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School Costs

The State does not, as is generally believed, pay a major part of Charlotte's school costs. Pete McKnight cites the figures in a special article on Page 1, Section II.

State Ready To Try Two In Satinover Murder Case

18 CHARGED WITH ADULTERATING MILK

Truman Urges Legislation To Unify Armed Forces

Speakeasy Slaying To Be Aired In Court Here

Crowell, Odom Are Defendants

Trial of Worth B. Crowell and Francis C. Odom, charged with the slaying of Herman Satinover, at an Arlington Ave. speakeasy in the early morning hours of Jan. 20 was expected to get underway in Mecklenburg Superior Court this afternoon.

The case was scheduled to be started before Judge Zeb V. Nettles this morning but the necessity of clearing all jail cases prolonged the Court's attention to other matters and the sensational murder case was not called.

At luncheon adjournment, Court attaches expressed the belief that Solicitor Basil Whitener would be ready to call the case this afternoon.

Crowell, who had been returned to jail when his bondsman reneged, and Odom, who has been at liberty under bail of $10,000, were both in the courtroom this morning, ready to answer if their names should be called. Also present was Mary Cherry Boatright, who is charged with being an accessory after the fact and who has been at liberty under a bond of $500.

Both Crowell and Odom are formally charged with murder, the State contending that Crowell fired the fatal shot while Odom was holding Satinover, who has been characterized by police as a dealer in illicit liquor.

The slaying occurred around 3:30 A. M. Jan. 20 when Satinover went to Odom's place on Arlington Ave. to avenge what he thought was an insult to his sister, Sylvia Satinover, who claimed that she had been thrown out of the place.

China To Build Roads In Sinkiang

NANKING— (AP) —The Chinese Government plans to complete two important highways this year in remote Sinkiang Province, where Northwest China meets the Soviet Union's borders, informed sources said today.

One road will connect Sining, capital of Tsinghai Providence, with Hungliukow in Southern Sinkiang. Already 530 of the 765 miles are built.

(Sining is connected by highway with Chungking and other parts of China and some roads lead westward from Sining by devious routes into Sinkiang.)

The second highway will connect Tokuan, (Tukiang) in Southeastern Sinkiang with Yutien (Kaiya) in the southwestern part of the province. Work also has begun on this 800-mile highway.

Man Finds Wife Who Likes Beard

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Writer Robert Light, who sports one of the most luxurious beards in town, will be married tomorrow to a bride who doesn't mind it.

Light's former wife, Actress Judith Webster, made the beard an issue in her divorce, made final last Feb. 4. But Actress Jan Keller, 22-year-old lead in the fourteen-year-old "Drunkard," says:

"I like beards."

She and Light, 26, announced the ceremony probably would be in Yuma, Ariz.

Puts Out Fire In Car But Finds Child Dead

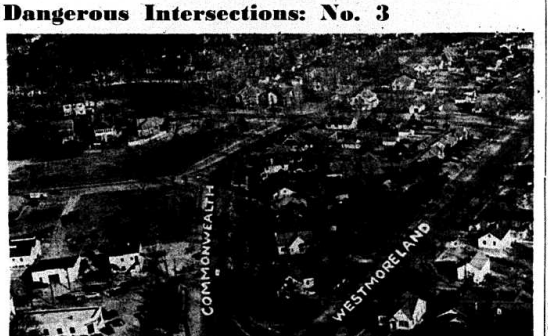
LEUCADIA, Calif. —(AP)—Mrs. Edward Fehrensen, noting smoke pouring from the back set of the family car, finally succeeded in extinguishing the blaze with buckets of water.

Only then did she discover her two-year-old son, Douglas, suffocated on the car floor. Deputy Coroner Lloyd Jones said the child apparently started the fire, playing with matches.

Jap Train Wreck Blamed On Failure Of Air Brakes

YOKOHAMA— (AP) —The disastrous train wreck near Komjawa which killed 178 persons and injured 350 yesterday was caused by the failure of air brakes on one of the four coaches that were derailed, the military railway service reported today.

