

WEATHER

Sunny and rather cold this afternoon with highest temperatures in 40s. Increasing cloudiness and not quite so cold tonight and Thursday. Lowest tonight 22-28 except 28-32 extreme south portion.

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BUSINESS BOOM TO CONTINUE IN '56

Optimistic Forecast Given Today

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government today appeared optimistic that America's economy would continue to soar during 1956.

The Commerce Department's Business and Defense Services Administration released a survey of major industries for the first half of 1955, predicting production in most industries would rise.

Small Business Administrator Wendell B. Barnes predicted that next year will see further rise in earnings by small manufacturers. He said the competitive position of small business has been strengthened and "the extremely low rate of business failures is also a good sign for the future."

SAMPLE OF REPORTS

Here is a sampling from the major industry report:

Iron and steel — Current record-breaking production momentum to continue through June, 1956, making first half of year one of the highest "if not the highest" in history.

Aluminum — First half 1955 shipments expected to be at annual rate of 4,600,000,000 pounds — a new record and 18 per cent above first half of this year.

Automobiles and trucks — Auto output first six months expected to hit 2,250,000 compared with the record 4,227,000 in the first half of this year. Truck production should "show a sizeable increase over the first half of 1955" after finishing "the best year in its history."

Construction — Estimated spending in 1956 on all new construction 44 billion dollars, five per cent above 1955's record 42 billion.

STRIKE CAUSES DROP

Power equipment — New electric generating units expected to go into service in first half will be "far below" previous estimates because of the Westinghouse Electric Corp. strike.

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INSULTING A CHAMP — Four-year-old Steven Williams of LeRoy, Ill., sticks his tongue out at "Julius," grand champion steer of Chicago's recent International Livestock show. Julius was honored guest of the University of Illinois and the community at Champaign at the time of this "insult."

FAMED AUTHORITY ON BRIDGE

Ely Culbertson Dies In Vermont

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. (AP) — Ely Culbertson, 64, a world-renowned author and expert on the game of bridge, died here last night.

Culbertson was born in Rouses Point, N.Y., and was educated in Geneva University and the school of economic sciences and politics in Paris.

Culbertson began his writing career in 1916. He was a past president of the Bridge World, Inc., and the Kem Playing Card Co., and was editor of the Bridge World Magazine and the International Section Le Reveu du Bridge de Paris.

He was captain of the American team in international bridge matches in 1933-34 and 1937. He was former chairman of the American division of the International Bridge League and chairman of the American cooperative committee on laws of contract bridge.

Culbertson was founder and past president of the World Federation, Inc. and chairman of citizens committee of the United Nations Reform, Inc.

Girl Wins Right To Wed Baby's Father

STOCKHOLM (AP) — The 19-year-old daughter of Sweden's millionaire "margarine king" won a court battle today for the right to marry the young store clerk who is the father of her baby girl.

The Court of Appeals ruled that blonde Dagmar Jeansson had a perfect right to marry 20-year-old Borje Magnusson, despite the bitter opposition of the girl's parents.

CAN STILL APPEAL

The ruling upset a lower court decision in favor of margarine magnate Ragnar Jeansson and his wife. But they still may appeal to the Supreme Court before the end of the year in a new effort to block the marriage.

Without parental or court consent, Dagmar and her poor fiance would have to wait until both are 21.

Dagmar, Borje and their child. (Continued On Page Two)

New Miracle Drug Found

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Fat men and women stormed drug stores throughout Sweden today in a near-riot sell-out of what was billed as a new "miracle reducing solution."

The solution, trademarked "Minus" went on sale for the first time after a frenzied advertising buildup. Every single jar was sold out in less than half an hour.

The solution which allegedly inhibits the appetite is prepared from a Norwegian alga or type of (Continued On Page Two)

Veterans Still Liable For GI Homes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Veterans Committee warned today that thousands of veterans who have sold their GI-mortgaged homes are still liable to Uncle Sam and don't know it.

Committee Chairman Olin E. Teague (D-Tex.) said about a fourth of the 3,350,000 homes purchased with GI mortgages are no longer owned by their veteran buyers.

But, he said many of these veterans don't realize that the government still holds them liable if the mortgage loan is defaulted. He said his committee will seek remedial legislation next year along with other amendments to the GI Home Loan Law.

