

In Christ Role



Frederick Hitch, business man of Bloomington, Ill., is attracting attention of critics by the manner in which he portrays the role of Christ in a Passion Play which will be presented in that city this summer.

CHIROPRACTOR CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CRIME

Henry Leo Mottard is charged with performing many illegal operations in New York.

(By the Associated Press)

New York, April 9.—As a result of investigations to determine whether a child adopted by Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Grose, of Morsesville, N. J., is the kidnapped Lillian McKenzie, missing from New York since 1923, Henry Leo Mottard, of Smithtown, who said he was a graduate chiropractic physician practicing in New York under the name of Harry L. Green, was arrested today and charged with performing an illegal operation.

Police said Mottard told them the child now in the Grose home was born in his office to a Mary Sullivan, of Connecticut, several months before the birth of the McKenzie baby and he had given it to Mrs. O'Keefe, a professional mother who sold it to Mrs. Grose for \$100.

They also said Mottard had performed many operations in and around New York.

THE COTTON MARKET

Reports of Rain in Texas and Easy Liverpool Cables Followed by Opening Decline.

New York, April 9.—Reports of further showers in Texas, and relatively easy Liverpool cables were followed by an opening decline of 8 to 10 points in the cotton market today. This carried prices back to about the lowest levels reached yesterday, but considerable trading over covering around 24.01 for May and 23.94 for October absorbed early offerings.

The market rallied 10 or 12 points from the lowest before the end of the first hour on prospects for clearing weather in the southwest and rumors that a private authority estimated domestic mill consumption for March at 607,000 bales, against 485,840 last year. Cotton futures opened easy. May 24.02; July 24.34; Oct. 23.98; Dec. 24.05; Jan. 23.80.

"Colonel Joe's" Argus Has Entered New Volume.

Goldsboro, April 8.—The Goldsboro Evening Argus with Col. Joseph E. Robinson at the helm, today opened a new volume. With its edition of Monday, this valuable paper completed its eighth, semi-annual volume, rounding out forty years of sterling service to the people of Goldsboro.

There is possibly no man in the community who is held in higher esteem than "Col. Joe" as he is called here and his motto, "never to print anything that will cause a blush of shame or hurt the feelings of man, woman or child," has won him a place in the hearts of the people of this community.

Several of the most prominent men in this city tendered Mr. Robinson a banquet several weeks ago at which there were some two hundred men and women present and later a committee visited every store in the community and covered advertising contracts which totaled in the hundred thousand inches and was presented to the veteran editor as an anniversary gift.

JIMISON'S APPEAL WITHDRAWN

Will Begin in a Few Days to Serve His 60 Days Sentence on the Roads.

Charlotte, April 9.—Tom P. Jimison, former Methodist minister, announced today he would withdraw his appeal and start within a few days serving his sentence of sixty days on the county roads, imposed last week in city court here on a charge of violating the Valstead act. Jimison is at liberty on \$250 bond.

Special Meeting of Chamber of Commerce

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. to meet with W. C. Wilkinson, Highway Commissioner from this district, for the purpose of considering the matter of taking over the Monroe road by the State Highway Commission.

Farmers' Day at York & Wadsworth Co's. Next Saturday

Next Saturday, April 11th, will be Farmers' Day and Oliver Implement Day at York & Wadsworth Co's. On that day special prices will be made on Oliver plows and implements, and two Oliver plows will be given away absolutely free. Free lunch will be served from 12 to 1:30 o'clock to all farmers and their families. Several men from the factory will be in charge of the demonstration. This will be something new. Don't miss it.

HAROLD DONAHEY IS FINED FOR TAKING GIRL TO COLUMBUS

Son of Governor of Ohio Placed in Custody of Sheriff Until Fine and Costs in Case Have Been Paid.

GIRL ON STRICT PROBATION NOW

Donahay Also Placed Under the Control of County Juvenile Court Until He Reaches Age of 21.

Zanesville, O., April 9.—Harold Donahay, 19-year-old son of Governor Vic Donahay, today was fined \$100 and the cost by Probate Judge Clarence Graham, on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of Miss Lillian Vogel, 15-year-old Zanesville girl whom he took to Columbus Sunday night.