Dangerous Intersections: No. 3



BAD CORNER—The vexing intersection formed by heavy-traveled Pecan St., Westmoreland, and Commonwealth Aves., is a constant source of danger for motorists, yet there are no traffic signals or controls to regulate the flow of cars. This is one of many places in Charlotte which need such controls. (Photo by Haskell A. Deaton Flying Service, Plaza Airport).

Wide Authority Proposed

Roberts Urges Passage Of Off-Street Parking Measure

By PETE McKNIGHT
News Editor, The News

A comprehensive law giving N. C. towns, cities and counties full legal authority to establish and operate off-street parking facilities will be introduced in the State Legislature this session, Coleman W. Roberts, president of the Carolina Motor Club, said today.

The bill, drawn by national experts after close examination of many state laws, has been sent to several members of the House and Senate, it is being sponsored by the Motor Club.

Mr. Roberts left this morning for Raleigh to confer with members of the General Assembly about the bill. He predicted that it will bear many signatures representing different sections of the state.

"I believe this is the kind of law we need. If it is adopted by the General Assembly, every city and town in the state will be able to start work immediately on its parking problem," Mr. Roberts said.

ALL-INCLUSIVE

The all-inclusive nature of the bill is indicated by its title: "An act to provide for the planning, design, location, financing, acquisition of property for, construction, alteration, enlargement, use, maintenance, operation, and fostering of off-street automofile parking facilities; for the creation of parking facilities divisions in the departments of highways or streets (or public works) of the state, counties, cities, towns and villages; and for other purposes."

The bill defines, at the outset, four types of parking facilities:

1. Public off-street facilities — accommodations provided by public authority for the parking of automobiles off the street or highway, and open to public use, with or without charge. Such facilities may be publicly owned and publicly operated, or they may be publicly owned and privately operated.

2. Commercial off-street facilities — accommodations provided by

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Sicilian Volcano Erupts

Mount Etna Lava Threatens Towns

ROME — (AP) — Dispatches from Sicily said tonight molten lava, flowing slowly from a new crater blown out of the side of Mount Etna menaced several communities in its path and villagers were fleeing in panic.

The fiery stream was reported to have reached within 2,500 yards of the first village, Passo Pisciaro, below the crater.

Dispatches from Catania to Rome's Giornale D'Italia said the lava began flooding down on a 300-yard front at a rate of about 70 yards an hour, and that when it reached the plain of Damusi, at an altitude of about 1,600 yards, it broke into three forks.

200 YARDS DEEP

The northeast and largest was said to be oozing toward Cisterna Di Collabasso, on the plains of Palombe. Another fork was spreading inexorably northwestward and a smaller stream, lagging somewhat, pushed on between the two. In some places the incandescent mass was reported up to 200 yards deep.

Mount Etna has had no notable eruption since 1926, when lava destroyed the village of Mascati.

Lilienthal Supported

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Senate Atomic Energy Committee completed today its examination of scheduled witnesses on the nomination of David E. Lilienthal to head the atomic commission and may decide tomorrow to close the hearings.

Chairman Hickenlooper, Republican, Iowa, made the announcement after the committee received endorsements of Lilienthal from former Gov. Philip F. LaFollette of Wisconsin; William L. Batt, Philadelphia manufacturer and former chairman of the War Production Board; and Owen D. Young, industrialist and former head of the General Electric Co.

Hickenlooper said the committee will decide at an executive session tomorrow whether to close the hearings on confirmation of Lilienthal and four other commission members.

Batt testified that Lilienthal ran "a good organization" when he was chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority and urged speedy confirmation of all the nominees.

EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE

The witness said it would take a man of imagination and ability to handle the atomic commission work and expressed confidence that Lilienthal was competent to do the job.

