

World News Roundup

Four Booked For Bar Fire



CLYDE BATES **OSCAR BRENHAUG**

LOS ANGELES — Four suspects have been booked on suspicion of "torching" a quiet neighborhood bar into a flaming hell that killed six persons.

Two of the men were picked up yesterday and two more were arrested today. Booked on suspicion of murder are Manuel J. Hernandez, 48, Manuel J. Chavez, 23, Clyde Bates, 36, and Oscar S. Brenhaug, 44.

Plice Lt. R. C. Madlock said the fire.

Drug Death Jury Rests

LONDON — Jurors in the murder trial of Dr. John Bodkin Adams began a weekend at their homes as the times approached for them to decide the fate of the 58-year-old Eastbourne society physician.

With the defense's plea completed and the prosecution expected to wind up its summation Monday, the case probably will go to the jury Tuesday.

English juries are not locked up — even in capital cases. But the 10 men and 2 women who

Sideburns Set Turns Out

PHILADELPHIA — The ponytail and dripping sideburns set turned out in a leather-lunged mass last night, paying \$2 to \$3.50 for the ecstasy of drowning out Elvis Presley with their screams.

The din was deafening. The squirming Presley had only to intone an opening syllable to set off a torrent of squeals and shrieks. The result was that in three-quarters of an hour of Presley's vocal-

Postal Ball Tossed Back

WASHINGTON — Postmaster General Summerfield has tossed the postal service ball back to Congress by ordering the nation's 37,000 post offices to prepare for drastic mail delivery reductions starting next Saturday.

Summerfield said yesterday that cutbacks will get under way at that time unless Congress, meanwhile, gives him 47 million dollars he contends is "necessary" to continue postal service at present levels for the remaining three months of the 1957 fiscal year.

Summerfield issued the instructions only a few hours after Chair-

Rail Wage Dispute Over

CHICAGO — A lengthy wage dispute between the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the nation's railroads has ended reportedly along lines recommended by a presidential fact-finding board.

The agreement, announced last night by Leverell Edwards, chairman of the National Mediation board, covers about 120,000 road and yard service workers on 140 railroads and provides for a 2 1/2-cent an hour wage boost over a three-year period.

Edwards said the pact conforms generally to recommendations made March 15 by an emergency fact-finding board to President Eisenhower. Features of the agreement ending the six-month-old dispute, he said, include:

A first-year wage increase of 1 1/2 cents an hour, retroactive to Nov. 1, 1956. Second- and third-year increases of seven cents an hour to become effective Nov. 1, 1957 and Nov. 1, 1958.

A moratorium on further wage

Our Weather

Fair and cool today, tonight and Sunday.

Low tomorrow morning 38

High today 63

High yesterday 72

High tomorrow 62

Sunrise today, 6:05 a. m.; sunset today, 6:47 p. m.

Park Development Stalled As Bond Funds Run Out

No More Playgrounds Without More Money

By CHARLES KURLALT
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(Last In A Series)

"We can't build another park without a bond issue."

That's the way Park Supt. Marion Diehl, a man who should know, pegs Charlotte's number one park need.

He is echoed by Park Board Chairman Ernest Siford:

"We need to expand. We need to keep up with the growth of the city. And we're right now at the point where we can't go any further without more money."

Check the Park Board books and you can see whereof they speak.

There is just enough money left from the celebrated 1956 surplus to finish parks in Biddleville and Oakhurst and build new ones — long on the drawing boards—behind the Mint Museum and beside present Bryant Park.

Caretaker Funds Only

After that, the Park & Recreation Commission will have to get along on \$475,000 a year — barely enough to keep the grass mowed and the swings repaired in the 44 park facilities we already have.

Chairman Siford, still stinging from the barbs of wrath that aimed his way when the surplus hoard was dug up in the Park Commission basement last year, is under no illusions about the possibilities of floating a bond issue right now.

"It isn't a very good time to ask for one," he said. Already, the city is on the verge of the legal debt limit.

Yet the key recommendation of the Allen recreation report also recommends a 10-cent county-wide tax levy for recreation, compared to the present 6 cents in the city alone.

We Lag In Spending

The city is thus faced by this alternative: Pass another bond issue (it would be the first for park purposes since 1949) or stop building parks.

The choice may be a vexing one for burdened taxpayers.

But the fact is—despite the city's 650 acres of some of the South's most imposing parks—that Charlotte spends less on recreation per citizen than almost any other city in North Carolina.

The last time anybody figured it, Charlotte's per capita recreation levy was \$2.74 — compared with \$3.22 in Raleigh, \$3.61 in High Point, \$3.89 in Shelby, and \$4.99 in Rocky Mount, to cite just a few examples.

