

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

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### WEATHER

Occasional light rain early Friday becoming partly cloudy and somewhat warmer in the afternoon. Some cloudiness and turning colder Friday night and colder Saturday.

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# WELFARE CHIEF ASKED TO RESIGN



NOTHING LASTS FOREVER — The Christmas murals at Quinn's painted by Joan Jernigan (left), were as beautiful in full color as a TV spectacular on a wide screen. Alas, alas, along with Christmas trees and Santa's beard, they are on the way out for another year. Joan won't actually have to do the job of washing the big windows off (there are four of them) because she did her share in painting them. But somebody's in for an arm-ache when they start to dismantle her wonderful manger scene (shown here) and the wise men riding on camels (not shown) which made Quinn's just about the most decorated place in town.

## President Editing Speech To Congress

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — President Eisenhower today edited an "almost completed" draft of his State of the Union message which will be dispatched to Congress for reading on January 5.

An Air Force courier during the night rushed a new draft of the message from Washington to Key West. Riding with the courier was Kevin McCann, the chief White House speech writer.

During the morning, the President planned to run over the message draft with McCann and James C. Hagerty, press secretary to the President. Once a final message draft of the message is completed, McCann will fly to Washington during this afternoon.

Today's program appeared to be less leisurely than that of his first full day here Thursday, which consisted mostly in a session of playing golf swings, a long stroll about the base and in work on two papers.

After clearing up the mess left behind from the incident, the President was seen to be preparing to take his first full golf swing since his heart attack.

STROLL FOLLOWS GOLF — After 30 minutes of this performance before a gallery consisting of his brother, Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, Maj. Gen. Howard McC. Snyder, the White House physician and Hagerty, the President took a leisurely stroll about the base.

The President seemed in a pleasant, relaxed mood during the hour's walk in which he was conducted about the base by his naval aide, Cmdr. Edward L. Beach, and trailed by reporters.

Beach pointed out a route alongside the quarters once occupied by ex-President Truman and which now serve as the home of the base commandant, Rear Adm. H. H. Henderson.

Mr. Eisenhower paused briefly and said to Beach: "You lead on — the sign says no passage and I don't want to get shot."

Dignity And Humor — Beach, a former submarine commander of imperturbable dignity but not without humor, replied dryly, "The admiral lives here and if he shoots you, he's got to answer to me."

The President returned to his quarters to rest before dinner. Hagerty then announced the President had declared flood-disaster (Continued on Page Two)

## Miss Williams Defies Board; Won't Resign

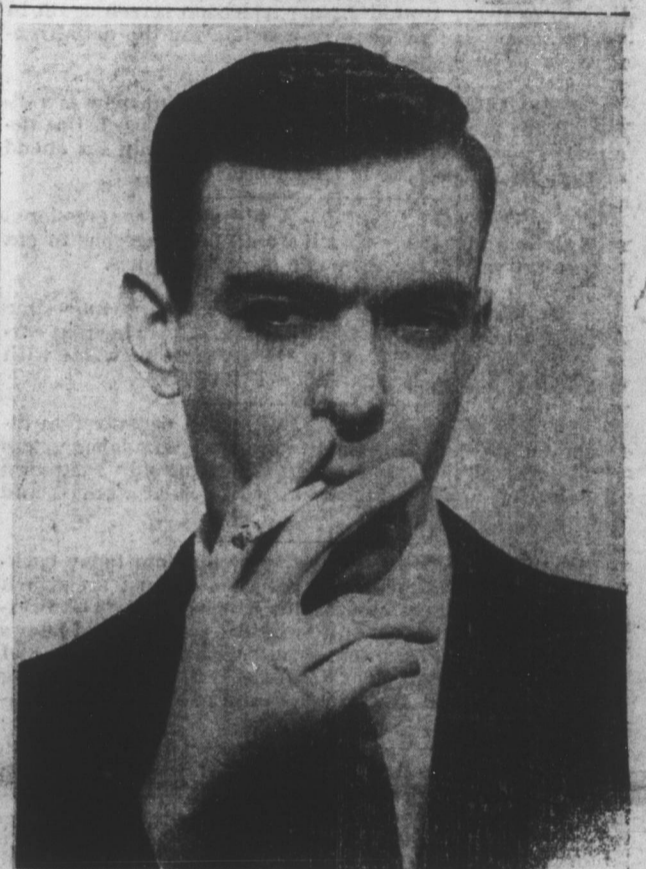
By TED CRAIL, Record Staff Writer — Harnett's Superintendent of Public Welfare, Miss Wilma Williams of Angier, head of the office since 1942 and periodically under fire, yesterday received a letter from the Welfare Board requesting her resignation.

The letter asked her to state her intentions to the board by January 1. Miss Williams told the Daily Record today "I have no intention of resigning because they (the board) have not given me any reason to."