Batt said refusal of the Senate to accept Lilienthal would augment "a dangerous tendency to break down the morale for public service." He said that "there is being created in the public mind a very great uncertainty whether atomic energy control is the bipartisan effort Congress intended it to be, or not."

Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, read into the committee record a telegram from Young giving strong endorsement to Lilienthal.

Congress Gets Draft Of Measure

National Defense Plan Suggested

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman sent to Congress today the draft of a proposed bill calling for the unification of the armed forces.

The legislation would set up a national defense establishment, under a civilian Secretary of National Defense who would have Cabinet rank.

The legislation would bring under the defense establishment equally-important departments of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force.

FOUR SECRETARIES

Each of the three branches of the armed services would have a secretary to direct its activities as an individual unit. The three secretaries—for Army, Navy and Air Force—in turn would operate under direction of the Secretary of National Defense.

While all four secretaries would be subject to confirmation by the Senate, the White House said only the Secretary of National Defense would have Cabinet rank.

The President, in a letter submitting the proposed legislation, informed Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, presiding officer of the Senate, and Speaker Martin, Republican, Massachusetts, of the House:

"It is my belief that this suggested legislation accomplishes the desired unification of the services and I heartily recommend its enactment by the Congress."

The draft, entitled "National Security Act of 1947," was completed by Clark M. Clifford, the President's special counsel, after lengthy consultations with the Secretaries of War and Navy and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of whom, Mr. Truman said, approved the bill.

Under the measure, the United States Air Force would be established under the Department Of The Air Force to which would be transferred the Army Air Forces, the Air Corps Of The United States Army, and General Headquarters Air Force (Air Force Combat Command).

The President would appoint, subject to Senate confirmation, a chief of staff of the Air Force for a term of four years. The functions of the Commanding general of the Air Force Combat Command, the chief of the Air Corps, and the commanding general of the Army Air Forces would be transferred to this Chief of Staff.

The legislation sets up within the National Defense establishment of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to be made up of the Chief of Staff of the United States Army, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, and the Chief of Staff Of the Commander-in-Chief "if there be one."

This joint command would act as principal military adviser to the President and the Secretary of National Defense, preparing strategic plans and providing for strategic direction of the military forces.

While the secretaries of the Army, the Navy and the Department of the Air Force would function under the overall direction of the Secretary of National Defense, the legislation provides that any of the three may appeal directly to the President, after informing the National Defense Secretary of any matter he wishes to take up with the White House.

Secret Of German Plumbing Shown

Goering's Method Of Hiding Poison Disclosed

By THOMAS A. REEDY
NUERNBERG, Germany—(AP)—Herman Goering knew something about German plumbing which his captors didn't, and that was how he managed his suicide several hours before he was to be hanged, a reliable source said today.

The informant said the former Reichsmarshal described his ruse in a letter to Col. B. C. Andrus, the prison commandant.

That letter and two others by Goering are in Allied Control Council files and probably never will be published officially. But the informant gave the following report on what Goering said to Andrus:

The last leader told of having three metal cartridges, each containing a vial of prussic acid. Andrus found one on Goering's person and thought there were no more. But Goering had a second one in his luggage in Mondorf and a third one concealed rectally when he was moved to Nuernberg for his trial by the International Military Tribunal.

RISK TAKEN

As soon as he was in his cell, Goering went over the cubicle minutely and studied the toilet. How much did the Americans know about German plumbing? That was the principal problem. But he had to risk it.

The Marshal knew exactly how it worked. There was the flat china bed, unlike American plumbing, and the four inch wide outlet in the front.

The water flushed down that aperture, but there it had to backtrack. The pipe leading back, however, was not built in a straight line. There was a slight hump in it about three inches from the front.

Goering had to gamble that the hump was high enough so a metal cartridge placed in there, out of sight of course, would be so heavy that the water could not carry it over that hump. Flushing proved it was.

From that moment on, Goering was cocky, belligerent, sure of himself. He never would hang. And he so told his wife Emmy, at a visit one day last August. She said later she did not realize at the time why he was so positive.

