

Considerable cloudiness with slowly rising temperatures this afternoon, tonight and Friday. Some scattered light rain or drizzle tonight and Friday.

EXPERTS MAKE PREDICTIONS FOR 1956



THEY PROMISE 1956 WILL BE LOVELY — Whether you pick the sweet dream at left or the queen of sophistication at right, 1956 is going to be lovely to watch — on calendars, that is. They're typical beauties of Shaw-Barton, Ohio calendar manufacturers, who are responsible for a great share of the 125 million calendars distributed by businessmen throughout the nation this year.

Fund Shortage Causes Slowup In City Recreation Program

The Midget basketball program came to a standstill over the holidays for lack of anyone to lead it. Recreation Board Chairman Wayne Justesen said today he didn't know whether there would be a leader for it this Saturday or not.

Shortage of money has prevented the board from proceeding to appoint a new full-time director of city recreation since the resignation of Gene Driver a few weeks ago, Justesen said.

"We will keep the midget program going, but so far I haven't found anyone to direct it on Saturdays," the board chairman said.

A meeting of the full board will be held the first week in January to decide whether a full-time director can be put on before next summer.

"Very definitely we need one," said Justesen, "but we don't know whether we can afford one." The biggest single chunk of support for the city recreation program, which had around \$12,000 to work with in its first year, comes from the United Fund campaign. This year the United Fund intended to turn over \$6,000, but Justesen said he did not know how the fund's failure, at this date, to reach its quota of \$34,000-plus would affect the recreation program.

"There's a bath-house at the pool, which we put up through the streets, and he has other accomplishments. I don't know anything into which activity can put its money and realize as well from it. You can say there's a slow-up right now. The board has three or four applications for the position of director, but whether we can afford some-one—that's something the board will have to discuss at its meeting."

Irene Dunn Hurt In Holiday Fall HOLLYWOOD — Movie actress Irene Dunn fell in her home Friday and had to eat her Christmas dinner from a wheel chair. She said at first she feared she had seriously injured her hip, but X-rays disclosed no broken bones.

CHURCH OFFICERS — The original president of the Women of the Riverside Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Perry Godwin, has been re-elected to that post. Installation services were last Sunday. Rev. Frank Davison, pastor, presiding. Other officers installed: Vice-president, Mrs. Floyd Godwin; Secretary, Mrs. John Ennis; Historian, Mrs. John Melcher; and circle leader, Mrs. Charles Tew.

FOURTH FIRE — Since Christmas the fire department has had four calls. The most recent one was to the farm of Mrs. G. A. Altman on Route 3, Dunn, off the old Fairgrounds road, where a tenant house caught fire from an overheated stove. The Fire Department's Secretary-Treasurer Howard M. Lee reported small damage to the house, which is occupied by a colored man. (Continued On Page Two)

Dunn Firm Wins Air Base Contract Putting up a hanger for helicopters isn't enough for Chicora Construction Company, now they've landed a contract running to more than a quarter of a million dollars for fixing up a chapel and theater at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

The Dunn-based construction company will have close to a million dollars worth of work in progress when it starts on the air base job ten days from now. And it's still in its first year of operation. Congress has already voted the money for renovations at the Air Base. The \$280,000 lot to Chicora Construction is only a drop in the overall job which brings work to many North Carolina firms. But it's a big drop for Chicora and matches another big contract won previously. Tommy Godwin, reporting the award of contracts yesterday, said the company is now about four months along on the helicopter hanger for an airfield at Fort Bragg. It will take a year's work to

What's Ahead For You In Coming Year?

NEW YORK (AP) — What does 1956 hold in store for Americans? The United Press asked leaders in a number of fields to try to look into the future and forecast the outstanding developments ahead in the coming year.

Here are the predictions: Medicine: Dr. Elmer Hess, president of the American Medical Assn. Next year may see some very significant progress in the development of a preventive for the common cold. A national survey of mental health will help break bottlenecks in the treatment of 10 million Americans suffering from mental and emotional disturbances. Research projects will result in additional gains in the fight against cancer.

Business: Eddie Rickenbacker, president of Eastern Air Lines. One of the most dynamic developments in the economy is the move of the airlines into the jet age. Air transportation is only beginning to find its proper niche in the commerce of the country and the world. By 1960, the airlines will be carrying 75 million passengers—more than the railroads and inter-city buses combined.

Will Win Olympics Sports: Kenneth L. Wilson, president of the U. S. Olympic Committee. The United States will have the strongest team in history at the 1956 Olympic games in Australia and the Americans should come out on top. Most experts say that it will be nip and tuck with the Russians. Fashion: Charles James, one of the country's top designers. The new look of 1956 will look well only on women who have not lost their figures. It requires a long torso and a high bustline, a flat ribcage, hips carried forward and chin up. Older women have this look only when "living down." It is the look of a young girl standing erect against a high wind.

