

Sunny and cooler today with high 50 to 55. Saturday mostly cloudy with rain and slowly rising temperatures, except turning colder in the mountains by night.

ESCAPEE NEARLY STARVED IN SWAMP



LIMBERING—Out on a limb, pert Ginger Stolz makes like a high wire artist at Cypress Gardens, Fla. That little parasol won't keep her dry if she falls in the drink, but the water's warm anyway.

'—The Dogs Came Up Close'

John E. Norris spoke with the youth who spent a nightmarish nine days in Mingo Swamp. At the time he was brought in, said Norris, "He couldn't even move his feet. They were swollen two or three times normal size. "The fellow who saw him knocking on this outbuilding was scared to go near him. He called the police, Lonnie Jackson, the constable, and Buddy Jackson went after him. "He was in pitiful shape when they brought him back. "He told me that he had hollered hour on end until his voice gave out. "The hunters' dogs would come right up to him but he couldn't make anybody hear him. "He spent the first three days on the north side of the swamp but then he crossed over and got lost. "I don't think there was a place on him as big as a quarter that hadn't been scratched by briars. He was wearing part of a pair of pants and a shirt—that's all. "He said his legs gave out on him and he couldn't get up and move. "He admitted cashing this check at the freezer locker. "Last night I took my old pajamas to him at the hospital and he got to talking to me. He said his mother and father were wealthy people, owned a lumber company in Pennsylvania. "I asked why didn't he call his folks and she said she didn't have any money. And I told him I'd be glad to get them on the phone and pay for it if he wanted to contact them. "I put in a call and got up with his brother. This brother said his daddy did used to have a lumber company but he was sick and in the hospital. The brother said he hadn't seen John in two years. "He said he couldn't come down because of his daddy's being in the hospital but he would send some money down. "Everything this boy told seemed to be pretty straight. "He weighed 210 pounds at the time he was fingerprinted. You couldn't tell much about him, looking at him when he came in from the swamp. He was dried up but his body had also swelled."



WIDOWED AFTER TWO MONTHS—Mrs. Nicole Wilson, a bride of only two months, is comforted by an unidentified priest after arriving in New York on the liner Liberté to learn that her husband had been killed in an automobile accident. The French girl was married to George M. Wilson, 24, of Yonkers, N.Y., who was killed near Albany while headed home to the apartment he had rented for his wife and himself.

Feels Lucky Police Finally Rescued Him

An accused forger who fled into a swamp while resisting arrest became lost in the dense forests and underbrush and wandered lost nine days without food, police reported today.

The man, John Richie, 24, of Akron, Ohio, was discovered Thursday night when he found his way to an abandoned service station and was spotted by a passing motorist.

He was rushed to a local hospital where doctors said he would recover but "it probably will be a long process.

"He said he sure had learned a lesson. "It doesn't pay to run from an officer," said Police Chief A. A. Cobb.

Cobb said Richie was arrested nine days ago on four counts of check forgery and was taken in a police car to jail. However when he awoke from the car he broke away from officers and fled on foot.

The search for the fugitive led to Mingo Swamp. Officers called off the search the next day, believing Richie had hitch-hiked a ride on a highway, U.S. 421, bordering the big swamp.

"We thought he was long gone until we had a report that a man had been seen in a shack at the edge of the swamp yesterday," said Cobb.

The police chief said Richie told officers he had not had any food during his nine days in the swamp.

"He apparently had plenty of water to drink because of streams in the swamp," said Cobb. "A man can go a lot longer without food when he has water."

He said that Richie's clothing, a shirt and pants, were torn "nearly off" by thorns and underbrush and that Richie had lost his shoes. Temperatures dropped to near-freezing several nights during Richie's wandering.

The fugitive said he finally made his way to the highway and crawled into a shack beside an abandoned service station. The nearest home was a quarter of a mile away.

Weak from shock and exhaustion and lack of food, Richie began knocking on the wall of the frame structure and a passing motorist who stopped nearby heard the tapping, and notified police.

Richie "was so weak he couldn't walk and his feet were badly swollen," Cobb said. "He had lost a lot of weight too."

