

WEATHER

Fair and cold Wednesday, high temperatures 36 to 45. Thursday mostly fair, a little warmer in the afternoon.

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COLD WAVE GRIPS NATION; 39 DEAD



HOLIDAY HOUSE — At the home of Mrs. Guyton Smith (standing) and in many homes around Dunn this week, members of the Woman's Club were as busy as fifty beavers building a dam. Their activity is all directed toward "Holiday House," the annual fund-raising bazaar sponsored by this group which starts Friday. Making ornaments for the tree which will be one of many decorations at the Woman's Club are (left) Mrs. R. S. Cresswell and Mrs. J. A. Baker.

Reuther Hails Merger Of Two Largest Unions

NEW YORK (U) — President Walter Reuther today foresaw in the forthcoming merger of his organization and the AFL "great new opportunities" for labor to express itself effectively in almost every facet of American life.

In his annual report to the 17th CIO convention, which opens here tomorrow, the CIO chieftain painted a rosy future for the new "American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations." The merger is scheduled to be approved Monday when the new AFL-CIO begins its inaugural convention.

Reuther's report took occasion to lambast the Republican administration and the 84th Congress, which, he said, "to date has not yet measured up to the mandate of the 1954 elections." But he added that the Congress "was handicapped by the absence of real leadership from the White House and by actual obstacles created by administration forces."

Reuther warned, however, that the steps taken toward merging 16,100,000 union members into one organization "do not provide in themselves guarantees of future success."

"If we make of unity only the convenience and comfort of the status quo, unity will do little to advance the cause of labor and to build a better America for our people," Reuther said. "But if we meet the challenges, if our new organization is based on the dynamics of growth, we will be able to make real and tangible progress."

GREAT CAMPAIGN AHEAD
He said the merged organizations would "set the stage" for a great organizing campaign and would be "more effective" in Congress and state legislatures.

"As citizens, we will be better able to elect the best possible candidates for public office," Reuther said. "We will be devoted and effective."

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Carlyle Asks Post Office To Restore Dunn Service

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

ROBERTS UNDERWOOD, POMPEY LOVE SCENES

Two Dunn service men, Captain Roddy Williams, Jr. of Dunn and Corporal Cyrus Stewart of Lillington, recently arrived in Alaska for duty. Mrs. Williams, the former Florence Tyler, is staying in Richmond, in between visits here with his family. Willie Warren says the new 1956 Studebaker is winning wide acclaim here. The session of Harnett Superior Court Sunday was unusual. Former Senator L. M. Chaffin, who's more or less an authority on the history of county governmental affairs, recalls that the last time a Sunday session of court was held in Harnett took place about 15 or 18 years ago. Oral Roberts, the famous healing evangelist who is now en route to Australia for a campaign, will return to Fayetteville for a big Eastern Carolina evangelistic crusade next April. A Dunn pastor, the Rev. Bane T. Underwood of the Gospel Tabernacle, who happens to be a close personal friend of the new world-famed minister, met with some of Roberts' aides in Fayetteville week before last to arrange for the meeting. Hundreds of thousands of people heard the Rev. Mr. Roberts when he held (Continued on Page Two)

Congressman F. Ertel Carlyle today called on the Post Office Department in Washington to restore "immediately and without further delay" service which was discontinued at the Dunn Post Office the first of this month.

The Seventh District solon said he was "both shocked and amazed" when informed that under the new "economy move" it is now impossible to mail a letter at the Dunn Post Office after 8 p. m. at night. Until the first of this month, mail was dispatched one hour later, until 9 p. m.

ADDITIONAL REQUEST
Congressman Carlyle, a former member of the Post Office Committee, also requested the Post Office Department to restore mail pick-up and delivery to the Town of Dunn via Train No. 375, which was discontinued about a year ago. Southbound mail which formerly was dropped off at Dunn on Train 375 at 5:57 each afternoon now is not received in Dunn until the following morning.

Until the first of this month, northbound Train No. 78 dropped off and picked up mail from the Dunn Post Office at 11:15 each night. Now, the train neither leaves nor takes mail from Dunn.

PASS BY POST OFFICE
Both of these trains pass through Dunn regularly, less than a block from the Dunn office. Railroad tracks of the Atlantic Coast Line adjoin the Post Office property.

"ECONOMY MOVE"
In another Republican economy move, the Post Office Department this month discontinued the ser-

Carolina Coach Is Facing Ouster

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — The Charlotte Observer said today that George Barclay would serve as head coach of the University of North Carolina for the "last time" Saturday in the Tar Heels' traditional battle with Duke.

The paper said Barclay is "the victim of the pressure of big-time football because he is the coach."

