

Cloudy and mild today, tonight and Wednesday except cool with scattered frost in mountain valleys tonight.

U. S. OFFICIAL PREDICTS GOOD YEAR

McCarthy Still Demands Time For Own Reply

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower asked Vice President Richard M. Nixon to reply to Adlai E. Stevenson next Saturday on the free broadcast and television time also sought by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy R-Wis.

Nixon agreed. Neither NBC radio nor CBS television provided time for McCarthy. Instead they allotted 10:30 to 11 p. m. EST Saturday for Nixon's formal response to the March 6 speech in which Stevenson made a vigorous political attack on the President, the Republican Party, McCarthyism and McCarthy.

McCarthy threatened legal reprisals against the networks Monday night when he arrived in New York and learned that NBC and CBS were not honoring his request for time.

"Are you sure of that?" the surprised senator asked airport reporters.

Informed that Republican National Committee Chairman Leonard W. Hall had chosen the vice president to reply to Stevenson for the party, McCarthy replied:

"An excellent choice. But, I am delegating to one to make an answer of the attack on me. Mr. Nixon will speak for the party. I am speaking for myself. Stevenson made a vicious and lengthy attack on me. Len Hall had no choice but to ask for time since Stevenson's speech was an attack on the Republican Party. Let me make it clear, this Stevenson made an immoderate attack on the Republican Party but also a vicious attack on me."

McCarthy said federal communications rules provided that he be given free time under the circumstances.

WILL TEACH THEM "They (the networks) will grant (Continued on Page Three)

These Little Things BY ROOBER ADAMS

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WIFE NOTES: Julian B. Metz a native of Dunn, has resigned as manager of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce to become executive vice president of the Charleston, S. C. Chamber of Commerce. Julian is one of the best in the business and that's a nice promotion for him. He was at Dunn's Chamber banquet last month. Henry Rendlin, local Ford dealer, reports that a new device which automatically raises convertible tops when it rains remains soon will be offered as an accessory by Ford dealers. You can always count on Ford to lead the way, pointing out Henry E. L. (Punch) Jackson of Coala is expected to file for Constable in Grove Township. He's been a denue sheriff for 15 years. There's some talk that Glen Johnson of Botor's Creek township will file for Constable Commissioner Rufus Mendenhall in District III. So far Chairman Lofton Tart of Dunn (Continued on Page Two)



TO APPEAR AT CAMPBELL COLLEGE — The Don Cossack Chorus and Dancers, part of whom are pictured above with their director, Nicholas Kestrovoff, will appear at Campbell College tonight in a concert. The performance will begin at 8 o'clock.

Outbreak of Petty Thievery Reported At Local Cemetery

Dunn police authorities today were investigating what Police Chief Alton A. Cobb described as "the meanest sort of thievery."

A number of citizens have reported the theft of flowers and shrubbery from Dunn's pretty Greenwood Cemetery.

One citizen said that the thief or thieves visited his family burial lot and picked liberally dozens of blooming jonquils. He said they had picked every one on the lot.

Not only that, he said, but they had dug up expensive shrubbery plants and flower bulbs.

"Apparently," he said, "they're finding it cheaper to steal flowers off the graves than to buy them at a flower shop."

Chief Cobb said these new reports were the first he had received in something about thievery from (Continued on page six)

Circus Coming On April 20th

The local VFW Post met with the representative of the Kelly-Morris Circus and contracted to sponsor the circus for two performances in Dunn on the day and date of Tuesday, April 20.

The Kelly-Morris Circus is supported by Public and Free, to be one of America's best. The circus features their twenty-five horse Liberty Acts 5 Elephant Acts, Tight-Wire Artists, Teeter-Board Acrobats, Tramps, Sensational Acrobats, including many European feature acts. The circus carries a large troupe of clowns who will entertain the kiddies with stunts as their funny antics. The circus will give both afternoon and night performances under their very large tent.

The VFW will use their share of profits for club building fund. Lash LaRue, famous movie star, will appear with the circus.

Benson Will Keep Cucumber Market

Mr. Harold Orringer, manager of the Orringer-Pickle Company in New Bern, N. C., this morning notified the Benson Chamber of Commerce that he will definitely establish a cucumber market here this year. This follows an announcement by Harold Medina, president of the local Chamber, that farmers in this area have signed contracts to plant the minimum number of acres of cucumbers required to justify a local buying station.

Mr. Medina emphasized that although the minimum had been set, growers wishing to plant cucumbers may still do so, provided they do so prior to the April 15th deadline. Cucumbers planted and used may be secured by the Chamber of Commerce from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Cucumbers from other growers may be secured from the local market.

The buying station will open on Monday, April 19, and will close on July 15th.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a contest for the best cucumber in the county. The contest will close on July 15th.