"He said he was mighty glad to see us."

Rehearsing Bands At Harnett High

Daily rehearsals are in session at Harnett High for festival music. The junior and senior bands will meet at 1 and 2 p. m., respectively, this coming Monday and Tuesday.

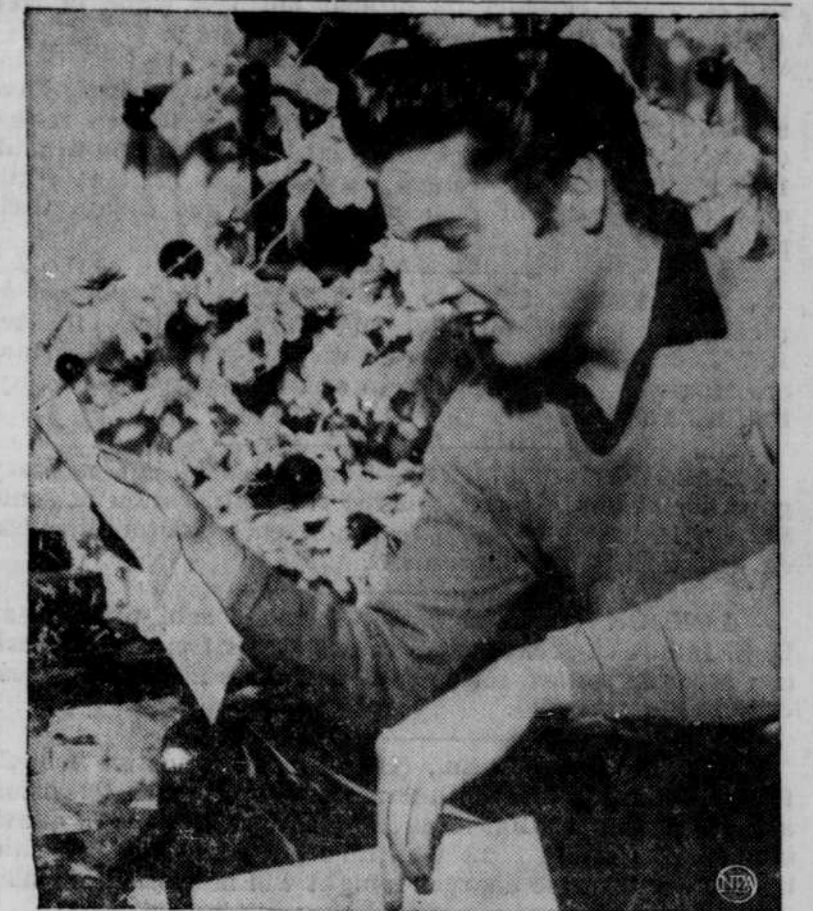
W. M. Wooten, director, wants all members to be sure and attend the coming rehearsals. The practices are compulsory and involve a penalty for those who do not get there.

In Argument Over Drink Bill

Gunmen Kill 2, Kidnap Couple

WASHINGTON (UP)—Two men killed a bar owner and a musician after an argument over their bill early today and then fled south, kidnaping three persons and switching cars.

The killers, one wearing a red carnation, made their getaway from Washington after forcing their way into a car in which Pfc. Larry Monteith of nearby Ft. Myer and his date, Doris Mattingly,



DRAFTY CHRISTMAS FOR ELVIS—Elvis Presley reads a non-Christmas greeting under the Christmas tree in his home in Memphis, Tenn. It's his notice to report for induction into the Army on January 20. Says Elvis: "It's a duty I've got to fill and I'm going to do it." His movie studio got an eight-week delay in induction so that Elvis can finish filming a picture.

To Complete Fourth Movie

Elvis Is Granted 60 Day Deferment

MEMPHIS, Tenn., (UP)—Elvis Presley was granted a 60-day deferment from the Army today so that he can complete his fourth Hollywood movie.

Milton Bowers, Sr., Presley's most \$350,000 had been made for draft board chairman, announced that the three-member Selective Service Board had voted unanimously to permit Presley to defer his induction into military service.