The story said the name most mentioned as a successor to Barclay was UNC alumnus Jim Tatum, coach of the Maryland Terrapins.

Drunk Driving Charge On Tew

Jury trial of Lewis Herman Tew on a drunk driving charge was being held today in Dunn Recorder's Court with Judge H. Paul Strickland presiding.

Police records show that Tew was arrested and charged by Officers K. M. Fain and R. H. Alphin on the night of Oct. 23.

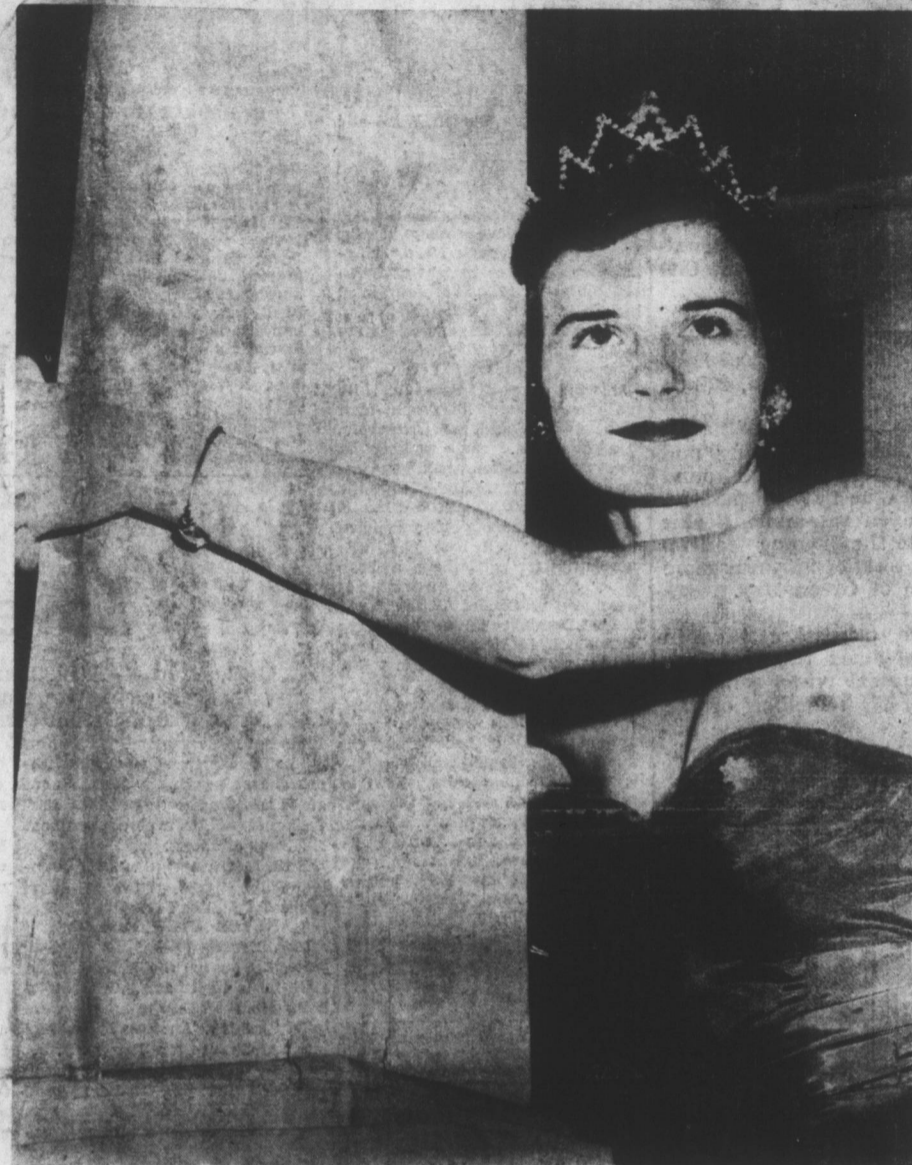
Chief Alvin Cobb stated that Tew had been convicted for drunk driving in 1947 and at that time drew a six months suspended sentence, plus \$100 fine and court costs, and had his license revoked for one year.

Harnett Sheriff Claude R. Moore today arrested Rowena Jones, a Negro woman, for the second time in the slaying of Willie Stokes, an Asgrie Negro.

Record Roundup

HOLIDAY HOUSE AND BAZAAR — Just a reminder, ladies. The Woman's Club's Holiday House and Bazaar will be held this weekend beginning Friday morning at 10:00 a. m. and continuing through Sunday. Assorted articles for Christmas gifts will be on sale, and as an added attraction there will also be a snack bar.