Charlotte also suffers by comparison with many other Tar Heel cities in the ratio of recreation expenditures to total city operating cost. The local percentage is about 5.75 in Durham it's 6.24, in Raleigh 7.69, in Fayetteville 8.65, in Lumberton 13.61.

No Money, No Parks

"The inadequacy of the department's operating funds is reflected in the limited scope of its program," the Allen report says, adding there are few among the west side citizens, who have been trying for a month to squeeze blood from the Park Board turnip, who would disagree.

But if money is the number one park need, the number two and number three needs follow close behind. They are, in the view of Allen Report supporters:

1. A Metropolitan Recreation Commission with authority to plan and build parks everywhere in Mecklenburg, rather than inside the city limits.
2. Closer cooperation between school and park officials, leading to development of "school-parks" as the focal point of both education and recreation in every neighborhood.

The past week has brought hesitant first steps toward these two goals. Members of a special Social Planning Council recreation committee spoke out for legislation in the current General Assembly establishing a county-wide Park Board.

And the City School Board — taking the initiative the Park Board has not taken — told School Supt. Dr. E. H. Garinger to arrange a meeting on "school-parks" with recreation officials.

For The Neighborhood

A Metropolitan Park Board would be able to build parks in the perimeter and in rural areas. It would have the authority to acquire land for "forest parks," a number one Allen Report priority. It would cooperate with neighborhood recreation councils to bring the citizens of the community into the present inner sanctum of recreation planning.

School-parks, the Allen survey says, offer "the basic solution for meeting neighborhood recreation needs." They would not replace large parks — such as Freedom Park, whose "patrons" come from all parts of the city — but would offer small centers for family recreation in each community of the county.



Another Bond Issue Needed If We're To Have More Parks Like This One

Strictly Political

By JULIAN SCHEER
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THERE is a stirring again within the Democratic ranks in Mecklenburg.

Quietly and slowly a group of party members here have been soliciting help in organizing a "third faction." That's the best thing you can call it.

As one man puts it, "We're not on the inside of the 'drugstore' group or the Love group — we're just Democrats."

The "drugstore" group is, of course, the old pros in the party and its current leaders. They include some of the city's biggest names and most active civic leaders, with Paul Youns, Tom Little and others doing most of the work.

The "Love group" is the splinter group headed by Rep. Jack Love, a group which has been anti-everything as far as the old liners go. W. M. Nicholson, chairman of the party, is aligned with the Love people.

Wreck Kills Chicago Woman; County Police Hold 2 Airmen

A young Chicago, Ill., woman died today as the result of an early morning auto accident in which two Air Force men, who both deny driving the car, escaped serious injury.

County Police rushed the woman, who was identified by her registration at a local hotel as Nancy Lee Griffith, to Memorial Hospital with a fractured skull.

Mecklenburg County Police Capt. G. A. Stephens said a coroner's inquest in the accident tentatively has been set for Friday, April 12. He said bond had been set at \$2,500 each for the two airmen, pending the inquest.

Police estimated the auto was traveling at a speed of 85 miles

Violent Spring Storms Ease Off

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Violent spring storms, rocking the South, East and Midwest, died and destruction in the eastern half of the nation yesterday.

The week-long stormy weather — destructive winds, heavy rains and blizzards — left a trail of widespread property damage, estimated in the millions of dollars.

At least 45 persons lost their lives. Five of the deaths were blamed on storms that ripped across broad areas in the eastern half of the nation yesterday.

But the U. S. Weather Bureau in Chicago said the intense storm was losing its punch.

Flooding rains sent many rivers on a rampage and scores of streams were near flood stage.

Bad Weather Dulles To Stymie Dulles

ALBANY, N. Y. — Secretary of State Dulles, who thrives at 10,000 feet, got some work done while aloft between Washington and here yesterday. He also had a bracing walk in the rain at Albany Airport.

The secretary never did reach New York City, where he was scheduled to address the Council on Foreign Relations and confer with U. S. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold.

BRIDGE DAMAGED

A 620-foot Great Lakes freighter was torn loose from her winter moorings in the Maumee River in Toledo, knocking down part of the Fasset Street Bridge. Damage to the span was estimated at more than \$250,000 by city officials.

Heavy rainfalls swelled many streams to dangerous levels in Georgia and North Carolina. Flood waters poured across farm lands and country roads in some areas.

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Evening Prayer

Grant us, O Lord, wisdom wherewith to know Thee and dedication wherewith to serve Thee that nothing shall separate us from Thee. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.