The singer, who massed a fortune from his rock and roll records, movies and various Elvis Presley enterprises, had been slated to report to Camp Chaffee, Ark., Jan. 20.

Presley's Hollywood studio had asked for the deferment saying "preparatory investments" of all-

Godwin Youths Die In Dismal Township

Dismal township in Sampson County was the site of a car wreck on the day after Christmas which took the lives of James Theodore Bedsole, 16, and Gene Bedsole, 18.

Both these youths lived on Godwin, Route 1. They were fatally injured when the car in which they were riding left the road and hit a tree. The car itself was smashed beyond use.

Ellis Chance of Baltimore, riding with them, was seriously injured and taken to Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital in Dunn.

Highway Patrolman George Willetts investigated the accident. Joint funeral services were to be held today at three o'clock from Shiloh Pentecostal Holiness Church with Rev. M. M. Pope, pastor, officiating. Burial was to follow in the church cemetery.

Both the boys were students at Eastern Carolina Indian high school in Sampson County.

Surviving the younger boy, James, were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bedsole of Godwin Rt. 1; six sisters—Mrs. William Wynn, Mrs. J. M. Brewington, Mrs. James Locklear and Mrs. Ellis Chance, all of Baltimore, Md.; and Carol Bedsole of the home; his grandmother, Mrs. Mandy Bedsole of Godwin, Route 1.

Surviving Gene were his mother, Mrs. Mandy Bedsole; two brothers, J. T. Bedsole of Godwin, Rt. 4; two sisters, Pauline Bedsole of 1, and W. A. Bedsole of Dunn, Rt. Hampton, Va., and Mrs. J. W. Maynard of Dunn, Rt. 4.

Police said the killers entered the Jo-Dei restaurant here about 10 a. m., Thursday and drank two bottles of whiskey. An argument developed over their bill, which came to \$20. The restaurant owner, George P. Kaldes, 33, ejected them. But the two men returned about 2 a. m. just as Kaldes was closing up. Police said the killers, one about 22 and one about 45, shot Kaldes to death at the door of the restaurant.

Official Predicts Greater Prosperity

WASHINGTON (UP)—Wendell B. Barnes head of the Small Business Administration, said today that "continuing prosperity is inevitable" even though the nation is experiencing "some sacking in overall business activity."

Barnes said in a speech to the Washington Rotary Club that his "reading of the business barometer indicates that 1958 will be another relatively good year."

He said a mild economic downturn now in progress "undoubtedly" will continue into the early months of next year. But he added "I do not expect that this correction phase will be one of long duration."

Barnes said prosperity will continue because "we are entering a new age . . . of thermodynamics, astrophysics, satellites, missiles, jet planes and atomic energy."

"Here alone is untold opportunity for business in the fields of research and development," he said.

"This continuing prosperity is inevitable and rests on our achievements, not only in the fields of science, but in economics, which has leveled the boom and bust cycles, and the sound leadership of your government."

Barnes said 1958 will be a "year of golden opportunities, and barring unexpected upheavals, a year of wholesome prosperity tied to the astounding frontiers of science, and the sound fiscal policies of our federal government."

Christmas shopping can be more enjoyable for a busy homemaker if she knows that she has a complete dinner ready to heat when she returns home. One-dish meals can be life-savers.

These Little Things

LITTLE NOTES ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

Christmas Day was quiet in Dunn. Only four customers landed in the house, two for public drunkenness, the other two for driving drunk. Mr. and Mrs. George Anthony Estvander, the bride and groom, interrupted their honeymoon to return to Dunn Christmas Day for dinner with Mrs. Eva Core, then took off for Cleveland, Ohio to spend the rest of their honeymoon. Still more business firms have reported business this Christmas equally as good or better than last year. Col. Jack Brown, Jr. of Dunn has been assigned to the big missiles base at Cape Canaveral, Florida. Santa Claus brought Dewey Godwin a sleek new 1958 Cadillac from Dennis Cadillac-Olds. And his business partner, Tommy Gorwin, has a new Cadillac ordered and en route. Those fellows, who operate the rapidly-growing Nu-Home Build-

Eva Bartok Has A Titled Visitor

LONDON (UP)—The marquess of Miford Haven visited actress Eva Bartok over the Christmas holidays but refused to tell newsmen whether a romance was brewing with the four-times married film star who gave birth to a mystery baby in October.

