

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

22 FEARFUL AMMUNITION BARGES EXPLODE

OF SCRAMBLED EGGS & HIGHWAYS



Gov. W. Kerr Scott (right) and Mayor Victor Shaw (center) enjoy light conversation with Dr. H. W. Jordan, chairman of the State Highway Commission, during a breakfast session at the Selwyn Hotel today.

Gubernatorial Arithmetic

Scott Figures Graham to Win

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Gov. W. Kerr Scott and a few friends spent an altogether wonderful morning at the Selwyn Hotel today, doing some mathematical doodling on the backs of envelopes, and coming out with the conclusion that Sen. Frank P. Graham will win in the first primary next Saturday.

When all the figuring was over—and the Governor admitted his figures were conservative—he

Civil Rights Program Looms as Hot Vote Issue

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, May 19.—President Truman's civil rights program appeared headed today for the Congressional stage in the November election campaign.

On the basis of a vote taken yesterday, more than a third of the Senate's 96 members stood committed against bringing up a Fair Employment Practices Commission (FEPC) bill.

The Administration has backed its drive for anti-loyalty tax and anti-lynching proposals on this measure, which would ban job discrimination on grounds of race, creed, or color.

Senator Louis of Illinois, the Democratic leader, promised a new "sincere and generous" attack on the Southern Democratic filibuster against the compulsory FEPC bill, but set no time for the second test.

Senator Taft of Ohio, chairman of the GOP policy committee, told a reporter he doubts any measure will be passed. Taft, who has been called "the filibuster-breaking maverick," backs a voluntary FEPC not the compulsory bill.

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By THE ST. LOUIS PRESS
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Marion Hargrove's Wife Seeks Divorce

By THE ST. LOUIS PRESS
St. Louis, Mo., May 19.—Marion Hargrove, World War II officer, is seeking a divorce suit filed in the Juvenile civil court by his wife, Marion Hargrove.

The suit charges incompatibility. The court said final action on the petition is expected soon.

Hargrove wrote the best-seller "See Him, Private Hargrove."

College Section

With the high school graduation season at hand The News today publishes its annual "College Section." The section is filled with information about various colleges and will provide facts in connection with many of the institutions in the Carolinas and the South. Pages 8-A through 16-A of this edition is devoted to the colleges.

Outlook For Cold War's End Bleak

Pessimism Note Of Armed Forces Day

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
The American people were told today that preparedness to the point of sacrifice is their best insurance against possible Russian aggression.

A call for mobilization of strength and resources sounded in major cities across the nation where key defense officials spoke in observance of the first Armed Forces Day.

President Truman and Secretary of Defense Johnson led those who urged preparedness by calling last night for extension of the draft law.

Speaking extemporaneously at an armed forces dinner in Washington, Mr. Truman advocated a universal training program for the welfare and defense of the nation.

He said that if Congress had passed such a training program in 1945 there never would have been a "cold war."

Appearing with the President, Johnson said the Defense Dept. is working to build up a defense force that is ready to meet any possible aggression that we cannot be beaten quickly on a hit-and-run basis.

Reynolds Running Poor Third

Smith Takes Lead In News Poll

Early returns in a Charlotte News straw poll in the U. S. Senatorial campaign gave Willis Smith a big lead today.

Mr. Smith got 59 per cent of the first ballots returned to The News, Graham 31 per cent and Reynolds 10 per cent. Here are the early results:

Smith — 53 votes.
Sen. Frank Graham — 28 votes.
Reynolds — eight votes.

Many more votes are expected to be received in the mail Monday.

The News sent printed postcards to 750 Charlotteans, whose names were chosen at random, one per page in the city directory.

The names were gathered in a blindfold system, without regard for economic status, neighborhood or registration.

The poll is not to be considered as a conclusive reflection of public opinion here, but merely as a general sample.

Those who received the postcard ballots are not required to sign their names. Those who have not mailed their votes back to The News are requested to do so today, in order that the poll be as representative as possible.

The almost two-to-one lead Smith took over Graham might be surprising to many. There has been a rather general impression here that the two top men are running a close race.

Both have efficient campaign organizations in Mecklenburg — led by Richard E. Thielen for Smith and by David McCon-

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Senator Morse Is Easy Victor

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—Oregon's Sen. Wayne Morse decisively trounced conservative opposition to his Republican nomination in yesterday's primary election.

Since 1914 Republican nomination has been tantamount to election in the state.

To those who contended that he voted more often with Democrats than Republicans, Morse said he promised to keep on voting "independently upon issues as I see fit."

Boy, Girl Missing After Running To Explosion Site

SOUTH AMBOY, N. J. (AP)—A young boy and girl, missing in the explosion area overnight, returned home today, but two children were taken to hospital.

The three went to look at the blasted city last night.

Robert Dorman of South Amboy told his parents he had become frightened and stayed overnight in a hospital.

The father of Joan Matzow, 12, and her brother Joseph, 10, of Perth Amboy, said absent, said he was "frantic" about the explosion.

Families of the three told police they had run out shortly after the explosion to see X-ray film explosion.

Flying Glass Hurts Many In N. J. City

Buildings Damaged Over Wide Area

SOUTH AMBOY, N. J. (AP)—A thunderous ammunition explosion that ripped this waterfront city was heard in three states left possibly 25 persons dead and at least 312 injured today.

The big blast of 600 tons of ammunition being loaded on barges exploded at 6:28 P.M. (EST) last night.

Mayor John Leonard of this 10,000 population city 21 miles southwest of New York said every house of South Amboy was damaged by the shattering blast. It appeared to have snowed glass in the streets of the city.

The number of injured was announced by the American Red Cross. Ten were in critical condition.

Four bodies lay in an improvised morgue, two identified. One of the identified was listed as being a victim of the explosion. There were 25 others still unaccounted for.

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