

Partly cloudy and a little warmer today and Friday with chance of a few showers in south portion. Friday afternoon.

BOLT KILLS 1, HURTS 30 AT ASCOT

Royal Family Not Present At The Time

ASCOT (AP) — A bolt of lightning hit the grandstand at the crowded Royal Ascot race course today. At least one person was killed and 30 others injured. No member of the royal family was present. The bolt of lightning hit the conductor atop the King Edward VII stand and flashed into the gaily dressed crowd on the lawn before the royal box. Police called on all hospitals in the area for aid. The lightning struck between races and the 4:20 p. m. race was postponed for 40 minutes to allow ambulances to cross the course. The lightning climaxed a summer storm which rumbled across the Thames Valley and sent racegoers running for shelter. Queen Elizabeth, her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Margaret and other members of the royal family were at a garden party at Buckingham Palace. It was the first day this season that some member of the royal family had not attended the Ascot races. Ascot is one of Britain's most brilliant and fashionable meets. It provides the country with one of its finest fashion shows. Normally, the three days of racing here come in June, but this year they were postponed until July because of the nationwide railroad strike.

South's Crops Reported As One Of Best

ATLANTA (AP) — The South is harvesting one of its best crops in recent years despite skirmishes with drought and freezes, but a market glut already threatens to wipe out extra farm profits.

A United Press survey of six Southeastern states showed that with the exception of fruits wiped out by the late winter freeze, virtually all crop stands are good and some promise record yields.

But the late arrival of spring crops replanted after the freeze, along with a bumper summer harvest, is jamming markets with produce and cutting into profits expected from the rare yields.

An example of how a surplus of perishables drives down prices was shown at the state farmers market in Atlanta, where fine watermelons sold three for \$1 and vegetables went at bargain prices.

The prospects by states:

North Carolina: Flue cured tobacco, "good to very good" except in drier northern Piedmont counties. Corn, very good and rapidly maturing in the east, lagging somewhat in other sections. Cotton good in most areas, with weevil infestation less than last year's and cultivation 80 to 85 per cent complete. Peanuts and soybeans mostly good. Apples and peaches less than 10 per cent yield expected.

South Carolina: Best general outlook in recent years despite (Continued on Page Two)

Bible Expert On Sullivan Program

NEW YORK (AP)—Mrs. Catherine E. Krieter, of Camp Hill, Pa. who chose "moderation" and \$32,000 for answering Bible questions on a television quiz show, will read Bible selections on Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town" program beginning in October, Sullivan said today. Mrs. Krieter also will appear on the program this Sunday as a special guest, Sullivan said, reading passages from the Bible. She will receive \$2,500 for this appearance. Sullivan did not reveal how much she will receive for later shows.



BOST RECEIVES APPRECIATION GIFTS — "It seems a little like Christmas right here in the middle of July," declared E. H. Bost, Sr. of Erwin Wednesday night after administrative and supervisory personnel of Erwin Mills, Inc. presented him and Mrs. Bost a beautiful silver tray and a set of matching service in appreciation for his 36 years service with the company and as a token of their personal affection for him. The 75-year-old executive retired as manager of the company's operations at Erwin on July 1. (Daily Record Photo.)



PROMINENT EDUCATOR HERE — Dr. John D. Messick, second from left, president of East Carolina College at Greenville, was a visitor in Dunn yesterday. The noted educator and Mrs. Messick are shown here having luncheon with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooper of Falcon at Johnson's Restaurant. At the right is another Falcon man, James W. Butler, who is now ECC alumni secretary and assistant to Dr. Messick. The State institution has enjoyed its greatest period of progress under the leadership of Dr. Messick. He married the former Miss Magdaline Robinson of Falcon. They came to Dunn to attend the funeral of the Rev. J. Luther Davis. (Daily Record Photo.)

TOOK GIRL INSTEAD OF COFFEE

Man Tells Of Rape, Murder

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP) — An itinerant farmhand, in a new and detailed statement, told today of raping two-year-old Donna Sue Davis of Sioux City, Iowa, and then hitting her until he "went to pieces."

Audrey Earl Brandt, 42, gave details which tallied on "seven of 10 major points" in the slaying, acting Detective Capt. Johnny Showers of the Joplin Police Department reported.

In his statement, Brandt, known at LaPorte City, Ia., by the nickname of "Mugeye," said that "on or about last Sunday" he hitchhiked from LaPorte City to Sioux City, arriving shortly after dark.

He said he asked a policeman how to get to a highway which would take him to Tucson, Ariz., and was directed to U. S. 75.

