

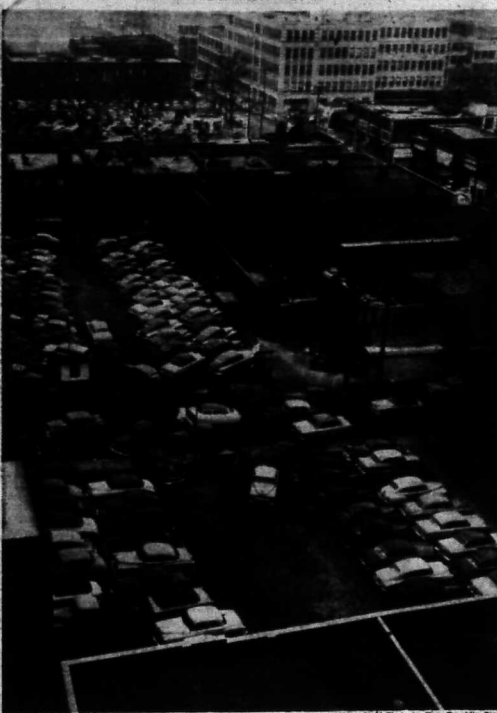
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SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS: PACKED PARKERS...



Looking out a window in the Johnston Bldg., toward E. 3rd, E. 2nd and on toward the Duke Power Bldg., in the background. Photographer Don Martin views a typical scene in midtown Charlotte today. Parking lots were jammed and streets were overcrowded with cars, as last-week shoppers filled the section.

POLICE 'RATION' DRIVING SPACE

Streets, Stores Slam Full As Yule Buying Spree Hits Peak

By TOM FESSENDEN
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Street space was placed on a ration basis by police today as one of the greatest crowds in Charlotte's history jammed the midtown area for a final pre-Christmas buying spree.

The streets, literally, too many cars for the streets. Moving in double file, they filled the blocks in one changing of the traffic lights, leaving the ends of the lines extending across intersections, blocking traffic on the cross streets.

Poll Finds Backing For State Aid To Schools

By NOEL YANCEY
RALEIGH (AP)—There an excellent chance the next General Assembly will find favor on a bill appropriating to continue state aid in building public schools.

matter; so, I don't see the necessity for an election," he stated. Of 12 senators who answered the questionnaire, 10 said they favored a school building bond election and the two others were undecided.

Of 48 House members answering the questionnaire, 23 said they would vote "yes." Twenty-four others were undecided. The other, Rep. T. J. Collier of Pamlico said the money could be raised by an appropriation from the general fund surplus and a series of small bond issues which would not have to be submitted to a vote of the people.

So far the state has allocated \$6 million of the \$6 million state fund. Estimates are the counties have added \$6 million to the state funds to get a \$24 million dollar program under way. This will add approximately 13,400 new rooms to the school system, including 10,265 classrooms, 215 auditoriums, 130 gymnasiums, 500 lunch rooms and 1,088 others.

OUR WEATHER

Continued cloudy today with little change in temperature. Occasional rain beginning tonight.
Wednesday, fair and cool.
High temperature yesterday today 58 degrees.
High temperature expected today 62 degrees.
Low temperature this morning 27 degrees.
Low temperature expected tonight 46 degrees.
Sunrise 7:28 A. M.; sunset 5:34 P. M.

Comments of some of the legislators on the school building question included:
Rep. John W. Umstead Jr., of Orange, "This is a most important question and it affects the lives of all the children throughout North Carolina."
Rep. Roy E. Linnback of Catawba, "The need is urgent. We have the children but not the school space."
Rep. Edwin S. Fou of Wake, "I am standing at the southeast corner of Independence Square, looking down toward 6th St., Photographer Jess Hunsler got caught in one of the greatest pedestrian traffic jams in Charlotte's history as tens of thousands of shoppers packed the sidewalks and the stores to pick up a few final parcels apiece."