BAD MOMENTS

He had several bad moments though when special shakedown inspections were held. But never did anyone probe the inner piping of the toilet.

Many times, Goering is reported to have said in his letter, he carried the cartridge with him to the courtroom. This he felt he had to do in case his cell was changed abruptly in his absence—which actually happened five times. And each time he was prepared.

He carried the cartridge even in his uniform pocket sometime, occasionally rectally once or twice embedded in the navel cavity.

When Goering was found dead, the metal cartridge lay beside him. It was stained green, the deposit of many weeks of lying in the aperture with water crossing over it. He explained that in his note.

His face in death was twisted into a leer.

Successor To Gardner

Lewis W. Douglas Appointed Envoy To London Court

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Lewis W. Douglas, one time budget director, today was appointed by President Truman to be Ambassador to Great Britain.

The nomination was sent to the Senate for consideration.

Douglas takes the post to which O. Max Gardner, former Governor of North Carolina, was bound when he died suddenly in New York just before sailing.

Now president of the Mutual Life Insurance Co., New York, Douglas formerly served in the House as a Representative from Arizona. He is a Democrat and served briefly as director of the budget when the late Franklin D. Roosevelt took office in 1933. He quit this post in a difference of opinion on spending policies.

The new Ambassador to St. James was born at Bisbee, Ariz., July 2, 1894.

He has three children — Stuart, Peter, and Sharman.

A soldier in the First World War, Douglas was once cited by Gen. John J. Pershing. He received the Belgian Croid De Guerre.

First Congressional reaction to the appointment was favorable.

Chairman Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which will pass on the nomination, commented.

"Mr. Douglas is totally qualified for the high responsibilities which he will assume."

50,000 In Demonstration

Belgian Capital Crowd Battled

By RELMAN MORIN

BRUSSELS — (AP) — Belgian police and soldiers, backed by machine guns and armored cars, battled off more than 50,000 frenzied former prisoners of war and deportees attempting to storm the Government Building today and settled down tonight for a state of siege.

Firearms, sabers and rifle butts were used to break up the demonstration. Unconfirmed reports said a dozen were killed, but only one fatality could be ascertained. The number of injured was estimated at more than 100.

MOB GATHERS AGAIN

The ebb and flow of the battle found the mob assembled again at nightfall and it showed no signs of dispersing. Cabinet members were still inside. Soldiers surrounded the building, containing the House of Parliament, with a hedge of bayonets.

The rioting began as an orderly parade, a demonstration by the organizations of former prisoners of the Germans. They have been demanding that the Government accord them a special legal status and payment of the remaining half of bonus promised them during the war.

The demonstrators found three lines of police, mounted and on foot, stretched across the streets where they first arrived before the Parliament Building. They demanded that the commanders allow them to pass. As the parleys continued, other people — bearing banners, chanting, singing, howling and shaking their fists — began to pack the broad avenues. Some women lost their footing on the slippery, ice-striped paving and were severely trampled.

A few of the rioters broke through police lines after an hour of fighting and reached the square in front of the Parliament Building.

CARS OVERTURNED

Scores of automobiles parked on streets leading to the building were overturned.

The streets rang with screams of the injured and trampled, and with the roar of angry men.

The helmeted police in many cases used their rifles as clubs, smashing at the faces of rioters nearest them.

Many Bills Introduced

RALEIGH— (AP) —A measure to change the State primary date from the last Saturday in May to the third Saturday in June was introduced in the Legislature today by Rep. Blue of Moore.

Blue said the chief purpose of the bill was to give school teachers and of-age college students an opportunity to vote.

The house set a record today for this session in the number of bills introduced. There were 32.

A measure calling for a Constitutional amendment to eliminate clauses setting debt limitations for the state, local and county governments was sent up by Rep. Whitfield of Pender.