He was remanded to the custody of Sheriff O. F. Bradford until the fine was paid. He also was placed under the control of the Muskingum County juvenile court until he reaches 21 years of age.

Miss Vogel was placed under strict probation of the court for twelve months.

Formal Charge Against Harold Donahay

Zanesville, O., April 9.—The formal charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor was filed against Harold Donahay, 19-year-old son of Governor Vic Donahay, by Probation Officer Bernard Hill in juvenile court here this morning.

Gov. Donahay Grieved Over the Episode

Columbus, Ohio, April 8.—"I am grieved over the episode, and hope the public will be fair in its judgment," was the only comment Governor Donahay had to make on the finding of his son in Zanesville today on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

DIXIE MOTOR TO FIGHT NEW BUS LINE AWARD

Takes Appeal From Greensboro-Charlotte Schedules Fixed by Commission.

Raleigh, April 8.—Without coming directly to the issue of eliminating equipment the Corporation Commission today fixed up 26 round trips between Greensboro and Charlotte and apportioned them among seven competing companies.

General Albert L. Cox, representing the Dixie Motor Company, gave notice of appeal and it is assumed that he will take his case soon to the Superior Court.

From there he naturally will go to the Supreme Court and the old question of Corporation Commission supremacy will again be argued.

The commission assigned round trips on the basis of equipment. The cars range in carrying capacity from 7 to 22. On this basis the following lines were apportioned:

- Kirk's auto Service, eight round trips.
- Piedmont Stage Line, eight round trips.
- Blue Star Bus Line, two round trips.
- Charlotte-Concord Bus Line, two round trips.
- Royal Blue Transportation, two round trips.
- Dixie Motor Company, three round trips.
- White Bus Line, one round trip.

This makes an aggregate of 26 trips running at intervals of 30 minutes. The first cars leave Greensboro at seven in the morning and the last at 7:30 in the evening. There is no agreement as to the even and the odd startings. The bus owners take pot luck and go into the running as they are called in. The trips are all through. There is no short line haul. Every 30 minutes the traveler can catch a bus going in north or south direction. All lines will pick up passengers at these intervals and at all stations as well as non-stops.

The service begins by schedule Monday, April 13th.

Ruth Will Participate in Yankee's First Game

New York, April 8.—Babe Ruth, Yankee slugger, forced by illness to return to New York before the completion of the Yankee exhibition tour in the south, will appear in the opening game of the season at the Yankee stadium against the Washington Senators. He may play in Sunday's exhibition contest against Brooklyn at Ebbets Field. This announcement was made today by Edward G. Barrow, business manager of the Yankees.

After a long distance telephone conversation with Miller Huggins, manager of the team, Barrow said:

"Ruth's recent ailment was due to acute indigestion. His present condition is not serious. His present condition is scheduled to arrive in New York from Asheville where he was taken ill, at 1:30 p. m., tomorrow to rest up for the opening game of the season."

Appointed Minister to China

Washington, April 9.—John Van McMurray, an assistant secretary of state, was appointed today to be minister to China.

Mr. McMurray, who is an expert on Far East affairs, will succeed at Peking Jacob Gould Schurman, who has been transferred to Berlin as ambassador.

Try to Prove Dorothy Ellingson Is Sane

San Francisco, April 7.—Prosecution in the trial to determine the sanity of Dorothy Ellingson was prepared today to introduce testimony of three expert witnesses, notably Dr. Floyd Bryan, an X-ray specialist, who it is believed would testify that the X-ray plates of the defendant by the defense discloses nothing abnormal.

Appointed Alien Property Custodian

Washington, April 9.—Frederick C. Hicks, former representative from New York, today was appointed alien property custodian.

WASHINGTON HEARD THAT BABE RUTH DIED ON TRAIN

Reports Dissipated With Arrival of the Slugger in Capital on Way to New York.

Washington, April 9.—Reports that George Herman "Babe" Ruth, baseball's premier batsman, had died en route from Asheville, N. C., were dissipated today with the arrival here of the train on which he was traveling.

Those in charge of the train said that Ruth, who collapsed in Asheville Tuesday, still was ill, but his condition so far as they knew was not serious.

