

## WEATHER

Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Thursday. Cloud again tonight but slightly warmer today and Thursday. Highest 38-45; low tonight in 20s.

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# CONTRACTS LET AT 3 SCHOOLS



JOHNSON COTTON COMPANY HOLDS CHRISTMAS EVENT — Employees of Johnson Cotton Company held a gala Christmas party last night at Johnson's Restaurant in Dunn. Pictured left to right are: Nathan M. Johnson, Sr., execu-

tive vice president and founder of the company; Mrs. Johnson; President Nathan M. Johnson, Jr., who served as master of ceremonies; and Attorney Everett L. Doffenmyer. Approximately 150 were present. (Daily Record Photo.)

## GIRL-MEET-BOY RIOT

### Six Dolls Meet 200 Guys; Takes 20 Cops To Part 'Em

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Six girls met some 200 boys on the Rice Institute campus last night and it took 20 policemen — who got the worst of it — to separate them.

The occasion was the annual girl-meet-boy riot, touched off this year by a screaming bunch of Milby High School girls driving across the Rice campus yelling, "Gig 'em, Aggies!" They meant Texas A & M.

That was all the Rice boys needed. Somebody sent in a riot call to police at 10 p. m. and police, remembering last year and the year before, took off in 11 patrol cars, complete with tear-gas guns.

When officers arrived, the students had turned the girls' cars over on their sides, with the girls locked in them, and were letting the air out of the tires.

Police weren't able to dismount from the patrol cars before the mob of youths surrounded them, shaking and lifting them up and deflating the tires. Tires on three cars were slashed with knives.

Some of the youths were exploding firecrackers and one, Patrolman R. H. Watson set off a tear-gas grenade to extricate himself.

Police finally rescued the six girls and sent them home while Dean of Students Guy T. McBride quieted the belligerent youths.

No one was hurt and no arrests were made but Police Lt. Weldon Waycott said it was a "serious situation."

"Luckily, none of us lost our heads," Waycott said. "But we were not going to let them hurt us. It could have been bad."



THAT'S WHAT MISTLETOE'S FOR — Larry Weaver, 13, ducked and weaved only slightly at a Christmas party last night of the Sub-deb, was caught under the mistletoe by pretty Jean Johnson, 12. It was a reverse-date affair with the girls inviting the boys to escort them. Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weaver, 210 South Magnolia. Jean's parents are Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Johnson, 901 West Broad Street.

## SUB-DEBS CHRISTMAS PARTY

### Girls Wouldn't Let Boys Watch TV

The Sub-Deb Club, which was just formed a few weeks ago and usually has more serious matters at hand, last night opened presents, danced, and played games at the home of Renthia Tart, club president.

It was the first dress-up party for the club, and one of the first in their young lives. All the Sub-debs are seventh and eighth grade girls. Most of the girls brought dates to the party.

A minor hitch arose when some

of the boys loped off to a neighboring home to watch television, but the girls soon corralled them again and settled down to a game of imitations.

The players scorned imitations of movie stars like James Cagney and Marlon Brando, and instead did imitations of each other. "Linda Strickland getting ready to recite one of her own poems," and "Judy Stewart about to sing" — were among the impromptu performances.

Later there was dancing included. (Continued on Page Two)

## Attorneys Agree On Price; Lots For Buildings

Contracts to erect three new school buildings to serve the county's Negro students were let late yesterday by the County Board of Education.

They were let with the express stipulation that preliminary work would be finished within two hundred and seventy days or nine months and that all work be finished in ten months.

Total cost of the three buildings will be \$700,712, to be financed out of the two million dollar school bond issue approved by county voters last May.

This is the first money spent from the sale of the first one million dollars in bonds late last month.

Two new elementary schools will be built north and south of Lillington, and classroom additions will be erected at Shawtown High School, into which the two elementary schools will feed high school age pupils.

Official names have yet to be given the two elementary schools now called "North Harnett" and "South Harnett" for drawing board purposes. O. W. Godwin of Dunn was the low bidder on general contracting for both schools. He bid on "North Harnett" \$170,836, and on "South Harnett" \$172,863.

A Sanford contractor, L. P. Cox, was awarded the general contract for work at Shawtown at a total of \$205,408.

The electrical work will be performed at all three projects by a Coats firm, Electric Sales and Service. The bids were as follows: on "North Harnett," \$14,000; on "South Harnett," \$13,390; on Shawtown \$15,000.