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Pickets Set Up By Longshoremen

NEW YORK (AP) — Some 500 rebel longshoremen set up a picket line before the federal courthouse today as their wildest strike against the government went into its fifth day.

A spokesman for the Independent International Longshoremen's Assn. said the members refused to go back to work in "either reinstatement or other separate, federal actions at Foley Square courthouse today."

MEET SHOW CASE: Federal Judge David N. Eddelman, signed an order this morning calling on the I.L.A. to appear on March 10 for hearing on a National Labor Relations Board petition for a \$100,000 contempt action. The NLRB charged the union was in contempt of court for its defiance, beginning last Friday, of a temporary restraining order against a cargo boycott which began last week.

In another courtroom, the union was ordered to show cause why that temporary restraining order should not be made an injunction.

In a hearing room, an NLRB trial examiner continued hearing witnesses on a recommendation to throw out the pre-Christmas representation election won by the I.L.A. over the AFL-ILA, on the grounds (Continued on Page Three)

Met Has Very Hectic Night

NEW YORK (AP) — Metropolitan Opera stagehands called off a walk-out last night just in time to handle somersaults for a scheduled performance of Wagner's spectacular opera "Tannhauser."

A long-standing union contract dispute became responsible for one of the most hectic evenings backstage in the 70-year history of the Met. But the opera went off without a hitch.

The 84 stagehands, members of an AFL union, failed to report to work as scheduled at 8 a. m. yesterday. They have been negotiating a new contract since June 1953 and were headlocked over the amount of retroactive pay increase. (Continued on page eight)

Parents and friends of the Mingo School were told at a recent meeting of the FTA that a radio communication system has been installed at the school.

WINE AWARD — Burke Udale, member of the Dunn High School band, and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Udale, was awarded a certificate of superior rating in the clarinet solo division at the annual Eastern Division competition of the State Instrumental Solo and Ensemble Contest at Duke University Saturday.

ESSAY CONTEST WINNER — Helen Page, member of the Boone Trail 4-H Club, was awarded \$100 this week for winning a county-wide essay sponsored by the Farmers' Cooperative Exchange of Harnett. She will compete in the district contest at Clinton soon.

PRESENTED PLAQUE — Radio Station WCRB was presented a plaque (Continued on page five)

NEW YORK (AP) — A man with a Spanish accent telephoned the Waldorf Astoria Hotel early today that "something terrible" would happen to Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy before daylight.

Police assigned a uniformed patrolman to guard the suite where McCarthy and his wife, Jean, were staying. The man and his wife checked in at the Waldorf Monday night after they arrived from Miami, Fla. McCarthy is scheduled to speak today at a lunch meeting at New York's Dutch Treat Club.

HANDS INBUCKLES — Communist agents today lashed their indignation of U. S. Communist plans at air-

Guided Missile Bomber Squad Off To Europe

CHARLESTON, S. C. (AP) — The first Air Force pilotless bomber squadron, equipped with Matador guided missiles capable of carrying atomic war heads, left for Europe today aboard a U. S. transport ship.

The deadly missiles were brought here from an unannounced location which presumably was the Air Force missile test center at Cocoa, Fla.

The transport Gen. Harry Taylor hoisted anchor and sailed for Europe shortly after giant C124 transport planes from the Cocoa base brought personnel of the Matador squadron here from Florida.

A public information officer at Cocoa estimated about 600 men were in the squadron.

ACTIVATED IN 1951 The group was activated Oct. 1, 1951 and originally was under the Air Research and Development Command. Before being sent here for shipment overseas, the squadron trained with the Tactical Air Command.

The Matador guided missiles will become a part of the NATO defense system in Western Europe, and are capable of using either atomic or conventional explosive warheads.

Graham Plans Berlin Crusade

LONDON (AP) — Billy Graham's headquarters today said that 22,500 persons had heard the young evangelist preach during the first eight days of his "Greater London Crusade."

Graham announced he will take his "crusade" into Communist-encircled Berlin after concluding his revival in Britain.

Statistics on the first week of the crusade showed that 1,943 persons had walked down the aisles of Harringway Arena with bowed heads in response to Graham's appeal for salvation. The headquarters said it was the biggest week of his career as an evangelist.

"I'm completely thrilled," Graham said. Even Graham's critics admitted the handsome young evangelist had rocked Britain.

Evidence of Graham's presence could be seen in places other than (Continued on Page Six)

Benny's Daughter Plans Big Wedding

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Joan Benny, 19-year-old daughter of miscreant Jack Benny, will marry Seth Baker, 25, a New York stock broker tonight in a lavish ceremony that her father said would cost him \$50,000.