Accompanied by representatives of the New York Yankees, Ruth left Asheville at 3:50 p. m., yesterday, and immediately was put to bed in a compartment. The train arrived here at 7:45 a. m. today, and the sleeper in which Ruth had a compartment was switched to a New York train which departed at 8:20 a. m. It is due in New York this afternoon.

Ruth Fainted as Train Pulled Into New York.

New York, April 9.—Babe Ruth, New York Yankee slugger, fainted in the wash room of his car as the train bringing him from Asheville, N. C., pulled into Pennsylvania Station early this afternoon. Dr. Edward King, Ruth's physician, who met the train, ordered the home run king removed to St. Vincent's hospital.

FIRES IN THE VIRGINIA MOUNTAINS START AFRESH

Situation Worse Than It Has Been Since Blaze Started Saturday.

Blacksburg, Va., April 9.—New fires broke out in different sections of the Blue Ridge mountains here yesterday, and last night and all today found the situation worse than it has been since the main blaze began to eat into the forest on Brush Mountain last Saturday.

Calls for assistance from the new areas necessitated the dividing of fire fighting forces which had been concentrated on the six-mile front of the original conflagration, and heroic efforts prevented the seething flames from sweeping into settlements that had been considered safe before yesterday's winds arose.

PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO PERU IS DELIVERED

As Arbitrator in Tacna-Arica Arbitration Case President Replies to Peruvian Memorial.

Washington, April 9.—President Coolidge's reply to the Peruvian memorial in connection with the Tacna-Arica arbitration case was delivered today to the Peruvian ambassador for transmission to his government.

The President's message was delivered today to the embassy by a State Department messenger. It was signed by Mr. Coolidge as arbitrator, and countersigned by Frank B. Kellogg as secretary of state.

SHEPHERD'S FATE IS NOW WITH SUPREME COURT

If Highest Court in Illinois Rules Against Him, He Must Stay in Jail.

Chicago, April 9.—William D. Shepherd's last chance for release from jail pending his trial on charges of killing with typhoid germs his foster son, Will Nelson McClimock, orphan millionaire, lies with the Illinois Supreme Court.

Decision by the court on a motion for the right of habeas corpus, filed by his counsel for presentation today, is expected within a few days.

With Our Advertisers

Smart dressers adopt blonde satins in footwear at Ruth-Kesler Shoe Store for \$5.95 and up.

Jarratt's is now having a ten days sale of tires at dealer's cost. Look at the very low prices in a quarter page ad in this paper, and don't miss this wonderful chance to get your tires cheap. The stock won't last long as these prices. Better hurry. Phone 802. Green Front on East Corbin street.

Easter suits \$30 to \$45 at Browns-Cannon Co. Hats, shirts, shoes and ties too.

A representative from The Royal Blue Tailoring Co. will be at Parks-Belk Co. Friday and Saturday to take your measure for a suit.

Luxurious couch hammocks at Bell & Harris Furniture Co's. You will soon need it, for the warm days are coming.

Only four days till Easter. The Parks-Belk Co. has just received a big shipment of Easter hats. You will find here the famous Meadowbrook hand-made hats from \$9.95 to \$19.95. The Easter frocks there for women and misses are revealed in accordance with fashion's dictates.

Easter coat suits and ensembles, \$7.95 and up, at Fisher's. Just the garments you want for Easter.

When you take shares in the Cabarrus County B. L. and S. Association you become a shareholder or stockholder and it is a case of share and stake alike with all. Running shares 25 cents per share per week. Prepaid shares \$72.25 per share. Stock has been maturing in 328 weeks. All stock is non-taxable.

Prominent Burke Man Found Guilty of Lax Morals

Hickory, April 7.—T. L. Sigmon, former superintendent of public instruction of Burke county, and twice its representative in the State legislature, was convicted today in Catawba County Superior Court before Judge A. M. Stack in Newton on a charge of immorality.

He has been given his choice of six months on the Buncombe county roads or six months in the county jail and fined \$250 and costs of the action.

Solicitor R. L. Huffman rested the State's case after Miss Myrtle Godfrey, Sigmon's former stenographer, swore that the defendant was the father of her son, who was born in Newton, N. C., in 1918. The rest of the time was taken up with the testimony of character witnesses, most of them from Burke county, who swore to the previous good character of Mr. Sigmon.

