



Annexation Decision Expected Late Today

Special Session Scheduled

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RALPHIGH—The long-sought decision on Charlotte's city limits extension bill is expected late this afternoon at a special called meeting of the Local Government Committee of the House.

At the conclusion of two hours and 15 minutes of heated argument hearing this morning, committee members voted to consider an amendment to the bill, proposed by Rep. Jack Love of Mecklenburg, which calls for separate city and territorial area elections. The motion lost when the opponents' arguments led and who is a non-committee member, dominated the discussion with his amendment.

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Rep. Jim Venable of Mecklenburg requested the committee to take immediate action on the bill. However, committee chairman Tom Tamm of Guilford suggested that action be delayed until all members of the committee were present.

MEET AT 3 P.M.

Rep. D. G. Hill of Cabarrus moved that a meeting be set for tomorrow morning. Rep. John Y. Turner of Davidson stated that the committee take action immediately following the public hearing but still amended his own motion to call for a special 3 p.m. session today.

The status of the amendment for separate elections was uncertain since Rep. Love's proposal, revised not as an official motion but rather as a recommendation to the committee.

A member of the committee will have to introduce the proposed amendment if it is to be acted upon.

His proposal would require two elections, one for residents within the city to vote for or against annexation, and one for the residents within the area to be annexed. A negative vote by either group of voters would kill annexation.

Proposals of annexation filed by Rep. Love's proposal, if written into the bill, would be transmitted to the board of annexation.

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The public hearing was attended by more than 400 Charlotteans, many of whom were members of the City Council. At least 80 people were forced to stand or could not get into the highway building's auditorium.

Opposing groups were allowed 30 minutes apiece with original time of the resolution of each group. The hearing closed at 11:45 when committee members adjourned.

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This Buzzard Has Cops Baffled

The family of David Lawrence, 2124 Crescent Ave., doesn't quite know what to make of it.

Someday, the buzzard, having baby buzzards at its house, may have buzzard chicks moving for their first flight.

The first baby buzzard, young white and smiling, was born in the yard on Monday.

Tuesday morning the second young buzzard was found in the same place.

Mr. Lawrence then began looking for the third.

Wednesday morning the third baby buzzard in a brown patch was discovered on the porch.

Detectives W. B. Alston and Boyd Gibson don't know what to make of it.

They said two of the baby buzzards were given by a local boy.

The detectives took the third baby buzzard and sent it to the county in a wooden box.

The sheriff and Detective Austin, "It was a...



CHARLOTTE CHAMBER OF Commerce President Paul B. Young (left) and Earl H. Crow (center), president of the Union National Bank and Harry Yonkey, city manager, listen to talks on annexation at a public hearing in Raleigh.

Blackmail Suspect Nabbed By Police While Taking Cash

A man accused of blackmail was captured by police today just as he was given an envelope containing \$250 in cash—part of \$1,000 which police said he demanded in an extortion scheme.

Arrested was Claude Jack Haney, 41, 606 W. 7th St., just as he received the money from the 20-year-old victim, a 42-year-old red-headed railroad man, Earl H. Graves, 308 Meacham St.

The dramatic arrest took place in an office immediately across the street from the victim's home.

Mr. Graves said he was first threatened by Haney on April 26 when the latter accused the chief's son of misconduct with Haney's 18-year-old daughter.

Haney first demanded \$1,000 by April 27. Mr. Graves told police, "He also threatened my life."

Mr. Graves was to deliver the \$1,000 to Haney's home.

Another call. When he failed to deliver the money after the first threat, Mr. Graves told police he received another telephone call this time demanding \$1,500 of him.

On this occasion, Mr. Graves said he complained that he would not have time to get the money out of the bank.

Mr. Graves said he was contacted a third time yesterday morning and was ordered to have the money in cash at the corner of Alexander and E. 4th St.

There have been reports that Eysert and Sofia, both friendly to Russia, would be willing to receive Richards. However, some officials here have thought they might see his presence as an excuse for anti-American demonstrations and incidents—in other words, set a trap for the United States. His coming home without visiting them avoids the possibility of such a situation.

Evening Prayer

Almighty God, whose beloved Son Jesus Christ humbly himself to take the form of a servant; assist us the servant rather than to be served and to place the needs of others above the conveniences of self that we may follow in His footsteps through Christ our Lord. Amen.