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PIPE THAT! — New twist in Christmas trees is this one made from 4850 pipe cleaners tipped by silver beads, being admired by pretty Lolly Coffee in San Francisco, Calif. It was made by Vern Gleason, crafts teacher at a child care center there.

## Man Turned Into Woman Asks Divorce

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Tamara Peck Courland, former paratrooper who became a woman through sex surgery, plans to divorce her husband for six months on the ground of "extreme mental cruelty."

Nathan Cohn, attorney for the 31-year-old burlesque entertainer, said yesterday he mailed the divorce papers to Sacramento County.

Tamara and James E. Courland III, former Hollywood makeup man, were married in July by a Nevada clergyman.

Tamara recently indicated that her husband was "extremely jealous" and "resented deeply the leering looks" of patrons at the burlesque houses where she performed. He is a member of a Charlotte, N. C. family.

## STOCK TO GO ON SALE FOR FIRST TIME

### Ford's Finances Revealed Today

#### These Little Things

By ROOVER ADAMS

#### MINK, \$100 BILLS, POP AND STAG NIGHT GALS

We've been saying all along that you can buy just about anything you want, both legal and illegal, in the Town of Dunn. One local store, Pope's Department Store, now has real mink for sale. They have a beautiful selection of mink scarfs. Just the thing the little lady would love. The average person would be surprised to know the large number of women who own mink coats in this little town. And it might also surprise you to know that on per cent of the people, not only here but everywhere, can't tell the difference between real mink and dived muskrat when they see it. Even those who own the genuine. The First Citizens Bank has just gotten in a whopping bill shipment of crisp new \$100 bills for those who wish to give money for Christmas. We ran into Alfred (Pop) Blalock yesterday morning and he was taking out enough of those \$100 bills to choke Ringling Brothers' biggest elephant. He must have had at least \$10,000 worth. And he stuck 'em in his pocket as carelessly as we would pocket a gum. (Continued on Page Two)

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Ford Motor Company announced today it plans to offer 10,200,000 shares of its common stock for public sale — the first such public offering in its 52-year history.

This would be the largest corporate offering in history. A registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission indicated that the common stock will be offered to the public at about \$75 a share.

The actual price will be announced before the securities are put on sale next month.

The registration statement revealed publicly for the first time in the firm's history the Ford financial status. It showed that from 1946 through Sept. 30, 1955, Ford's net profits totaled \$1,536,800,000.

For the nine years 1946 through 1954, Ford's net earnings were \$1,224,800,000. This compares with \$4,776,000,000 by its chief rival, General Motors, and \$688,000,000 by Chrysler during the same period.

The company reported its total assets at \$2,483,010,550.

FINANCIAL DETAILS

A 39-page prospectus also revealed:

1. Sales during the first nine months of this year totaled \$4,042,600,000.
2. Consolidated net income for the first nine months of this year was \$312,200,000.
3. Total capital and earnings retained in the business as of last Sept. 30 amounted to \$1,840,000,000.
4. The company plans to introduce a new line of passenger cars.
5. The company had factory sales of 1,992,000 passenger cars and trucks during 1954. This represented 30.2 per cent of the industry's total sales.
6. Factory sales of passenger cars and trucks for the first nine months this year totaled 1,901,000 or 27.5 per cent of the industry's total factory sales.

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## Nativity Tableau On Baptist Lawn

Live sheep, a cow and a horse will have parts, along with 26 members of the congregation, in the First Baptist Church's presentation of an outdoor tableau called the "Living Nativity."

The tableau, with three complete scenes based on the New Testament, will be presented twice nightly, starting tomorrow and continuing through Christmas Eve.

Alice Reavis, educational director of the church who has been in charge of plans for the "Living Nativity," said that 13 members of the church appear in the tableau, and must stand still in the night air for 45 minutes.

After three-quarters of an hour, the second shift — 13 other Baptists — take their places. The scenes remain the same — the Birth of Christ, the Announcement to the Shepherds by the Angels, and the Appearance of the Wise Men Before Herod.

It will be nippy, said Miss Reavis, but, "Costumes are large enough so everyone can wear plenty of clothing underneath to keep warm."

The "Living Nativity" scenes will start at 7:30 p. m.

Behind-the-scenes work has been done on the tableau by Ralph Maxwell, George Britton, A. J. Westbrook, Eugene Hodges, Miss Mary Lee Frink, Tommy Godwin, and Miss Grace Dare Maxwell. Rev. E. B. Russell and Mrs. W. L. Brannon have acted in an advisory capacity.