Television: Robert Sarnoff, new president of NBC. The outstanding development for television for 1956 probably will be the snowballing of color TV as a community as well as a national service. This growth of color broadcasting, I believe. (Continued On Page Two)

Father Complains Of Split Edwards called to be filled in on what the girls want to say about their split with their father, who complained bitterly earlier this week that they were leaving the family fold and treating their brothers and sisters with "contempt."

Gay music blared from a radio at the party. The living-room rug was rolled back as the girls, whose quintuplet sister Emilie died last year, danced with their French-speaking boyfriends whom Edwards described as "all nice, decent fellows."

It was a far cry from life at the 18-room mansion that was built with part of a fortune that came from endorsements and other commercial payoffs following the girls' birth. Back at Callender, the quintuplets almost never talked or played with boys — and the few they did see usually walked sedately into the living room and sat quietly while someone sang or played the piano.

Wednesday night's party was strictly informal. One of the boys, who answered the door, was towards pre-arranged. He was wearing a freshly checkered sports shirt and slacks. The quintuplets were reported to have kicked off their shoes to make it easier to jitters.

Therlo Caught At Whiskey Still Today

Therlo Barefoot, about 45, of Benson, Route 2 was arrested early Thursday morning at the site of a 200-gallon whiskey distillery, located about 150 yards from his home.

ATU Agent C. S. Coats, who led the raid, said officers surrounded the distillery, which was going at full blast, and took Barefoot into custody as he started to leave the site with some empty sugar bags in his hands.

ONE ESCAPES Another man at the still managed to escape, but was recognized and the Federal officer indicated he would be picked up later. Coats said Barefoot had already run off about 500 gallons of mash. It was a complete and modern outfit, the officer said, fired by a new gas burner. The still and equipment were destroyed and the mash was dumped out.

DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS THERE Barefoot steadfastly denied any connection with the still, said he. (Continued On Page Four)

Suit Charges Will Obtained By Fraud

An Erwin woman is asking the Superior Court to set aside a deed made by her late father to her aunt on grounds it was obtained by "fraud and deception."

Mrs. Ruby Tyndall Willford, in a civil suit filed this week with the Clerk of the Harnett Superior Court, is requesting that the deed made by her father, the late Aulie Tyndall to Mrs. Annie Mae Grant-Ham Hairr be declared void. In support of the request Mrs. Willford, who now is a resident of Sampson County and only child of the late Aulie Tyndall, points out that in 1951 her father bought a 76 by 123 feet lot and house in Erwin to provide his aged parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Siles Tyndall, with a home. CARED FOR FATHER. His mother died in May, 1953, and the elder Mr. Tyndall was left alone. On request of her brother, it is alleged, Mrs. Hairr agreed to care for the father, but in order to make the sacrifices necessary to do this, the sister asked for and received a deed to the property. But Mrs. Willford contends in the complaint that once in possession (Continued On Page Four)

Together, Heflins Starting Business In some ways, ex-Army Sarge Jack Heflin and his wife, Mrs. Beulah Heflin, manager of the Sears office here until last week, have been going in opposite directions even though Jack finally left Fort Bragg in March after 12 years in the service.

This week Jack announced that his wife and he have found a way that both can be together. What's more, he said, both believe in what they're going to do to the tips of their busy toes. Together they will act as distributors for the Kirby Home Sanitation System, a Good Housekeeping approved product that puts house-holders within range of a complete clean-up for home, car and yard. (Continued on Page Two)

These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

WHO SAYS WE CAN'T PICK A PRETTY GIRL? Pat Cowden of Raleigh is the new Maid of Cotton and we're just as happy about it as she is. It's wonderful.

Her selection brings honor and glory to her hometown, to the Clayton Cotton Festival, and to North Carolina.

When we were selected as one of the three judges to pick North Carolina's Maid of Cotton at the Clayton festival last summer we had no idea that we'd be picking the next Maid of Cotton although we were hopeful and had complete confidence in Pat.

As a matter of fact, (if you'll pardon us for doing a little bragginess) we cast the deciding vote for Pat when the other two judges hung up. The other judges were Faye Arnold, the current Miss North Carolina, and Susan Throbridge Partington of the John Roberts Powers model agency in New York.

We were first attracted to the pretty maiden when she was a contestant in the Miss North Carolina Pageant at Wilmington a month earlier. We became ever more sold on her at Clayton.