BARTENDER GIVES ADVICE

Gonna Celebrate New Year's? Be Sure And Read This First

NEW YORK (AP) — A hangover? I've never had one in my life. And let me tell you I like to celebrate New Year's Eve just like the next guy.

I've been tending bar for 45 years and as I see it, the reason most drinkers wind up with New Year's Day hangovers is that their approach is, if I may use the word, cock-eyed. They don't know how to prepare for the big occasion, what to drink or even how to drink. Some drinkers are even foolish enough to take their cars out with them.

Actually, preparing for New Year's Eve is pretty simple. The first rule is to get some rest before you go out — you have the whole evening ahead of you, so try to take a nap of an hour or two before you start any celebrating.

FOOD BEFORE DRINK

What you eat for dinner is pretty important, too. Treat yourself to a good, heavy meal—steak is probably the best, with all the trimmings. The more you fill your stomach up with good nourishing food, the better able your stomach will be to absorb the alcohol you pour down yourself.

Next, there's the drinking. As far as I'm concerned, I like to drink champagne. The second best, I think, is scotch and water. But any good whiskey with plain water should keep you from getting sick.

There are three good rules to remember in drinking. One, stay away from sweet mixes. Two, stay away from sweet, complicated drinks—that's a certain way to wind up sick.

Eat while you are drinking. It slows down the guzzling. As a matter of fact, if you guzzle just for the sake of getting loaded on New Year's Eve you're foolish—not only because it'll make you ill, but because you're not showing much appreciation. (Continued On Page Two)

Two Killed In Johnston

Trailer-Trucks Hit On Bridge, Two Men Killed

The driver and passenger of a trailer-truck were killed, one of them instantly, when they collided with another trailer truck on the Neuse River Bridge south of Smithfield last night at 11 p. m.

Traffic was blocked for five hours as the big trailer-truck jackknifed and burst into flame, completely blocking the flow of traffic both ways.

William Myers, 36, of Orlando, Fla., is being held for manslaughter though Highway Patrolman S. K. Johnson of Four Oaks reported that investigation is continuing.

William Allen McLean, 116 McNab St., Hamilton, Ontario, died instantly in the flaming wreckage of the trailer-truck which was loaded with radish and traveling north.

His companion, Angus C. Savory, died an hour later in Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. Savory, also of Hamilton, Ontario was burned so badly that Patrolman Johnson could not estimate his age. The other victim was 55. It is not known which was driving.

A 1955 Plymouth driven by Joe Grantham of Smithfield was also involved in the accident. The northbound trailer-truck, driven by Myers, went out of control after side-swiping the radish truck, and hit the Grantham car which was in the lane of traffic behind it. The Plymouth was damaged only enough "to jar it good." Myers and Grantham were both uninjured.

Three wreckers were required to remove the big cargo carrier from their road-blocking position. While the radish truck, owned by Robertson Produce Co. of Hamilton, Ontario, blocked traffic both ways, the other came to rest on the right-hand shoulder of the road.

Patrolman Johnson said Myers, who is charged with manslaughter, claimed that bright lights from cars behind might have temporarily blinded him, but that he was sure he hadn't gone over the centerline. His bond was set for \$4000 (Continued On Page Two)



THEY GOT EACH OTHER'S NUMBER—Brothers-in-law always have something in common, but these two had a little more than they were supposed to have—identical license numbers. George Klupp, left, and George Bernasek bought the 1956 plates in Maywood, Ill., at the same license bureau, but four hours apart. One set was traded in for a different number.

Eisenhower Flies South For Sunshine

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — President Eisenhower flew today to Key West, the nation's southernmost city, for a two-week stretch of sunshine, rest and work.

The presidential plane Columbine II touched down at the airport at 12:40 p. m. after a three-hour, 34-minute flight from the frosty winter temperatures of the nation's capital.

Greeting the President when he landed in sunny 73-degree weather were Rear Adm. H. H. Henderson, commander of naval bases here, State Rep. Bernie Pappy, State Sen. William Neblett, Mayor C. B. Har-

vey, Joe Pinder, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Capt. Chauncey Willard, commanding officer of the naval air station.

A cavalcade, with the President in the lead in a Cadillac, crossed newly-named Eisenhower Drive at the junction of Truman Avenue and Roosevelt Boulevard.