Trial Of Soviet Agents For Murder of Poole

IN PRISONER DEATHS

U. N. Rejects Red 'Murder' Charge

By FRANCIS W. CARPENTER
UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—A weary United Nations Assembly early today turned down a bitter Russian demand for condemnation of the United States for the alleged mass murder of Red prisoners on Pongam Island in Korea.

The Assembly adjourned until Feb. 24, after the inauguration of U. S. President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower.
Red-eyed after a tense all-night debate, Assembly delegates voted 45 "yays" to 4 Soviet bloc "nays" against the Russian proposal. Ten members of the Arab-Asian bloc abstained. The other three in that group — Iraq, Lebanon and Thailand — voted against the Soviet move.

Bigger Role For Business Urged In Atom Plans

By D. HAROLD OLIVER
WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Security Resources Board urged today that the government encourage greater participation by private enterprise in the development and use of atomic energy as a source of power.

NO OUTSIDE SUPPORT
The Soviet bloc gained no support outside of its own tight little group for the resolution, which was denounced by U. S. delegate Ernest A. Gross as a "sickening" and "shabby midnight propaganda stunt."

This is one way, the board said in a 100-page report to President Truman, the nation can plan to insure against exhaustion of its strategic materials resources.
Other steps it recommended after a six-month study of long-term materials and energy supply problems included:
1. A mineral leasing system as an optional alternative to claiming public lands. The board said many provisions of existing law are "obsolete and anachronistic."
2. Greater emphasis on mineral resources in technical assistance programs for under-developed areas of the world.

Religion Best Armor Against Reds, Says Ike
General Addresses Freedom Foundation
By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
NEW YORK (AP)—President-elect Eisenhower said today America will win "the ideological war" against communism if its people never forget the fundamentals of religion.

OFFSHORE OIL POLICY
A law prescribing policy to be followed by the Department of the Interior in managing offshore oil lands.
3. Laws authorizing United States participation with Canada in constructing the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project, and providing for other multiple-purpose river development.
4. Legislation authorizing reduction or elimination of tariffs on raw materials in which this country is substantially deficient.

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Addressing the annual meeting of the Freedom Foundation at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Eisenhower said today America will win "the ideological war" against communism if its people never forget the fundamentals of religion.

SNOW GREETS GROUP INSTEAD OF PALM TREES

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—A troupe of Hollywood entertainers stepped out into Alaskan snow yesterday instead of the sunshine of Honolulu, where they thought they had landed en route to Korea.

Proposal Made By Congress Before World Court

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Congressional committee recommended today that Soviet Russia be arraigned before the International Court on charges of murdering 15,000 Poles during World War Two in the Katyn Forest massacre.

21 Arrested In NY Waterfront Crime Probe

NEW YORK (AP)—Twenty-one persons were arrested today by the rackets — probing Kings County grand jury came to grips with crime on the New York waterfront.

French Liner Runs Aground

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—The 12,546-ton French passenger liner Champlain, which sailed from Marseilles a week ago with 160 persons aboard, ran aground three miles south of Beirut during a storm this morning.

Allied Fliers Bag Three MIGs In Fight Near Yalu

SEOUL (AP)—U. S. Sabre jet pilots blasted three Communist MIG-15s from North Korean skies in a series of furious air battles along the Yalu River today, the U. S. Fifth Air Force reported.

Senators Named For California

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Gov. Warren today selected California's 42-year-old state controller, Thomas H. Kuchel, a Republican, to succeed Vice-President-elect Richard M. Nixon in the U. S. Senate.

Comic Dictionary

TOMORROW
The best day to get married.

Evening Prayer

Almighty God, our Father, as we come to Christmas which commemorates the birthday of the Prince of Peace, we pray that Thou will lead us to put aside the weapons of war and destruction. Help us to conquer our hatreds and prejudices through the power of Thy love. Lead us to accept that freedom which will make us one in Christ, our Lord, Amen.