County Commissioner J. E. Womble, who is chairman of the three-man board, said her resignation was requested because of complaints against her from groups in the community who don't approve her handling of welfare cases.

RAPPED BY DOCTORS — Most active opposition to the welfare superintendent has come from the county medical association, which recently held a meeting, closed to the press, at which the welfare program was discussed.

Earlier still, three doctors went before the county commissioners to discuss the welfare program. Reportedly, they claimed that administration of the welfare money actively encouraged women to have illegitimate babies. (Continued on Page Six)



ROBERT HODGES — Gets Leading Male Role

## Takes Reporter Role In Local Productions

Robert Hodges, 19, who graduated from Dunn High School in 1954, will play one of three leading roles in "Born Yesterday," the first Little Theatre presentation.

Director-Manager Lee Crall announced today that he has been selected to play the part of Paul, an idealistic newspaperman who attempts the conversion of a dumb blonde into a beautiful brainwave.

"Born Yesterday," one of the great hits of the Broadway stage in recent years and a movie which won an Oscar for Judy Holiday, whose career has been permanently identified with the role, will go into rehearsal after casting is completed.

The part which Robert Hodges will play was taken by William Holden in the movie. During the holidays, the Little Theatre group formed in Dunn and known as "The Players" has suspended its weekly meetings, but Mrs. Crall has had run-throughs with a number of persons trying out for parts.

Those who will fill the Judy Holiday and Broderick Crawford roles (from the movie production) will be announced shortly.

FINED \$1,000 — Southeastern Conference Commissioner Bernie Moore fined the University of Alabama \$1,000 today on a charge university alumni gave gifts to a high school quarterback as an enticement to play for Alabama.

Persons who receive notice that their x-rays revealed possibility of an unsatisfactory condition are referred to their personal physicians. Angier, Jan. 4, 5, 6, 7; Olivia, Jan. 4, 5; Dunn, Jan. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Boone Trail, Jan. 6; Anderson Creek, Jan. 7; Bunnlevel, Jan. 10; Buie's Creek, Jan. 11; Coats, Jan. 12, 13; Lillington, Jan. 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21; Erwin, Jan. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.

## Trial Of Judge Lee Set

### Take A Tip; Guard Your Heart In '56

NEW YORK (AP) — The American Heart Association asked every adult today to resolve to "guard your heart" in 1956.

The association suggested the following New Year's resolutions:

1. Learn the facts about the heart and its diseases and avoid needless fears and worry.
2. Shun self-diagnosis in favor of regular heart and health check-ups.
3. Guard against excess weight.
4. Get plenty of rest and sleep to lighten the heart's work.
5. Keep fit by exercising moderately and regularly.
6. Be alert to the dangers of respiratory infections, which might strain the heart.

### IKE HITS BACK

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — President Eisenhower today lashed back at the leaders of Communist Russia a flat denial that he is an exponent of interference in the Middle East. The President said Soviet Communist Party leader Nikita Khrushchev was wrong in his analysis of American foreign policy.

## Three Quints Given Big Welcome Home

CALLANDER, Ont. (AP) — Three of the Dionne quintuplets, Yvonne, Annette and Cecile, arrived home early today and were affectionately greeted by their parents.

Olive Dionne Jr., 19, called for his three sisters at their Montreal apartment last night on his way home for a weekend leave from the RCAF station at St. Hubert, Que.

He said the girls were happy to be home and warmly exchanged hugs and kisses with their parents.

Superior Court gets underway in Lillington once more a week from this coming Monday. A number of murder and manslaughter cases are on the trial docket. Public attention is most likely to focus, however, on a case described in the calendar as "2240 — State versus M. O. Lee — Misconduct in Public Office."

This is the second half of the big show which began in the last term of Superior Court. Curtain-raiser was the dull, occasionally sensational trial of Neill McKay Ross, solicitor of Harnett Recorder's Court.

Ross was acquitted on all of several counts of misconduct including the allegations that he had been drunk while prosecuting and dismissed cases without cause.

Judge Lee, who presides in Harnett Court, has only one count hanging against him. It was brought by the same Grand Jury which made a scorching report on Solicitor Ross and brought his indictment. Judge Lee is accused of intoxication while presiding.

In the last term of Superior Court, Judge Lee's attorneys attempted to get his case aired then and there. But Solicitor Jack Hooks, who prosecuted in Superior Court was intent on trying Ross first. The subsequent trial of the Solicitor (Continued on Page Two)

## Stephenson Is Facing Prison Term

The way of the straight and narrow apparently proved too difficult for David Stephenson, Dunn man who has already spent 15 of his 37 years in prison.

He was convicted in Harnett Superior Court last month on charges of breaking and entering. A Dunn man had offered Stephenson employment. He begged the court for a chance, said he was ready to go straight.