"I walked down the street, up a hill and over a bridge," he said. "Before the bridge I passed a house and saw a woman sitting on the (Continued on Page Two)

Dunn-Erwin Band Director Resigns

Harold Grant, band director at both the Dunn and Erwin High schools, has resigned to accept a position as band director at Rockingham High School.

His resignation was announced today by District Principal A. B. Johnson of Dunn.

In addition to directing the Dunn and Erwin bands, Mr. Grant was also in the process of organizing a band at Lillington High School.

Mr. Johnson expressed regret at Mr. Grant's resignation and had high praises for his services here.

GOOD RECORD HERE — During his two years in Dunn, the local band received a rating of "Superior" each year at the State contest. Dunn High has an outstanding band and it makes an excellent showing in all of its appearances, locally and out-of-town. Principal Johnson said he assumed (Continued on Page Two)

Gordon Gray Takes Office

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gordon Gray, who served as Army secretary in the Truman administration, today was sworn in as assistant defense secretary for international security affairs.

He succeeds H. Struve Hensel as boss of the Defense Department's multi-billion dollar foreign military aid program.

He told reporters he will return briefly to Chapel Hill, N. C., where he is President of the University of North Carolina, but will be on full-time duty at the Pentagon by the end of this month. He said he expects to do "a lot of traveling" in administering the global military aid program.

Truman Says "Hell, No;" Won't Run

CHICAGO (AP)—Former President Truman, in town for the Shriners' convention, enjoyed one of his favorite pastimes Wednesday quipping with reporters.

Sun-tanned and jocular at 71, he baid a surprise visit to the office of Mayor Richard J. Daley and was swamped with questions.

One reporter asked him if he intended to run again for public office. The ex-president guffawed and replied: "Hell, no."

Asked whether he missed the White House, Mr. Truman joshed: "Hell, no. I'm glad to be rid of it."

The dapper Democrat, decked out in a white summer suit and white panama hat, joked about his tenure in the White House, but added seriously:

"No man can fill that job. You just have to do the best you can." Mr. Truman said a president "must be able to laugh at himself." (Continued on Page Six)

WILL RUIN GOOD GIRLS

Vice Expert Thinks Ban On Girls Bad

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — An American general's ban on Korean women in Army clubs will ruin good girls and bolster bad ones, Seoul's female expert on prostitution problems charged today.

It's liable to play havoc with Korean customs on dating, she said.

"The ban brands many decent girls as professional prostitutes," said Kim Chong Ho, head of the women's police force. "It will only make things worse."

The ban was ordered by Lt. Gen. John H. Collier, top U. S. commander in Korea. He told his officers they had until the end of this month to stop bringing Korean girl friends to Army clubs.

The order infuriated hundreds of officers. It aggravated thousands of enlisted men who figured they would hear the order next.

South Korean officers, whose headquarters are next door to 8th been allowed to bring their girls Army headquarters, never have into ROK army compounds and enjoyed seeing the Americans get the same treatment.

Policewomen Kim one of the four female police chiefs in the nation, said the order "will simply force the GIs to go to the homes of their Korean girls."

She indicated this would be bad no matter what kind of girls they are.

She said that if the American homes, "the girls will become known as prostitutes and their neighborhood will become indecent."

Record Roundup

TO SHOW SLIDES — 4-H Club members throughout the county are invited to attend a showing of slides on Thursday, July 14 at 7:30 p. m. in the county agriculture building. The pictures will depict scenes made at last year's State 4-H Club Week. The interesting collection of photographs is intended to focus interest on attendance on the 1955 4-H Week which will be held the last week this month at N. C. State College.

OFFICERS ELECTED — The official board of the Divine Street Methodist Church met Monday night, July 11 to organize the new fiscal year. Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. Marvin Ray, nor; Vice Chairman, Mr. W. L. Corbin; Secretary, Mrs. M. D. Parker, and Treasurer, Mr. E. H. Mahone.

NOT SOON ENOUGH

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (AP) — William O'Brien was in jail on a drunk driving charge when he learned the City Council had approved his \$1,500 claim for injuries received when he was a city employee. But city officials said he wouldn't get the money soon enough to pay a \$29 fine to avoid part of the jail sentence.

COURAGEOUSLY FIGHTING FOR LIFE

Susan Ball Feared Dying With Cancer

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Courageous Susan Ball, feared dying with cancer of the lungs, fought for her life in a sanitarium today while her film star friends offered hopes and prayers.



The beautiful 22-year-old actress lost her right leg, to cancer 18 months ago but refused to abandon her career.

City of Hope Sanitarium revealed Wednesday the malignancy has spread. An official announcement said she was admitted July 5 for "tumors and allied diseases" and is in "serious condition."

But hospital sources revealed further she suffers from cancer of the lungs. Several times in the past week she has been on the brink of death.