BARBECUE SALE — Barbecue plates will be on sale at the latter (Continued On Page Six)



COLD WEATHER QUEEN — Meredith Cromartie is showing real strength of character in this picture. To satisfy photographers, she posed on her porch in yesterday's icy weather for the kind of bare shoulder picture that should only be

made in summer. Meredith had reason to be cooperative, though. She has been named "Miss Merry Christmas" to reign over the Christmas parade, and that, as she says, has numbed her to any of the usual pains like chilly weather.

THE BIG PARADE IS FRIDAY AT 6

Santa Has Rival-Pretty Girl

By TED CRAIL
Record Staff Writer

Santa Claus will have to watch himself if he wants to remain the center of attention in Friday's big Christmas parade in Dunn.

To lead the parade, the retail merchants' association has appointed a slender and sparkling Dunn High School junior and dubbed her "Miss Merry Christmas."

She will reign through the holiday season.

The selection is Meredith Cromartie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cromartie of 404 North Orange Street in Dunn. Somewhat overwhelmed by being chosen—and by the thirty or forty flashbulbs which were popped around her yesterday—Meredith said throatily, "I (Continued On Page Six)

Abortions Made Legal In Russia

MOSCOW (U) — Russia legalized abortions in state medical institutions today in an apparent attempt to make planned parenthood more desirable.

The decision reversed long-standing Soviet policy on the subject. Abortion was legalized in a decree by the Supreme Soviet repealing the anti-abortion law of 1936. It was the latest in a series of measures enacted since the death of Josef Stalin reversing earlier policies and liberalizing the Soviet penal code.

After the war, in spite of severe housing shortages and difficult economic conditions, large families were still encouraged and the government subsidized unwed mothers.

Russia gave two reasons for making abortions in state medical institutions legal. One reason, it said, is that either married or unmarried women are entitled to planned parenthood. Birth control has always been legal.

Secondly, and most important, was the realistic consideration that the widespread illegal abortions which have been performed since 1936 have seriously impaired many women's health and caused many deaths.

Today's action in effect restored the principle of "voluntary motherhood" which was enunciated in the early years after the revolution and rejected in 1936.

The ban on abortions was one of a number of measures adopted which were designed to strengthen the family and increase the birth rate. Free and easy divorces were later made impossible, common law marriages were abolished and liberal bonuses were offered to prolific mothers.

IKE FEELING GOOD

GETTYSBURG (U) — President Eisenhower, feeling "very well indeed," inspected a new gift tractor today and said: "I think I'll ask my doctor how soon I can get on that thing."

CONGRESSMAN CARLYLE TO ATTEND

Doctors To Fete Solons, Officials

Congressman F. Ertel Carlyle of Lumberton, Harnett's representative in the State legislature, members of the county board of commissioners and various other county officials will be special guests of the Harnett County Medical Society at a supper meeting Monday night.

Plans for the meeting, to be held at 6:30 o'clock at the Parker Cabin on Little River, four miles south of Erwin, were announced here today by Dr. W. W. Standfield of Dunn, president of the association.

PART OF PROGRAM
Invitation of the lawmakers and other officials is in keeping with the society's public relations program inaugurated several months ago. Last month, the doctors had (Continued on Page Five)

Little Theatre Plays Picked



Avoid the Last Minute Rush—Be Sure Your Christmas Cards and Gifts Arrive on Time.

"Born Yesterday" and "Detective Story," in that order were selected last night as the first two plays to be given local production by The Players, the little theater group starting here.

The group will move swiftly ahead through tryouts and into a rehearsal period on "Born Yesterday." The play has over ten important parts and these will be cast at a meeting next Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Susan Black on West Cumberland Street.

TALENTED WANTED
Mrs. Lee Crall, director - manager of the group, said persons wanting to tryout for the play, or to help in other production capacities,

should call her at 3388. Interested persons who have not yet joined the group are welcome to the tryouts.

Among those who attended last night's meeting were Anna Merle Daniels, Howard M. (Buster) Lee, Exum Kirby, Laura Belle Carr, Alice Reavis, Susan Black, Louis Jeffreys, Martha Page, Mrs. A. B. Johnson, Charles Williams, Edwin Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Willie C. Brannan and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Crail.

Prospects for financing the productions were also discussed, but no final action was taken. "We believe the plays can be mostly self-supporting through ticket sales" said Mrs. Crail.



THE '56 QUESTION—Leonard Hall, GOP chairman, meets with Mr. Eisenhower at Gettysburg, Pa., to give the President a run-down on politics. After the conference, Hall said he felt "very much encouraged" about prospects the Chief Executive will run for re-election.