"I'll have to work two years to (Continued from page six)

WILDINGS ARRIVE IN MIAMI



MICHAEL WILDING and Elizabeth Taylor arrive in Miami with their son, Michael Howard Charles, I, for a short vacation at the home of Liz's uncle on Star Island in Biscayne Bay. The British actor and his family will relax and soak up sunshine before returning to Hollywood, Calif.

Truman Doesn't Want Joe Killed

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Harry S. Truman was informed during his morning walk today that an anonymous telephone caller had made a threat against Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy.

"Oh, pshaw! I don't see why anyone would want to kill him. There would be no entertainment at all if they killed him."

McCarthy and Truman were "neighbors" during the night. The Wisconsin Republican, a bitter critic of the Truman administration was a guest at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Truman spent the night in the adjacent Waldorf Astoria Towers.

As he made a brisk 20-minute circuit of the Waldorf neighborhood before breakfast, he said he did not believe in "government by assassination."

"The best assassination for a politician is voter-assassination," he said.

WON'T PREDICT The former President declined to predict whether McCarthy would be "assassinated" at the polls.

Truman himself was the object of special police protection during his New York visit. Because of a crackdown on New York centers of the Puerto Rican Nationalist movement, public officials in the city have been receiving police guards.

Ten uniformed patrolmen guarded the entrance to the Waldorf Towers when Truman emerged at 7 a. m. and two detectives accompanied him on his walk.

The former President, who made a television appearance and kept a speaking engagement during his trip East, said he would leave for Independence, Mo., today.

Church To Hear Trial Minister

Members of the Official Board of Old Times Assembly of God Church have announced that a trial pastor will speak at the local church April 4, 5 and 7, and that an election will be held Wednesday evening, April 7, following the service.

On trial as pastor will be the Rev. Robert E. Palmer of Springfield, Mo. He will be accompanied by his wife and a three and a half year old son.

The Rev. A. A. Arvin, pastor of the church for the past five years, announced his resignation Sunday to assume the pastorate of the Assembly Church in Jacksonville, Va. He will leave April 1.

Old Times' Board announced that Rev. Palmer is a worthy man who has served for the past few months as associate pastor of a new church near Springfield. He has also served a number of years as an evangelist. Rev. Palmer is a graduate of Central Bible Institute and Southern.

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Declares Signs Pointing To Better Economy

ATLANTA (AP) — Wendell B. Barnes, head of the Small Business Administration, said today that unemployment is "leveling off" and that 1954 should be a good year for business.

Barnes, addressing a group of top federal government officials operating in the Southeast, said that all economic signs point to an expanding economy rather than the opposite.

He said the nation's economy can absorb a 3 per cent drop in the gross national product by virtue of the readjustment now taking place, and still emerge at the end of the year in better shape than in 1953.

Such a decline, he said, would leave the output of goods and services at 349 billion dollars compared to the 1953 output of 348 billion.

President Eisenhower has promised to take steps to give the nation's workers some relief if the unemployment situation does not improve in March.

Barnes cited these factors which he said indicate continued good times for business:

EMPLOYMENT HIGH Unemployment: The present figure of three million is far below the 1948 recession when 4,700,000 were unemployed. Moreover, unemployment is not now increasing—it is leveling off.

Inventories: "The present slow-down in new orders is attributable to an adjustment caused by exorbitantly heavy stocks. Indications are (Continued on page six)

Two Gunmen Rob Bank Of \$32,000

MILAN, O. (AP) — Two gunmen brandishing revolvers robbed the Erie County United Bank of an estimated \$32,000 today.

Mrs. Helen Meek, a teller, said two unknown men entered the building during the noon lunch hour. While one guarded the door, she said, the other came toward the entrance to the teller's cage.

He pulled out a pistol, she told police, and said, "You know what this means" as he pointed the gun at her face.

Mrs. Meek said two other women employees complied with instructions and dumped all available money into a pillow slip. The pair escaped in a late model green car, headed east.

Mother Says God Told Her To Drown Children

WATERVILLE, Me. (AP) — A 35-year-old mother, accused of drowning three children, said "God told me" to do it.

The mother, Mrs. Constance Fisher, was booked on a murder charge, but police said she tried to convert suicide by shooting her hair shampoos after allegedly slaying her sons Richard, 4, and Daniel, 5, and her year-old daughter Deborah.

The tragedy was discovered by the children's father, Carl, when he returned from his job last night at a Maine Central Railroad engine house.

Fisher said she found a suicide note on a brown paper which read in part: "I was so hurt. But God told me it was the only way I could save them. They are in Heaven, safe forever from evil. I hope you will forgive me."

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Sheree Says Movie She Made Not Lewd

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Blonde dancer Sheree North said today she was "shocked" by a Post Office Department statement that "home" movies she made were "lewd, lascivious, obscene and licentious."

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