## Godwin Grocer Charged With Striking Wife

Cumberland County police have arrested Cleo Moore for allegedly assaulting his wife and threatening her with a shotgun.

The 38-year-old grocery store operator of Route 1, Godwin, has been released under \$300 for appearance December 27 in county recorder's court. A warrant charged him with dragging his wife, Elene Moore, out of bed, striking her with a belt and his fists and kicking her, then pointing a shotgun at her.

## MR. THOMAS DIED

Arthur Clarence Thomas, 87, died suddenly of a heart attack Monday night at his home on Sanford, Rt. 7. Mr. Thomas was born in Harnett County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas.

## Tew Tried Again; Charged With Driving Drunk

It was once more unto the breach today for Lewis Herman Tew, who again goes before a jury to try and get a verdict on the charge against him of drunk driving.

In late November, Tew's case ended in a mistrial when the short jury of five men and a woman couldn't agree. The men were all for conviction and the woman, Mrs. Myrtle T. Lee, was for acquittal. The new trial was still in progress in mid-afternoon.

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## Dunn Far Short On United Fund

Headquarters for United Fund campaigns in the Carolinas has sent through their final report for 1955, and it shows that Dunn definitely stacks up against other communities who have sponsored the combined campaign as a lagger.

Dunn was reported by headquarters as only 70 per cent complete on its campaign goal of \$34,462. The total raised at the time tabulation was made was \$24,123.

Alongside some other communities that looked pretty sorry. There was Granite Falls, 21 per cent above its quota. Of course its goal was only \$1500, and a collection of \$1833 made it look in the percentage column.

But Gastonia, with three times the quota set for Dunn, was well over the top. It tried for \$94,024, succeeded in raising \$103,426. Rock Hill did even better than that. The goal of \$90,979 was exceeded by 19 per cent for a total collection of \$108,463.

Canton, Chapel Hill, Elkin, Henderson, Laurinburg, Leaksville, Lenoir, North Wilkesboro and Waynesville all had quotas set for them within a few thousand of the quota set for Dunn. Without exception, they did better than this city.

Canton had 94 per cent of its quota, Chapel Hill 96, Elkin 110, Henderson 83, Laurinburg 107, Leaksville 104, Lenoir 100, North Wilkesboro 105, Waynesville 106.

Although United Fund workers have thoroughly canvassed both residential and business districts for donors, they have not been able to put Dunn's response up with the leaders.

One of those who have been active in the campaign here remarked, "It isn't a failure to reach our quota that bothers us. Our purpose is running the campaign is not simply to make a showing against other towns, or to have something to brag about."

"The unfortunate thing in our not making the goal is that the money we hoped to raise is money badly needed. The reason we need it, somebody or something is going to suffer."

"Most people have been willing to contribute to the campaign, and do their share. But most people isn't enough. What we need — and what we still need — is the ardent and practical support, right through the pocketbook, of everyone in this community."

"After all the Fund will benefit everyone, so why shouldn't all contribute?"



MEXICAN BOB AND HIS THINSLAB BOYS — Jim Thornton and his Broadslab Country Style TV boys can move on now for the hottest thing on the hillbilly circuit is Bob Bass and his Thin-slab boys of Johnson Cotton Company. They're shown here last night providing entertainment for the company's Christmas party. They gave forth with such favorites as "Mexican Joe," "You

Are My Sunshine" and "Nine Have Dried And Nine Have Died." Left to right are Tom Royal, Nathan M. Johnson, Jr., the master of ceremonies, Sue Belle Johnson, Mack Hobson, Lucy Jackson, Senor Bass in his Mexican hat, V. C. Fowler, and Anna Marie Daniels. They did a good job and everybody had lots of fun. (Daily Record Photo.)

## He's Dreaming Of A Cheap Christmas

For sheer conniving overstatement, I don't suppose anything would beat the entry my wife and I worked out for the \$10,000 Maiden Form bra contest. I was kind of expecting the ten grand to come rolling in soon enough to apply on our Christmas shopping.

It would almost cover it.

Nothing has happened. Either our entry got lost in the mail, or a spy has told the Maiden Form people that while we were deep in the creation of tributes to their

bra, Lee looked up and said, "All it is is a nasty old sling."

We face Christmas, like everybody else, in a state of near financial collapse. England has been in the same condition for years, but she has Churchill to sustain her, whereas we aren't even friendly with a banker.

It occurred to me that other people might be interested in my advice on what you do about Christmas when you can't afford to do anything except, maybe, pretend. (Continued on Page Two)