1,000 Get Ready To Flee Flood

DALLAS (AP)—A new disaster area was declared on the lower Sabine as the flooding river surged downstream at record heights today, threatening to inundate for the second time in four years the small community of Deweyville.

The 1,000 residents of the Newton County town, 10 miles north of Orange, Tex., were standing by to evacuate if necessary. The town was hit by a flood in 1955.

Heavy cloudbursts soaked the Trinity River watershed in north central Texas, causing flash floods in the Dallas area. A new flood warning was issued for the Trinity as it began a rapid rise.

SPREAD TO EAST

The rains spread over much of the eastern half of the state in varied amounts, but except for the Sabine and Trinity, the flood threat was easing along other rivers, but water was still high.

At Deweyville, several hundred oil wells in the petroleum-rich Gladewater area were flooded and shut down as high water crept out around the southern western edge of town. Officials said, however, they thought the area was safe.

Possibly two drownings were blamed on high waters, making a total of at least 13 since the heavy rains began causing flooding in Texas two weeks ago.

BOY, HORSE DROWN

Delmer Lee Lakin, 11, Burk Burnett, and his horse drowned while swimming in rain-swollen Paradise Creek near Vernon.

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He put a six-month deadline on his offer, which will expire about May 20. Otherwise, Nash said he would give the money to the Children's Hospital for Crippled Children at Greenville, S. C., and the Summer First Presbyterian Church, a member of the Southern branch.

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—SITE SELECTION UNDER FIRE—

Trial Bill Clears Hurdle

Before the Senate committee acted today, Chairman Calvin Tamm of the Judiciary Committee cleared the transfer of such a case for trial to the home county of the soldier who first prosecuted the case in the state.

Sen. Luther Hamilton of Carolina, a former Superior Court judge, told the committee that if the bill is passed, "We will be passing legislation to upset a judge's decision."

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SKELTON TIRED

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Gen. Skelton has been admitted to St. John's Hospital with what his physician called an "uncomplicated virus infection accompanied by fatigue. He should be ready to go back to work by next week's show, his doctor said.



POSSUMS ON A dog's back is the situation that came about at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Furr, 2111 Sharon Ave., Son Jerry found the possums in the course of carrying his neighborhood paper route. Mama Possum ran away and Jerry brought Baby Possums home. That's where Shep, the family dog, took over. He protects "Squaky" and "Sleepy," plays with them and even snuggles alongside them. When they play too rough, they get the back of Shep's paw.

Churchman Says NAACP Got \$10,000 To Help In Lawsuit

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP)—The moderator of the Presbyterian Church in S. A., last night confirmed a Ku Klux Klan statement that the church gave \$10,000 to the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People to pay off a damage suit.

The South Carolina Klan said yesterday that the church (the Northern branch) gave the money to the NAACP to use in an out-of-court settlement of a suit brought by Atty. Shepherd K. Nash, Sumter, S. C.

The moderator, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, said in Chicago.

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NLRB Finding

Plant Closing Ruled Violation

NEW YORK (AP)—Benjamin W. Wilson, general counsel of the Textile Workers Union of America, said today a trial examiner for the National Labor Relations Board has ruled the Darlington, S. C., Manufacturing Co. violated the federal labor law by closing a plant after its employees won a collective bargaining election.

Wilson said the examiner, Lloyd Buchanan, ruled the company closed the plant just full to avoid collective bargaining relations with the TWU. The employees had voted in a Sept. 6, 1956 election to be represented by the union.

Wilson said Buchanan recommended to the NLRB that no remedy against the company could be invoked since the firm had closed and sold the plant.

The union attorney said Buchanan recommended, however, that the NLRB require that in event the company should undertake in the future to reopen the plant that all the 350 discharged employees be rehired and the company be required to bargain with the union.

Darlington Manufacturing Co. is a subsidiary of the Deering-Milliken Co.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and continued warm today with scattered showers likely. Cooler tonight and Friday with a chance of occasional rain.

Low this morning... 59
High tomorrow morning... 52
High today... 85
High yesterday... 85
High tomorrow... 76
Sunrise today 5:52 a.m.; sunset today 7:09 p.m.

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