

Generally fair to cool this afternoon. Increasing cloudiness tonight. Thursday cloudy, colder and rain.

IKE IS STILL UNDECIDED ON RUNNING



HE'LL BE A GOOD SPORT—Marquis Grimaldi, left, pretender to the throne of Monaco, says he may send "the usurper," Prince Rainier III, his congratulations when the prince marries Grace Kelly.

EX. CONVICT HUBBY IS SOUGHT

Body Of Divorcee Is Found Mutilated

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—The slashed and mutilated body of a 31-year-old divorcee was found in front of her home today and police searched the city for her former husband, an ex-convict.

Last-Minute News Shorts

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower today held his first full-day news conference since Aug. 4. He gave a go-ahead to enter his name in GOP primaries — but emphasized this does not mean he will run — and gave Secretary Dulles his complete backing.

UNITED NATIONS — Security council unanimously condemns Israel for last month's attack on Syrian outpost on Sea of Galilee.

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers demand inquiry after being told packed profits on pork have doubled.

PRINCETON, Ind. — Condemned "Chinese execution" killer of six persons escapes in snowstorm.

BOMBAY, India — Seven killed, 24 injured in third day of arson, acid throwing and riots; evangelist Billy Graham witnesses incident.

WASHINGTON — Sen. Douglas discloses he will offer substitute measure for natural gas bill.

TAIPEI — Nationalist sources accuse Truman administration of hamstringing Chiang regime against Communists.

FLINT, Mich. — Pretty brunette accuses boy friend of being triggerman in slaying of her husband.

Harnett Bank Robbers Must Pay

An echo of a much-publicized bank robbery was heard today in Harnett Superior Court when a jury awarded the U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Company a verdict of \$3,177.50 against two convicted bank robbers.

Defendants were Jimmy Murchison, 29, and David Watkins, 35, both of Lillington, who are still serving prison terms in the April 29, 1952 robbery of the Angier branch of the First Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

NON-SUIT FOR ARNOLD

Another defendant, Jesse Arnold, had been named as a co-defendant in the robbery suit, but Judge W. A. Leland McElhann of Aberdeen non-suited the suit against him when FBI Agent Robert W. Stephenson of Fayetteville introduced as evidence a confession signed by

Carolyn Ann Thomas, formerly Mrs. Steve Nowicki, was "horribly mutilated" by the killer, officers said, and apparently died within moments of the attack. A man who had escorted her home put police on the trail of her former husband.

Nowicki, 33, a six-foot, 240-pound bartender, has a long record of violence, his record showed, including a 1953 incident in which he threatened to stab his 5-year-old daughter.

Other arrests and convictions were for assault and battery, drunkenness, disturbing the peace and resisting arrest.

Police believed Nowicki had a pistol, as well as the knife. They said he would be "desperate and dangerous."

Police said a friend of Miss Thomas, whose name they did not disclose, met her by chance in a

Big Tax Bite Arouses Them

WASHINGTON (AP)—The French bookseller and the Italian fish peddler who are organizing no-tax strikes in Europe have their opposite numbers in the United States.

The beautiful Corrine Griffith Marshall, for example.

She is head man of the organization for repeal of the 10th amendment, which arrived in the Constitution more than 40 years ago to empower Congress to impose a graduated income tax on the American people.

PART-WAY STRIKE

Then there is Gov. J. Bracken Lee of Utah, who is on a part-way tax strike. He is withholding

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IT'S LIKE HAVING MA SAY SHE DON'T LOVE YOU NO MORE, SAYS JIM

Big Jim Says Broadslabbers Proud Of Name, Raps Critics

By HOOVER ADAMS James (Smile-Awhile) Thornton, the hillbilly musician and song writer who conducts the biggest live television show in the two Carolinas, today laid down his guitar — temporarily — and cast a good-natured but accusing finger at directors of the Benson Chamber of Commerce.

"Fellows, you're getting above your raisin' now. You're forgetting where you come from," he told them.

"And," paraphrasing one of his most popular tunes, he added, "Taint nice, neither."

Last week, the board of directors of Benson's chamber, declared they were sick, sick, sick of having the good town of Benson referred to in connection with the "Broadslab" section of Johnston County.

SEND PROTEST

Not only that, they got off a letter to officials of Television Station WTVD in Durham formally protesting that such designation "hardly seems fair."

"The term has a bad meaning," said the chamber officials. "As used on television and radio shows, Broadslab or lower Johnston County is pictured as the home of bootleggers, wild drivers and shiftless farmers." They wanted to see if the station officials couldn't arrange Thornton a little.

But "Big Jim," who prouly acknowledges the title of being the

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Ballard Rites Will Be Friday

J. N. Ballard, 87, died at his home in Lillington Wednesday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Ephesus Presbyterian Church on Lillington, Route 2. The Rev. J. F. Menius of Fayetteville, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Ballard, a retired farmer, was a native and lifelong resident of Harnett County, son of the late John M. and Catherine McDonald Ballard, also of Harnett. He was a charter member of the Ephesus Church.

