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Partly cloudy to cloudy. Little change in temperatures today, tonight and Saturday with scattered, mostly afternoon and evening thundershowers.

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ROYAL FAMILY GREET'S IKE IN SCOTLAND

Most Phones Out in Coats, Erwin

Phone Cable Snapped Through

The phones quit ringing Thursday afternoon for about two-thirds of the phone-using population in Erwin and Coats and the surrounding countryside. An accidental snapping by a natural gas crew brought on the biggest cable crisis ever faced here by the telephone company. Repair crews moved swiftly into action, starting work about four

yes-erday, were on the job all through the night and continued their complicated job today. "We hope to have service completely re-ored sometime tonight," said Henry Bridges, local manager for Carolina Telephone and Telegraph. Even the hospital in Erwin was temporarily without phone service, along with two out of every

three subscribers over a wide area. But the hospital and some others had their phones in order again by today as the repairmen built the cable together, bit by bit. The telephone company actually knew approximately what had happened before the cable snapped themselves did. Bridges said the cable, buried a (Continued on Page Two)

Ike's Welcome Unprecedented All Along Way

BALMORAL, Scotland (UPI) — President Eisenhower, delayed slightly by another tumultuous greeting, arrived here today and received a royal welcome of skirling bagpipes and an unscheduled personal greeting by Green Elizabeth and Princess Margaret. The President flew from London to Aberdeen and then drove the 56 miles to Balmoral, Scotland, past tens of thousands of Scots who had streamed in from the highlands to bid him welcome. He had been given a similar huge sendoff in London. Queen Elizabeth broke her announced decision to make no further public appearances until after the birth of her third child in January or February and came to the gates of Balmoral Castle to give a personal welcome to the President. It was the first time a U. S. President ever had visited the British royal family's highland residence. It was the first time a President had ever visited Scotland. And his flight from London aboard an RAF Jet comet was the first flight by a U. S. President aboard a foreign plane.

Big Crowds Go Wild Over Ike

LONDON (UPI) — Big crowds were old hat to President Eisenhower — but that was before London. The reception he received here late Thursday was so large and enthusiastic that some of London's top police officials, with more than 20 years experience in dealing with crowds, said frankly they had never seen anything like it. Eisenhower said he was overwhelmed after a quarter million Germans roared a welcome in Bonn Wednesday. That could leave him only overwhelmingly overwhelmed by the thunder rolling from a half million to a million Britons Thursday.

Pleasantly Shocked Members of the Eisenhower staff said the President had expected a warm reception but the actual dizzying spectacle was a pleasant shocker. Eisenhower himself was deeply gratified. He regarded the tremendous turnout as much more than a salute to an old soldier of World War II. He felt it was a thrilling demonstration as was the one in Bonn — of Western resolve to be firm and unafraid in a world of tension.

Scotland Yard and London police officials estimated the thick ribbons of humanity strung along Eisenhower's 16-mile motor tour from the airport to the U. S. Embassy residence comprised between 500,000 and one million persons. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter called the turnout and its breezy atmosphere "really terrific."

They Liked Ike Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, with a mischievous glint in his eyes but a tight grip on his British reserve, commented dryly. (Continued on Page Two)



DOWN THE DECADES Mrs. Oekie Parker has worked on one tobacco crop after another, still rises early from her bed to grade the leaf with her grandchildren. She is 86 years old. (Record Photo by Ted Crail.)



WILD ASSORTMENT of wires have to be carefully paired together as telephone crewmen L. B. Fields (with earphones under his hard hat) and fellow cable repairer E. L. Ovenden (left) struggle to return service to Coats, Erwin area. (Record Photo by Ted Crail.)

Angier Man Guilty; Must Support Child

A dark-eyed sales girl Tuesday pointed to an Angier man as the father of her infant daughter in a bastardy trial in Wake County Superior Court. Jack Womack, 25, who was convicted by an all-male jury of the charge was ordered to pay a \$98 hospital bill and to contribute \$9 per week for the support of the child. Emily Gale Jones, 22, who lives near Fuquay Springs, testified that she and Womack had had sexual relations on numerous occasions. "We were engaged to be married," she told the court. "He is the only one I've ever had anything to do with," she said in reply to a question from Defense Attorney Robert A. Coffey. Miss Jones said she had been dating Womack since 1957 until

they "broke up" after she became pregnant. She quoted Womack as saying, "I don't know what to do." Later, she said he married another girl. Womack, who was accompanied to court by his wife, didn't take the stand in the trial. Before passing sentence, Judge William Y. Bickett said, "You know she is just as much responsible for the support of this child as he is." Judge Bickett gave Womack a six-month suspended sentence and placed him on good behavior for five years. He ordered the defendant, who earns \$52 a week, to pay \$9 each week for the support of the child and pay the hospital bill. How to win a woman's love, Hollywood style: throw the other fellow out.