The last meeting was Thursday at a small white cottage outside London, reviving rumors of a romance between the marquess, who is divorced, and the 27-year-old Hungarian-born actress.

Miss Bartok, whose marriage to her fourth husband was dissolved more than a year ago, gave birth to a girl in a London clinic in October but declined to identify the father. She returned to Munich to make a film but came back

to London for Christmas and to see her baby.

The 38-year-old marquess visited the film star on Christmas at her mother's cottage at Kings-on-Thames. He was there again Thursday for 10 hours, leaving shortly before 11 p. m. Neither he nor Eva would comment on the meeting.

"These rumors are all made up," he snapped. "I'm saying nothing."

Poll Shows Rock Tops At The Box

HOLLYWOOD (UP)—Theater owners across the nation have selected Rock Hudson as the top box office attraction of 1957 in a poll conducted by Quigley publications.

The list of the top ten money-makers included John Wayne, Pat Boone, Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Gary Cooper, William Holden, James Stewart, Jerry Lewis and Yul Brynner.

No female performer made the list, for the first time in the 26-year history of the poll.

Fire Came Near Dynamite House

Howard M. Lee, secretary-treasurer of the Dunn Fire Department, today told of a hazardous little assignment taken on Monday by six men from the Dunn fire department.

A grass fire got away at the construction site on the new Highway 421 three miles west of Dunn. Timber and lumber in the yard of Wilson Construction Co. of Salisbury was on fire.

In the same yard with it; a dynamite house with plenty of explosives.

The firemen were able to control the fire in time although considerable damage was suffered. Called out at 2:45 on Monday, the firemen were on the scene almost two hours.

Findings of a nationwide 1955 Household Food Consumption Survey suggest that homemakers are balancing time savings and money costs in their uses of ready-prepared mixes.

Economist Flays Ike's Fiscal Policies

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., (UP)—One of the nation's leading economists said today that the Eisenhower administration's fiscal policies this year showed a "willingness . . . to jeopardize the Security of the country."

Prof. Sumner H. Slichter, Lamont University professor at Harvard, made the charge in an article to appear Saturday in Business Scope, a business newsletter published here.

"It is clear that in 1957," Slichter said, "the interest of the administration in short-run stability of the price level was given precedence over the security of the country itself."

Jimmie Osborne Commits Suicide

Hillbilly Star Spats With Wife, Kills Self

LOUISVILLE, Ky., (UP)—Country music singer and guitarist Jimmie Osborne, 34, whose "Song of Kathy Fiscus" sold a million records, killed himself with a .32 caliber pistol Thursday night after a spat with his wife.

Osborne, one of Kentucky's best known folk and hillbilly singers, was found in the bathroom of his trailer home with a wound in his right temple. Police said he and his wife, Lorna Mae, had had an argument.

While at WKEX, Lexington, Ky., after World War II, Osborne wrote his best-selling record, a lament based on the ordeal of the little California girl who fell down

a deep well and died despite heroic rescue attempts. Osborne reportedly gave half the royalties to a memorial fund for Kathy Fiscus.

He once stated his own formula for singing folk music as, "Folk music must come from the heart. It must be honestly sung, and the singer must believe in what he's singing and love the people he's singing to."

Scott Given Life For Killing Wife

LOS ANGELES, (UP)—I. Ewing Scott, 61-year-old self-styled investment counsellor, today faced life in prison for the murder of his wealthy wife almost three years ago.

Jurors who convicted Scott of first-degree murder last Saturday on circumstantial evidence returned to court Thursday to set the penalty for the crime as provided under a new California law.

After deliberating for almost seven hours, the panel of seven men and five women gave Scott his life but ruled that he must spend it in prison.

Mrs. Evelyn Throsby Scott disappeared from the couple's fashionable Bel Air home in May 1955.

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