FORMAL GREETING

The reception was almost informal. (Continued On Page Two)

+ Record Roundup +

METERS ARRIVE — On hand for installation yesterday, arriving with other Christmas packages were eight more 12 minute parking meters for the city of Dunn. Six of these just replace existing meters, but two will go up in new spots. One will be in front of city

hall, the other at Dunn Rite Bakery in spots formerly used as loading zones.

SHIFT SEWER — Near the hog market on U.S. Highway 421, the city is relocating a stretch of san-

itary sewer. (Continued On Page Two)



"ROCK-AND-ROLL" PUP—"Prince" is toting a big load, but it's helping to mend his broken hind leg. The splint, almost as big as the pup, envelops both hind legs, so Prince has to rock and roll on the rocker around his hind end. Helping Prince pass the time during convalescence are owners Tommy and Brenda Lee Gazaway of Greenville, S.C.

Few Arrests In November; Drunks Fall

It looks like the criminal element, the bad drivers, the drunks, and miscellaneous trouble-makers must have made their New Year's resolutions early this year.

The police report for November shows that less than half as many people were arrested in Dunn that month as for October. Police Chief Alton Cobb reports that December is also a very slow month for arrests.

In October the number of arrests was a normal and deplorable 146. In November this had sunk to a lily-like 70. Included in the October figures were 58 arrests for drunkenness, but in November there were only 29 arrests in the same category.

Chief Cobb ventured the opinion that closing up of a few bootleg joints around town might have had something to do with it but beyond that he couldn't say.

LITTLE LIZ



When there's nothing to be said, you can always depend on somebody saying it.



WHO SAYS A DOG'S LIFE IS TOUGH? — The life of some dogs may be tough, but this pup seems to be doing all right for himself. This picture just goes to prove that Marilyn Monroe loves dogs. Or we could have captioned this picture: "Just a couple of pets at play."

British Jet Rounds World In New Record

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Comet III jet airliner flashed from Montreal to London in six hours and 18 minutes today in history's first non-stop Atlantic crossing by a jet transport plane.

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

LOVE, ROMANCE, FARMING, GIFTS THEY DIDN'T WANT

Just in case you haven't thought about it, Girls, 1956 is Leap Year. George Ubchurch, Jim Yearby, Doc Adams and B. A. Bracy are getting ready for a vacation in Florida right after the first of the year. The living Nativity scene at Dunn's First Baptist Church this year was unusually good. Mr. and Mrs. Locke Campbell look Frank's girl friend, Pat Johnson, with them to spend Christmas with the Dunn cadet at West Point. Bill Armstrong said he had a fine Christmas and that Santa Claus was good to him. "Brought me a lot of bills to pay after Christmas," added Bill. Bobby Henderson's wedding yesterday in Rock Hill, S. C. came as something of a surprise to his friends. Bobby has been doing some heavy courting but they didn't expect matrimony so soon. The bride visited his family here the weekend before Christmas. Ed Black is staging a whopping big Pre-Inventory Sale (Continued on Page Two)

The gleaming transport braked to a stop at London Airport at 10:51 a.m. at end of a hop made with a patched up No. 3 engine.

The Atlantic crossing was a record for a commercial type airliner. The aircraft, however, carried only a crew of 11 technicians and specialists.

Oxygen masks were worn for part of the flight at altitudes above 40,000 feet as the plane is not yet fully pressurized.

WROTE LOVE, STOLE RECORDS

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y. — Schoolteacher Gertrude Krutenet has no love for whomever wrote "I love you" on her classroom desk in bright red crayon.

Miss Krutenet told police the write was also a music lover, for he stole two record players from her room.

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Many From Area At Durham Meet

At least 25 people from this area, attending the three day Watchtower convention in Durham last weekend, are convinced that all the world's woes and fears are a cause for rejoicing because they mean just this: That a new world is now so near at hand that survivors of this generation will enter into it.

"Not only has God promised a new world, but, as demonstrated at our assembly, the Almighty has already taken steps to make it a reality," local congregation supervisor F. N. McLamb explained. "Just as surely as Jehovah has provided a ransom for sins through His Son, just as surely has He established the New World government in the heavens by his Son."

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