Rep. Umstead of Orange introduced a bill to allow teachers an increment of $10 for five months for attending Summer school for six weeks, and a $10 a month increment for nine months for those who go to Summer school for twelve weeks.

Rep. Vogler of Mecklenburg introduced a bill to set standards of weights and lengths for loaves of bread. A one-pound loaf would have a maximum length of 11 1-2 inches; and 1 1-2 pounds, 2 pounds and 2 1-2 pound loaves, 15 inches.

Rep. Clifton of Sampson sent up a measure to allow 10 per cent of the voters to petition for a school district, and the county board of elections would have authority to order a special election for issuance of bonds for that district.

Rep. Mull sent up a bill to make the anti-hasty marriage law, now

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Grand Jury Cites Need For Strict Regulation

Solicitor Will Draw Indictments

By TOM WATKINS
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The Mecklenburg County Grand Jury, in presentments made today to Judge Zeb V. Nettles, charged that eighteen individuals had "watered" and misbranded milk and dairy products for public sale.

The presentments — which make it mandatory upon the Solicitor to draw bills of indictment — stated that on Nov. 18, 1946, the eighteen persons "did unlawfully sell and offer to sell to the public milk and dairy products after having adulterated same by placing therein water and other foreign substance and did misbrand same."

Named in the presentments were: J. A. Black of J. A. Black & Sons milk firm; Fred Sigmon, manager of Fern Farms of Matthews; Lester W. Slye, manager of Biltmore Dairies; Vernon Nivens, manager of Foremost Dairies; T. F. Black of Springdale Dairy; Mrs. Nettie Fowler of Matthews, Frank Cochran, J. B. King, S. C. Williams, Elam Robinson, Fred Harris of Harris Brothers, Newell; B. S. Reid of Waxhaw, John Price of Pineville, F. B. Little of Wadesboro; T. G. Galloway, J. W. Harris of Newell, J. Frank Hodge and F. N. Harris of Newell.

The presentments were the result of investigations and information supplied the Grand Jury by Dr. M. B. Bethel of the Charlotte Health Department, C. W. Pegram, director of the Dairy Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and Sam C. Ritch, local milk inspector of the Health Dept.

Solicitor Basil Whitener said early this afternoon that witnesses would be summoned to appear at the next criminal term of Mecklenburg Superior Court and that indictments would come at that time.

"I intend to get in touch with the State authorities and have them return to Charlotte for the next term of court and to appear before the Grand Jury. The indictments will be made at that time," he said.

JURY'S STATEMENT

Said the grand jury, in its written report on the milk situation: "It has come to the attention of the Grand Jury that proper safeguards are not thrown around the producing, processing and marketing of milk in certain areas not protected by organized local health departments. Realizing the importance of milk as a part of the diet of our people, this group would like to call to the attention of the Court what it considers the need for a statewide ordinance prohibiting the production for public consumption, processing and marketing of milk which does not meet the minimum standards as to quality, sanitation, etc., said minimum standards to be determined by State agencies now responsible or hereafter to become responsible for the health of our people."

Day before yesterday Judge Nettles called in the Grand Jury, of which Guy O. Bagwell is foreman, and instructed the body to launch immediately an investigation to establish the authenticity of complaints that watered milk was being dumped on the local market.

The jury promptly called in Dr. Bethel, Pegram and Ritch, and today submitted the presentments. Whether or not the Grand Jury has completed its probe was not immediately known. Having made the presentments, the responsibility of preparation of indictments rests with Solicitor Basil Whitener.

Judge Nettles was also handed a report from the Grand Jury recommending state-wide regulations of milk dealers for greater protection of the public.

Judge Nettles ordered a copy of this report to be sent the local delegation in the General Assembly, and that additional copies be

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WEATHER

Clear to partly cloudy and continued cold this afternoon, tonight, and Thursday.

Temperature at 2:30 today..... 46
High and low last 24 hours..... 60-24
Sunset today..... 6:16
Sunrise tomorrow..... 6:46