Pat has that certain something which few other girls have. We can't describe it but we know when we see it in a girl. She has IT! Less than ten minutes after her selection as Maid of Cotton was announced last night at Memphis our "home" rang.

Raleigh Girl Wins Title For North Carolina

Pat Cowden Picked As Maid Of Cotton

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Patricia (Pat) Ann Cowden, a green-eyed brunette who serves as a private secretary to a Raleigh, North Carolina bank executive, was crowned last night as the 1956 Maid of Cotton.

The 21-year-old beauty could "sneak" and say, "I'm thrilled to death," when the judges announced she had beaten out 22 other contestants from 13 cotton-growing states for the title which she "always" wanted.

Pat, who stands five feet, seven and a half inches and weighs 125 pounds, also will realize another long dream—to travel in Europe.

TEXAS GIRLS RUNNERS-UP Revis Jordan of Lubbock, Texas was named first alternate and Minta Curtis, of Mission, Texas, was picked second alternate by the judges, who based their selections on "beauty, personality, training and background" which involves coming from a cotton family.

Pat said her first thoughts after winning the title was to "call mother and daddy." Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Cowden, who couldn't attend the contest.

She planned today to call her boss, E. B. Dickson, an assistant vice-president of the Security National Bank in Raleigh.

Pat will have to ask for a leave of absence from her secretarial duties to serve as a goodwill ambassador for the cotton industry during the coming year.

Two of the five finalists, Frances Habiz of Jackson, Miss. and Patricia Stehr of Dallas, Texas, were as happy about not winning as Pat was about winning.

One of the first questions the judge asked was about the contestant's marital plans and both of them are engaged.

NO MAIN BEAU But when the judges asked Pat about her boy friends, she said

she has "no definite one." The new Maid, who was crowned by outgoing Maid Delois Faulkner of Sallisaw, Oklahoma, will head for New York before the weekend to be fitted for an all-cotton wardrobe and to study modeling.

Soon she will begin a six-months trip that will take her all over the United States, Europe, Canada and South America. Pat, who has won several previous beauty titles, been a fraternity queen and a queen of the N. C. State Swim-Meet, said her hobbies are singing and swimming. NO CHEESE CAKE But she won't be seen much in bathing suits. The National Cotton Council, which sponsors the Maid, advised her to steer clear of "leg art" and "cheesecake." Pat will make her official appearances in street clothes and evening dresses, all made of cotton. In Raleigh, Mrs. Cowden said, "I never did allow myself to get (Continued On Page Four)

Erwin Woman Seeks \$35,000 Miss Ellen Benson of Erwin, who was injured in an automobile accident on July 30 at the intersection of highways 217 and 421 in the Erwin has filed suit to recover \$35,000 in Harnett Superior Court against Angus Benson and his nephew, Garland H. Godwin, as compensation for her injuries. Miss Benson was a passenger in a 1950 Plymouth driven by Godwin, which allegedly crashed into the left rear of a car driven by John Mack Wood, Jr. and then cut into the path of another automobile driven by Thomas Dewey West. CLAIMS HIGH SPEED The complaint filed this week by Miss Benson alleges that Godwin drove the car at a high rate of speed, without a due lookout, to the left of the center line, too close to the Wood car, and that the car had insufficient brakes. In the accident the plaintiff broke her left leg below the knee, and was severely bruised. She claims that she will be totally disabled as a result of the broken leg and unable to continue her work at Erwin Mills where she formerly was employed at around \$50 a week. Miss Benson contends that Angus Benson loaned the car to his nephew knowing that the brakes were defective. She is represented in the suit by the law firm of Wilson and Johnson.

COMPLAINTS BRING ACTION Night Mail Service Resumed For Dunn When late-night postal service in Dunn was abridged so that mail reaching the post office was too late to go out the same evening, the Post Office Department immediately ran into opposition. Postmaster Ralph Wade announced today that an investigation of complaints from Congressman F. Eitel Carlyle and the local post-office resulted in restoration of the old service. The matter was called to the attention of Congressman Carlyle by The Daily Record. Orders to return to the system of dropping off a packet of late-mail for Train 78 to pick up on its near-midnight run came into the post-office here from J. P. Rockcastle, the Postoffice Department's district transportation manager whose offices are in Richmond, Virginia. Postmaster Wade said they went back on the old schedule shortly before Christmas, and that he now believes postal service here can be kept reasonably efficient. Congressman Carlyle went on the offensive several weeks ago when he heard about the way a postal order had affected Dunn. His complaint received prompt attention from Assistant Postmaster General N. R. Abrams who directed the Atlanta, Georgia, headquarters to make an immediate investigation.