

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 or 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.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The AFL National Federation of Post Office Clerks charged today that postmasters in a number of cities are "willfully violating" Post Office Department orders and hiring "political appointees" to help move Christmas mail.

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.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Two Coast Guard cutters, one of the aid of a small freighter, were on duty today in unusually heavy seas today after a run out of fuel 30 miles southeast of Galveston, Tex.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The mysterious international agent who in 1940 drove a pickaxe into the brain (Continued on page six)

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.

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.

HELO SANTA — I am a little girl in the second grade at school. I am eight years old. I wish you would bring me a baby doll, and a pocketbook, and a blouse, and a rubber ball.

HELLO SANTA — I am a little boy 11 years old, and I would like for you to bring me a ball bat, glove, and that will be all for me.



FURDIE'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.

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.

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.

All this week, the final week of the contest, each contestant has been placid his or her subscription sales in a locked box which is in the Commercial Bank in Dunn.

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.

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.

MUSICAL PROGRAM — Dunn Regulars tonight will enjoy a musical program. Mrs. Henry Whitton and a talented group of local citizens will present the program.

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.

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 bloated 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 \$308,700 of that sum still is missing.

WOULDN'T SPEAK — If Hall knew where it was, he took his secret to the grave with him. (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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Plevy 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.

ALL SMILES FOR SANTA — Pretty Sylvia Ann Strickland and her brother, Buddy, were all smiles for Santa Claus when he brought them 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. (Daily Record Photo)