CHURCH LEADER

He was serving as treasurer of the church at the time of his death. He was also a lifelong deacon of the church.

Surviving are two sons, D. D. G. Ballard of Angier and James M. Ballard of Southern Pines; four daughters, Miss Lucy Ballard of the home, Mrs. D. W. Morrison and Mrs. Duncan P. Ray of Lillington, and Mrs. Albert Brown of Rowland; also 10 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and three sisters, Mrs. Bella Eason and Miss Lula Ballard of Durham, and Mrs. Fannie McLean of Lillington, Route 2.

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Popcorn Day To Be Held On Friday

Harnett County will observe "Popcorn For Polio Day" on Friday, fifth four of the county's theaters cooperating.

County Chairman Harvey Williams said this morning that four theaters have agreed to donate all the proceeds from popcorn sales on Friday to the county fund.

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JAMES THORNTON... King of the Hillbillies

Two Sentenced In Theft Of Soybeans

Two young Negroes, John Sherill Elliott, 19, and Walter Calvin McLean, 19 of Bunnlevel, Route 1, submitted in Harnett Recorder's Court on Tuesday to the charge of stealing nine bags of soybeans from the Pias Hudson farm, near Anderson Creek.

Policeman J. S. Byrd said that when the sale of the beans was traced to them, that they confessed the theft.

Judge Lee gave Elliott from 90

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BIG OPENING SOON

Phillips Manager At New Market

Ernest Phillips, well-known here as assistant manager of the A and P Store, takes over an important position at the new supermarket which L. M. Muse is establishing across from the Dunn Post Office.

Muse, himself the A & P Manager until four months ago, is readying the supermarket for an early opening and will announce the date very shortly. Phillips will be grocery manager in the store while, as already announced, J. D. Jackson will manage the meat department.

The Muse Supermarket will be an ultra-modern independent food store. Purdie Bros., who until recently occupied the space near The Suggs Company and Cad Upchurch's, have moved out on Highway 301.

Phillips, the grocery manager, is 35 years old and a native of this area. Born in Sampson County on his father's farm, he went to Minerva school.

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Praises Dulles As The Best Sec. Of State

By MERRIMAN SMITH United Press White House Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today he has no objection to his name being entered in presidential primaries. But he emphasized that this did not mean he will run again.

He also told a jam-packed news conference—his first in Washington since Aug. 4—that "my future life must be carefully regulated to avoid excessive fatigue."

The President was subjected to intense questioning about politics although he tried to head it off with a prepared statement about the primaries. He said he had not reached even tentative decision seeking re-election. He added, however, that he was busy consulting trusted friends and associates on the matter.

His first big press conference since his heart attack Sept. 24 drew a near-record crowd of more than 280 reporters to the conference room on the fourth floor of the old State Department building.

He appeared to be in good spirits, and laughed heartily several times during the meeting. He showed some residual evidence of a light sun-tan he picked up recently in Florida.

The President's chief political commentary of the day was in the form of a telegram to Harry E. Jackson, deputy secretary of state of New Hampshire, where his name has been filed for the presidential preference primary.

"I do not feel that I should interpose any objection to such entry," the President said in his telegram.

He added, however, that he wanted it clear that "lack of objection cannot be construed as any final decision on my part relative to a candidacy for a second term in office I now hold."

Progress is Normal The President, reading slowly from the telegram, continued:

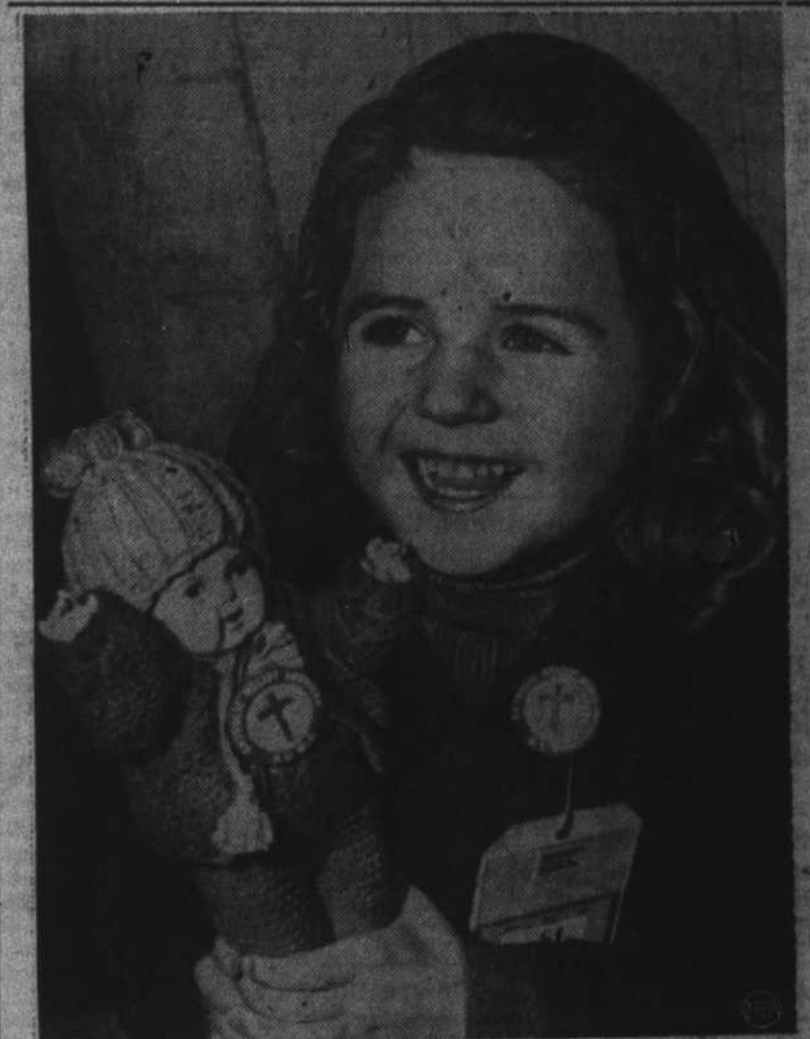
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Record Roundup

FIRE ON HARNETT—Sheldon Smith had just moved into a house at 610 E. Harnett—had been there less than 24 hours, in fact—when a fire broke out from a defective chimney. Twenty-four volunteer firemen rushed to his home yesterday to help fight the blaze, but the fire in the ceiling and attic at the rear of the house caused considerable damage. Fire Department Secretary - Treasurer Howard M. Lee said the house is owned by Dr. W. W. Stanfield.

THRICE HIT — For the third time in a year, Fred Brown's grocery in Erwin has suffered a break-in. Tuesday night, thieves broke in, taking money and merchandise.

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IT'S A BOY!—It's hard to believe, but three-year-old Zbigniew Skalski is a boy, despite the curly locks and the doll. But easy to believe is his happiness at arriving in the U.S. The Polish immigrant is shown after he arrived in New York City aboard the Navy transport General Langfit. Zbigniew and his family will live in Boston, Mass.

THREE TO WIN BESPANGLED HONOR

Heap Secret Vote On "Man Of Year"

Dunn's Chamber of Commerce and the Dunn Jaycees will again try to give Destiny a nudge by visiting the focus of their admiration on three outstanding local individuals.

"The Man of the Year," "The Woman of the Year," and "The Young Man of the Year," will be chosen with all the tribal silence of a good medicine dance.

Secret committees of the C of C are now consulting on who should be chosen for this bespangled honor in 1956. Their deliberations will

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Stacey Wade, 80, Dies In Raleigh

RALEIGH (AP)—Stacey Wilson Wade, who learned to write on the sand of Carteret County beaches and became North Carolina's insurance commissioner and secretary of state, died here today. He was 80 years of age.

Wade died at Rex Hospital at 6:10 a. m. of a heart ailment. He had been admitted to the hospital after suffering a stroke at his home Jan. 10.

Wade, nationally known in the insurance industry, served as insurance commissioner from 1921 to 1922 and as secretary of state from 1922 to 1936. At the time of his death, Wade was president of the

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CUTE NUDIE TELLS OWN STORY OF WOES OF STRIPPING BARE

Theatre Rehires Nude Singer

EDITOR'S: Britain allows a nude actress to appear on the stage if she remains absolutely motionless. What if she moves? Well, here is the story of one, known as the "Singing Nude," who did and got fired. Did the firing stick? No, the theater decided to give her a second chance. She's now billed as the "Mouse Girl." Measurements: 38-26-38.

By PEACHES PAGE Written For United Press

LONDON (AP)—I was standing stripped in front of a couple of hundred people and a little mouse ran right over my foot.

Did I jump—I jumped right off the dais and ran to my dressing room. I almost screamed.

Of course it's against the law. But what's a girl to do? It was a live mouse. It was running over my foot. I had nothing on. Believe me, I had to get out of there.

So now I'm in hot water, all because the law says poets can't wiggle. My contract's torn up, the theater's in trouble, people will probably raise a storm about any kind of nudity and goodness knows what.

Right now I'd be the last person to say anything about the fine

points of a law that says we can appear on stage with nothing on so long as we do not move. But there ought to be an escape clause, you might say.

A BARE FUN I had a new act, the only singing nude in the business. I was to appear on the stage and sing. And how could I sing without moving? Well, that brought the police down to see the show.

They hadn't guessed that my

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