Sigmon is a man about fifty-five years old.

DOROTHY ELLINGSON TELLS HER LAWYER, "I COULD CHOKE YOU"

Girl Charged With Murder of Mother Threatened to Disrupt Court With Her Unschooled Temper Today.

LAWYER MAKING PLEAS FOR HER

Was Closing His Argument in Case to Prove Her Insane When She Told Him She Could Choke Him.

San Francisco, April 9.—The unschooled temper of Dorothy Ellingson, that element in her makeup which was responsible for discord in the Ellingson home, and later led to a violent argument which resulted in the girl's shooting her mother to death, threatened to disrupt an orderly Superior Court's insanity proceedings against the girl today.

In a flare-up yesterday the 17-year-old girl charged with the murder of her mother, cut off the closing arguments of her attorney with the remark "I could choke you."

The attorney angered his client when he tried to support his insanity argument by detailing events in the life of the girl.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT MAY 31

President Announces Program From May 31 to June 3, Inclusive.

Davidson, April 9.—President William J. Martin, of Davidson College, has announced the commencement program for 1925. The dates will be May 31-June 3. The Rev. J. G. McAllister, D. D., of the Louisville Theological Seminary, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 31. The literary address will be delivered on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 2, by President J. R. McCain, of Agnes Scott College.

The program, in full, as announced by Dr. Martin, follows:

Sunday, May 31: 11 a. m. baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. G. McAllister, D. D., of the Louisville Theological Seminary.

S. p. m. annual sermon before the Y. M. C. A.—Rev. Neal Anderson, D. D., of Savannah, Ga.

Monday June 1st: 5:30 p. m. senior class exercises.

8 p. m. Dramatic Club presentation.

10 p. m. General Faculty reception.

Tuesday, June 2nd: 9:30 a. m. Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

12:15 p. m. Annual Literary Address—President J. R. McCain, of Agnes Scott College.

1:30 p. m. Annual Alumni luncheon; meeting of Alumni Association.

5 p. m. Reception by the faculty.

8 p. m. Exercises of Literary Societies; contest for Senior Oratorical medal; Award of Society Diplomas; Trophies and Medals.

10:30 p. m. Senior Class Feature.

Wednesday, June 3rd: 10:30 a. m. Award of College Medals; Graduation Exercises; Lowering of Class Flag.

Marine Recruiting Party Visits City to Return Saturday.

Sgt. W. E. Atchison, of the U. S. Marine Corps Recruiting Force, District of Charlotte, was in the city today. He will return to the city Saturday for a short time. He will make the Postoffice his headquarters while in the city.

The Marine Corps standard is quite high. Only the most standard men are accepted in the corps. Men between the ages of 19 and 30 and 65 to 74 inches in height are urged to try the examination. Sixty different trade and academic courses are taught in the Marine Corps Institute. Marines are stationed in all the naval bases in the U. S., abroad all dreadnaughts and cruisers in the navy and have bases in over a dozen foreign countries.

The fellowship, travel, education and pay offered by this attractive branch of the service is hard to beat.

The corps has a brilliant history dating back 150 years. They are following on through the years distinguished themselves in all our nation's battles. Their motto is "Semper Paratus," or "Always Faithful" was proved in the late world war.

March Report of the Concord Public Library.

Borrowers 5631. New borrowers 75. Visitors to reading room: Adults 513; children 513; total 826. Books borrowed: 9dulet 2519, children 929; total 3447. Books bought: Adult 13. Books given: Adult 4. Books discarded—Adult 14, children 1. Total number volumes 6802. Fine money: Collected \$22.04. Spent \$4.65.

MRS. RICHMOND REED, Librarian.

Lenoir-Rhyme Will Hear Dr. Scherer.

Hickory, April 8.—Rev. M. G. Scherer, D. D., of New York, has accepted an invitation to deliver the baccalaureate sermon at Lenoir-Rhyme College at the approaching commencement. It was announced this morning. Dr. Scherer was formerly a prominent figure in the Lutheran Church, but for the past six years has been secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America with headquarters in New York.