Judge George Fountain gave him a chance; Stephenson said it was the first break he ever had.

Judge Fountain gave Stephenson five to seven years in prison. One of the conditions of probation was that he not possess or drink any (Continued on Page Six)



Ready for Anything!

Captain Easy loves nothing better than a good scrap but he doesn't neglect romance and humor. The versatility of Leslie Turner's comic strip here has made him a universal favorite with every type of reader. You'll find exciting entertainment for the whole family in the comic strip.

CAPTAIN EASY Begins January 9 In The Daily Record

## Girl Steals To Buy 5th Ave. Clothes

NEW YORK (AP) — A young woman told police today she had stolen a dress, coat and accessories from a department store so she wouldn't look too shabby to shoplift in a smart Fifth Avenue shop.

Lillian Squassina Bow, 24, was caught in the act in the second shop—\$401 along toward a fancier wardrobe, police said.

The young woman said she worked sometimes as a photographers' model and other times as a scrub woman. She had her heart set, she said, on some new clothes from (Continued on Page Two)

## QUITTS HOLLYWOOD — Lovely, curvaceous Ann Sheridan, the "Oomph Girl" of the movies and one of Hollywood's most durable glamour girls, now spends all of leisure time in Mexico City, where she has a home. "I fell in love with Mexico long ago," declared Miss Sheridan.

## New Religious Feature Slated

Beginning Monday readers of The Daily Record will be invited to join ten million people around the world in sharing a Bible text and a brief prayer each day. The prayer and Bible verse are already being used in 28 languages on every continent and many islands of the sea.

The verse and prayer are taken from THE UPPER ROOM, daily devotional guide which is distributed in more than seventy thousand churches in the United States and Canada and in thousands of churches in other lands. Those who write the prayers and select the texts come from all parts of the world and from all walks of life as well as from every denomination. Selections are made without regard to denomination, nationality, race or language of the writer.

Languages in which THE UPPER ROOM is currently available include Arabic, Armenian, Cebuano (Philippines), Chinese, Finnish, French, Greek, Gujarati, Hindi, Hungarian, Ilocano (Philippines), Italian, Korean, Japanese, Norwegian, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Tagalog (Philippines), Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Turkish, Urdu, English, English Braille, English Air Mail, Australasia English, British Isles English, and India English.

## Pat In New York Does South Proud

NEW YORK (AP) — Pretty Pat Cowden, who will reign as 1956 Maid of Cotton, did the Southland proud today in the opening 24 hours of her visit to New York.

Lightly clad in a lacy cotton dress, Pat was led onto an outside balcony of a hotel by photographers eager for a "skyline" silhouette picture of the 21-year-old Raleigh, N. C. beauty.

She glanced at ominous clouds on the horizon and predicted: "My goodness, it's going to snow again."

But the cold winds and 31-degree temperature failed to ruffle the Maid of Cotton. She did confide (Continued on Page Six)

later she was glad to come back inside for a cup of coffee. Then she told reporters of her joy and surprise at being chosen 1956 Maid of Cotton over 22 other finalists at Memphis, Tenn., two days ago.

Pat, whose full name is Patricia Anne, will spend the next few weeks completing a cotton wardrobe in preparation for a special appearance before the fashion press.

WILL GO TO NASSAU — On Jan. 31 she will fly to Nassau, Bahamas, for a four-day visit at the resort before officially beginning (Continued on Page Six)

## + Record Roundup +

MUSICAL VARIETIES — Mrs. Reta Whitenton announces the schedule of her "Musical Varieties" radio program for next week which is heard each evening at 8:30. Monday — Mrs. Whitenton will play the organ; Tuesday—Jeanette Warren will be the vocalist

accompanied by Olive Gray Her-ring; Wednesday — Deana Lou Hanna will sing; Thursday — Mr. Jack M. Daniels will read with a soft music background; Friday—A small boys band will play under the direction of Charles Holmes of Benson.

## Sunday School Teacher Steals Nearly Million

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — A motherly 52-year-old Sunday school teacher with a reputation for benevolence has admitted taking what officials said may amount to almost one million dollars from the accounts of a building and loan company.

Miss Minnie C. Mangum, assistant secretary treasurer of the Commonwealth Building and Loan Association here and a leader in the Sunday school of the Port Nor-

folk Baptist Church for the past 25 years, was charged with grand larceny after an audit of the company's books.

She was charged specifically with taking about \$100,000 during the

past 12 months, but Roy F. Phillips, president of the firm, said about \$800,000 more is believed to have been taken over a five-year period.

A police court hearing for Miss Mangum, called "Miss M" by her fellow workers, was postponed today until Feb. 7 to permit bank examiners to investigate her ac-

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