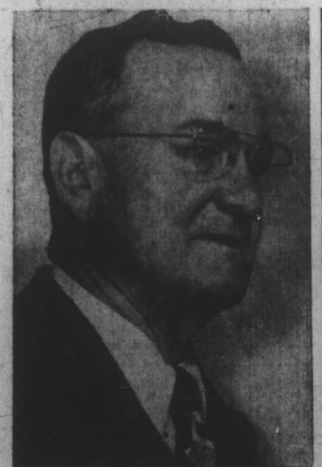
Susan often is in a noxygen tent to help her breathe. Her weight had dropped below 100 pounds. Special nurses watch her around the clock. Actor Richard Long, who married her a year ago following the amputation, stays much of the time by her bedside.

Hollywood stars who knew Susan at Universal-International Studio were saddened by her illness.

Victor Mature, her co-star in "Chief Crazy Horse," the comeback picture she made on her artificial leg, pointed out, "Susan has won a lot of battles."

"I can't believe she'll lose this (Continued on Page Two)

Fitchett Is Named Railroad Director

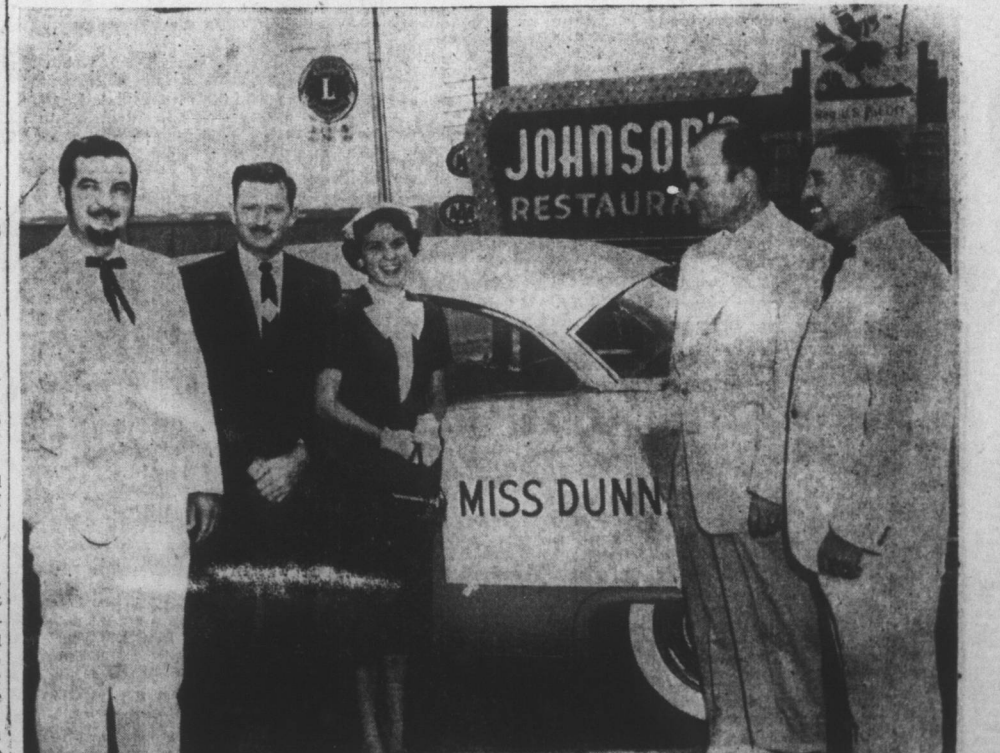


Carl E. Fitchett, Sr., prominent Dunn business and civic leader, this morning was sworn in as a new director of the State-controlled North Carolina Railroad Company.

He was appointed to the post Wednesday by his long-time close friend, Governor Luther Hodges of Leaksville.

The swearing-in ceremonies took place this morning in the Jefferson Standard Building in Greensboro.

Membership on the railroad's board is regarded as one of the choicest political plumb handed out by the governor. The board meets, ordinarily, only once each year; the directors receive a salary, free railroad passes and other courtesies by virtue of their of (Continued on Page Six)



QUEEN GETS A SENDOFF — Pretty Miss Peggy Ruth Barfield, "Miss Dunn of 1955" is pictured above as she gets a big sendoff for her trip to Wilmington to participate in the state beauty pageant, there this weekend. Pictured with her are, left to right: Corky Cretini, E. J. (Red)

Sealey, her official escort, Mayor Ralph Hanna, and Jaycee President Bob Leak. They are pictured in front of Johnson's Restaurant where she was honored at a luncheon, previously. A large group of Dunn citizens and dignitaries are expected to attend the three-day event.