DAIRIES IN COUNTY ARE GIVEN THE ONCE OVER

Reported That Conditions at Some of The Dairies Are Very Unsatisfactory.

An inspection of the sources of Concord and Kannapolis milk supply, conducted some weeks ago by Dr. T. N. Spencer, City Food Inspector, and Dr. S. E. Buchanan, County Health Officer, has revealed a condition of affairs among the dairies that is far from satisfactory, say the doctors making the investigation.

The inspection was conducted without any preliminary notice and caught most of the dairymen off their guard, with the result that many of them were found with places that were not up to standard. Many of the grades were low, so low that it was thought best by the two doctors making the investigation not to publish them. It was learned, however, that the highest was around 84 and the lowest in the neighborhood of 55.

In giving his reasons for not publishing the grades, Dr. Spencer declared it was impossible to do so because the comparison with other cities would give Concord a black eye which was by no means deserved. "Our milk here is no worse than it is in many of the other cities in close proximity. For instance, the milk in Charlotte is not of higher grade than it is in Concord. At the same time, Charlotte inspectors are giving their ratings of the dairies as high as 98 and 99 and not lower than 85."

"With our ratings at such a low grade, it would mean that Concord would be looked upon as a place where filthy milk was pushed off on the consumers which is really not at all true. As a matter of fact, we have rated the dairies as they should be rated with no thought of sparing any of them."

Dr. Spencer then went on to give an outline of the plans which were to be presented to the new Board of Aldermen after their election in May. The scheme was one which had been adopted by Wilmington, Greensboro, High Point and other cities.

The milk is sent in from the dairies daily and is graded by means of a bacteria count. After six months of grading the different dairies are then given labels of "A," "B," "C" and "D" which they have to put on their milk bottles. "A" milk will designate the best quality and "D" will be the worst. Nothing will be done to force dairymen to better the quality of the milk. Public opinion and lack of customers is supposed to do that.

From time to time, gradings will be changed as is deemed necessary from the bacteria counts. An inspection will continue daily and will insure persons who want good milk that they will get the best.

If the Board of Aldermen adopt the ordinance, Concord will be placed on a par with the other cities of the State in this health measure.

Every bottle of milk will be labeled, not only with the grade as noted from the bacteriological count, but it will be labeled as to whether or not it has been pasteurized, whether or not the contents are raw and the percentage of fat the milk contains. Grocery stores, restaurants, cafes, soda fountains and similar establishments must then state, on a card furnished by the health officer, "the grade of milk at the time when delivered and whether same is raw or pasteurized."

101,700 RAISED IN QUEENS ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Announcement Made at First Report of the Endowment Campaign Workers.

Charlotte, N. C., April 8.—A total of \$101,700 has been received in subscriptions, it was announced Tuesday night, April 7th, at the first report dinner of the Queens College Endowment Campaign for \$300,000, which was officially launched Monday, April 6th. The 300 workers will continue their canvass, making reports Thursday and the following Wednesday nights, by which time it is hoped that the quotas will be well on the way to completion.

A Thousand Dollar Club, composed of those subscribing one thousand dollars or more to the campaign, has been formed, with twenty-one members thus far. It is hoped that fifty members will be secured before the conclusion of the intensive period of the Campaign.

Mrs. Cameron Morrison has subscribed \$25,000 toward the completion of all the campaign. This magnificent gift, which was presented, unsolicited, to President Frazer at his home on the college campus, is an added expression of Mrs. Morrison's interest in Christian education and has greatly encouraged the solicitors in their work toward the successful conclusion of the campaign.

Auction Sale of Winecoff-Barnhardt Property.

The Winecoff-Barnhardt property on the Kannapolis-Center Grove road, adjacent to Kannapolis, has been divided into beautiful lots and small tracts and will be sold at auction Tuesday, April 14, at 10:30 a. m.

This property has been sub-divided into a number of very desirable residential lots and small acreage tracts and each will front on a good street or road, located in a section that is developing fast. Convenient to schools, churches and stores, only a short distance from the busiest section of Kannapolis.

Wheeler History Will Be Out Soon.