At 86, She Grades Tobacco And Has a Daily Shot

If She Had It To Do Over Again, She'd Just Do It Over Again,

Mrs. Oekie Parker, whose farming experience goes clear back to the time when people hardly thought of raising tobacco, was one of the first to turn to that crop and she's still at it. For the past three weeks, she's been getting up at 5:30 in the morning and working all day in a shaded pack-house. She is 86 years old. Next to oldest of the nine brothers

and sisters of the late Nathan Johnson, Sr.—who left the farm to start a mammoth Dunn based merchandising business—she raised just as many children as her mother did. Ten of them. And had to raise them mostly by herself because her husband left her a widow when she was in her thirties. She's still raising "her baby"—54-year-old A. B. Parker, youngest of her children, and a partner with his mother on the family farm on Dunn, Route 2. A long time ago Mrs. Parker tried to retire but found she isn't emotionally equipped for sitting still the whole year and minding other people's business like they do in the city. She moved into Dunn for five years but says that big-town life didn't suit her. So back she went (Continued on Page Two)

Poundage Still Climbing Here On Leaf Market

Poundage was still going up on the Dunn Tobacco Market today — graders estimated it might run to 360,000 pounds — and prices kept the market about three dollars above the average for the Eastern Belt as a whole. The market average here Thursday was \$59.23 per hundred pounds, almost dead center on the \$59.38 average recorded for the complete selling since the tobacco auctions opened. Sales supervisor said 337,486 pounds were sold at the two Dunn warehouses yesterday but an even bigger load of leaf was on the floors today. Yesterday's sales brought a total of \$19,895. Stabilization picked up 3896 (Continued on Page Two)

Dickie Coats in Fatal Crash Erwin Boy Killed At Washington, D.C.

An Erwin youth, 18-year-old Ellis Richard Coats, Jr., was fatally injured in a car wreck near Washington, D. C. Local officials believe the accident occurred on Wednesday night as the car in which Coats was riding plunged off the road. Full information on the wreck is lacking. Another Erwin boy, Bobbie McCaskill, was also in the wreck but reportedly was released from the hospital after treatment. The two boys had gone to Washington about three weeks ago and are believed to have been working there in an aluminum plant. Coats formerly worked at an Erwin service station. Called Dickie by his friends, he was the son of a millworker, Ellis Coats, Sr. Survivors include

a teen-age brother, Ronnie, and a still-younger sister, Diane. The family resides at 208 West C. Street in Erwin. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Erwin Church of God. Rev. H. T. Durdin, pastor, and the Rev. Edward Adams will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Dunn. Miss Jones said she had been dating Womack since 1957 until

Floor of 22-Story Building Collapses

ATLANTA (UPI) — Tons of concrete-slab flooring caved in today on the lower floors of a 22-story building under construction on downtown Peachtree Street. One man was killed and at least 15 workers injured. The body of a foreman, identified only as "Mandy," was found beneath the huge mass of rubble two hours after the cave-in. Witnesses said a section of the second floor crashed to the first floor with a thunderous roar. This floor, in turn, crashed into the basement level. The 15 injured, some seriously hurt, were rushed to Grady Hospital. Several were wounded — he considered himself lucky to be alive, "Oh brother, and how!" after riding down the second cave-in. He was hospitalized for cuts and abrasions.

Atlanta Cave-In Kills 1, Injures 15

Some workers "rode down" with the floor uninjured. Joined by other workers from over the building, they clawed away the debris in a hunt for the foreman. A witness said the collapse of the scaffolding and slabs, each of which weighed several tons, made a crash that sounded like a long freight train crossing a trestle. Witnesses described how workers ran in terror as the floors began to give, way and then hurried back to try to save lives. Finally, a giant wreck was brought in to clear the heavier debris. James Wilburn Pritchett, 21, of Route 3, Carnesville, Ga., said he considered himself lucky to be alive, "Oh brother, and how!" after riding down the second cave-in. He was hospitalized for cuts and abrasions.

Destroys Scale Shed

The building was being constructed for the Georgia Power Co. James Cannon, employee of a liquor store directly across a street from the site, said he was watching when the first cave-in occurred. "I was watching over there and could see men running," he said. "I called the fire department. I couldn't tell hardly what happened. I talked to one worker and he couldn't tell me how many were in there. "It was a loud crash. I could not feel it jarring, but it sounded like a freight train, a long train, crossing over a trestle. "It looked like some of them were buried in the wet concrete."

Fire Strikes Again At Pepper Factory

Fire struck again at H. P. Cannon and Sons just before 2 o'clock this morning and destroyed three sets of scales and the metal-topped shed which housed them. It was the second fire this week at the pepper plant—the first had been out only a little over 30 hours when the first department was called out anew. Howard M. Lee, secretary-treasurer of the Dunn fire crew, said the blaze was "mysterious in origin" and no cause has been ascertained. The loss, which will run several hundred dollars, was reportedly not covered by insurance. Fire Chief Ralph Hanna led 22 men to the scene. They took approximately half an hour to get the fire out. An earlier fire at the pepper plant on Wednesday was contained in a storage warehouse. The fire department was not called when it first broke out but Chief Hanna, a member of Dunn Enterprises, Inc., which owns the property, went out to investigate. He found the deep-smoldering fire was starting to blaze anew and brought out the fire crew. Firemen, called from their beds last night, went home again at 2:23 a. m.

23 Competing For Tobacco Queen Title

MOUNT AIRY (UPI)—Twenty-three young beauties, one of whom will be crowned the 1960 National Tobacco Queen, were kept busy today with rehearsals and preliminaries readying for the crowning climax. The beauty pageant contestants began arriving here Tuesday for the two day festival. The girls represent the Carolinas, Georgia and Virginia. Today's program

including a news conference, a tea and a luncheon. The winner of Saturday night's program will receive a \$1,000 scholarship or cash, a free charm and beauty course in Atlanta and a three day trip to Charleston, S. C. The new golden leaf queen will be crowned by reigning tobacco queen Martha Rae Williams of Myrtle Beach, S. C. (Continued on Page Two)