc. (Daily Record Photo.)

Winners In Record Contest To Be Announced Saturday

The climax is Saturday morning! Seven and one-half weeks of hard work and uncertainty culminates in the closing scene promptly at 11 a. m. Saturday, Dec. 19.

At that time the Daily Record's famed automobile award subscription contest officially ends and the most aggressive contestants will claim the magnificent awards offered by this newspaper, headed by that smart new 1954 Dodge 4-door sedan worth \$3,021.50. For more than six weeks the various contestants have been busily engaged accumulating their published vote totals and building up reserve votes for the final count. During this time the contest has gained fame and is wide-spread. It was hailed from the start as being the most liberal, unique and altogether attractive affair of its kind ever inaugurated in this area.

SEATED BOXES USED. All this week, the final week of the contest, each contestant has been placing his or her subscription sales in a locked box which is in the Commercial Bank in Dunn. This arrangement was made to maintain a strict secret of each contestant's final sales, thus preventing the poster here during World War II. (Continued on page five)

Dunn PCA Office To Observe Event

The Dunn Production Credit Association will observe their 20th birthday here Monday with a meeting of all stockholders at the City Hall at 10 o'clock, Herman Green, executive secretary said today.

R. A. Darr, president of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia, S. C., will be the principal speaker at the morning meeting. During the session, Darr will present the local Production Credit Association with a certificate of complete member ownership. Green stated today that all federal capital was paid off as of November 20, and the certificate will indicate that the Association is now on its own.

One of the major points of business in the morning will be the election of three new members to the Board of Directors. New directors will serve for three years. Retiring members of the Board are Sam F. Hudson, Dunn; James E. Williams, Anvier; and Kyle Harrington, Broadway. SEAT TO PRESIDE. E. E. Seay, president of the local Association, will preside over the business session. Besides the business a number of prizes will be awarded to holders of lucky numbers. Tickets will be available in residents of Rocky Mount, Goldsboro, New Bern, Kinston, Washington and many other towns," he said. Earl McD. Westcott of Dunn is president of the station.

Man Is Jailed For Egg Theft

A 16 year old Negro was being held in jail today temporarily booked as James Smith, but a woman who identifies herself as his sister says the youth is Wilbert Williams. He is charged with stealing eggs from Pletch Wiegert. Chief Alton A. Cobb stated this morning that the boy was stopped at the store yesterday as he attempted to slip out with a basket containing four dozen, nine eggs. Twice before, the management stated, the boy had been dropped with eggs and released with a warning. As the police station, Williams got a lecture and was questioned for 15 minutes, Cobb said. A few minutes later, someone came in to ask if "Wilbert Williams" was in jail. Cobb at first said no, but on hearing a description of the youth, described that "Smith" was really "Williams". "The family of the Dunn News was attempting to secure a \$100 bond this morning for the release of the boy.

ALL SMILES FOR SANTA — Pretty Sylvia Ann Strickland and her brother, Bobby, were all smiles for Santa Claus when the old man Sunday at Johnson's Restaurant in Dunn. There the children of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Strickland, well-known Dunn citizens, were all smiles for Santa Claus. The children were all smiles for Santa Claus when he came to the Dunn News office with his back at Johnson's Restaurant Sunday from 11 p. m. to 2 p. m. and from 5 to 9 p. m. (Daily Record Photo.)

Kidnapers Die; Lips Sealed On Ransom Money

By WARD COLWELL UP Staff Correspondent JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (UP) — Carl Austin Hall and Bonnie Brown Heady, who tortured little Bobby Greenlease before they killed him, died painlessly today in Missouri's gas chamber.

The dissolute pair who committed one of the most monstrous crimes in a generation went to their deaths with their bellies full of fried chicken, after a last senescent cuddling spree that left Hall's pale lips bloomed with lipstick. The great, gray prison by the Missouri River was quiet under a nearly full moon when Warden Ralph Eldson at four and one-half minutes past twelve o'clock loosed the deadly, almond-scented gas into the metal chamber. Mrs. Heady, 41, the respectable housewife who became an alcoholic held her breath for 25 seconds. Then she gasped. Her head fell forward. Hall, 34, the wastrel son who took to narcotics, did not fight death. He breathed in the bright white fumes with no hesitation. Both were logged on the legal execution report as unconscious within one minute and 15 seconds after Eldson pulled the lever. Hall stopped breathing at 12:12 a. m. Mrs. Heady's breathing stopped two minutes and 10 seconds later. Thus they died. It was 81 days after they had kidnaped and killed six-year-old Bobby Greenlease, son of a wealthy Kansas City, Mo., automobile distributor. They got \$200,000 ransom—an all-time record. Some \$303,700 of that sum still is missing.

WOULDN'T SPEAK. If Hall knew where it was, he took his secret to the grave with (Continued on page two)

New TV Station Will Go On Air

GREENVILLE, N. C. (AP) — Television station WNCN plans to go into operation here Sunday. Hartwell Campbell, manager of the station, estimated yesterday that there are 22,000 sets in eastern North Carolina area to be served by the new station. It had been hoped that the station would go on the air in October but failure to obtain delivery of an 874-foot tower delayed the opening, Campbell said. A temporary tower has been erected. "Excellent reception will be available to residents of Rocky Mount, Goldsboro, New Bern, Kinston, Washington and many other towns," he said. Earl McD. Westcott of Dunn is president of the station.

BULLETINS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UP) — The executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention yesterday voted to recommend a record budget of \$9,200,000 for the convention's 1955 cooperative program. The action is subject to approval by the full convention next summer. If approved, it would provide \$6,100,000 for operating budget, \$3,000,000 for capital needs, and \$100,000 for convention operations.

HOLLYWOOD (UP) — Actress-model Marina Cisternas, 24, said today she will wed Harold Lloyd, Jr., 22, son of the comedian, on New Year's Eve despite objections of young Lloyd's parents. "If Harold's parents do not approve of the marriage, I am truly sorry," Miss Cisternas said. "I hope they will change their minds. I am disappointed." (Continued on page two)

+ Record Roundup +

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