Hickory, April 8.—The new edition of Wheeler's History of North Carolina, gotten out through the efforts of the John Hoyle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, led by Mrs. E. L. Shuford, of this city, will be ready about Mary 1st, Mrs. Shuford announces. It is expected to place a copy of the history in every high school and town library in the state. The volume, which contains information about the early days of the state, will be reprinted exactly as it first appeared and will have some new and interesting matter from the pen of Mrs. Shuford.

Chosen Chairman of Muscle Shoals Commission.

Washington, April 9.—The Muscle Shoals commission appointed recently by President Coolidge elected former representative McKenzie, of Illinois, chairman today at its first meeting.

Gasoline was reduced another cent Tuesday when all the stations in the city made a cut. The price now stands at 24 cents.

FINANCES SUBJECT DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY DURING AFTERNOON

French Chamber of Deputies Takes Up the Situation Brought About by Latest Government Request.

HERRIOTT SPEAKING IN GREAT UPROAR

Test Vote Showed That When Discussion Was Started Government Had 70 Vote Majority.

Paris, April 9 (By the Associated Press).—The chamber of deputies shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon began the discussion of the financial situation requested by the government.

The government seemed to have a majority of about 70 in the first test vote by a show of hands as to when the discussion should take place.

Premier Herriot began speaking amid a terrific uproar. His followers welcomed him noisily, while the opposition "boomed." Every deputy was present, packing the chamber.

Premier Herriot said he had decided to speak immediately because of the "imprudent campaign now going on in the financial domain injuring France before her own public opinion, and what is more important, opinion abroad." He added he will show by figures that the financial situation of France was not so critical as broadcasted by his political enemies.

CLARENCE WINECOFF RETURNS FROM SOUTH AMERICAN CRUISE

Is On Board Ship That Carries General Pershing to Peru for Anniversary Celebration.

Clarence Winecoff, son of Mrs. Laura Winecoff, of this city, relates an interesting story of the tour he has just completed around the coast of South America. He was on board the ship which carried General Pershing to Callao, Peru, to assist in the celebration of the 100 anniversary of the independence of the country.

General Pershing was Ambassador Extraordinary from the United States and represented this country in all the state functions in Peru.

After leaving this country, the ship went to the Panama Canal where it crossed to the Pacific Ocean and proceeded down the west coast of South America until Callao was reached. The party remained here for three weeks. This was prior to the United States Award in the Chile-Peruvian controversy and the ill feeling was not strong toward this country at that time as it has been since, said Mr. Winecoff. However, the feeling against Chile was so strong that all persons on board ship were cautioned not to even mention the name of Chile to any Peruvian.

From Peru the ship went to Valparaiso, then through the Straits of Magellan and on up the east coast of South America. Rio de Janeiro was the prettiest place he had ever seen, declared Mr. Winecoff. It was like a fairyland.

After leaving the South American coast, the ship went to Cuba and then into New York.

In June Mr. Winecoff will go on the midshipman's practice cruise to the Panama Canal, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle. He graduated last June from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis with the rank of midshipman. On the South American cruise he was an assistant engineer on the ship. His headquarters is in Boston.

JOHN A. LENTZ DIES IN A HICKORY HOSPITAL

Fell From Ladder Monday While Inspecting Building Under Construction.

Hickory, April 8.—John A. Lentz, prominent in business circles for the past quarter century, died this morning at 1 o'clock at the Richmond-Baker hospital where he was carried from West Hickory late Monday afternoon in an unconscious condition after he had fallen from the second story of a building under construction.

Mr. Lentz and C. H. Geitner were making inspections for the First Building and Loan association when a ladder by which Mr. Lentz was descending from an upstairs room slipped and he fell nine feet, striking on his head and right shoulder.

For the past 30 years he had been connected with the First Building and Loan association as a director and in addition to his work there had aided 500 or more persons individually in securing homes of their own. He was once mayor of Hickory and served for several terms on the board of aldermen. He was born in Rockwell, Rowan county, on February 2, 1860. He was twice married first to Miss Mollie Wiley, of the eastern part of the state, and in 1918 to Miss Blanche Finger, of Hickory. Six children survive.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS

Increasing cloudiness tonight, possibly showers in extreme west portion, somewhat warmer in west and central portions; Friday cloudy, probably showers in west and central portions.