



WORLD HOTEL NEWS

Storm Growing

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Tropical storm Esther today headed toward the south Louisiana marshlands that have been hit by the season's two Gulf of Mexico hurricanes. At 1 a. m. (EST), Esther, with winds of 50 m.p.h., was located about 270 miles south of the west Louisiana coast.

3 Die In Fire

ACKERMAN, Miss. (AP)—A grocery store owner, his wife and mother-in-law burned to death today in a fire which roared through their country home near here.

Digging Goes On

MULLENS, W. Va. (AP)—Wearry rescue crews dug through tons of rock today in search of a missing miner believed to have been killed with two fellow workers in a coal mine roof fall.

Special Session

PARIS (AP)—The French National Assembly met in emergency session today to tackle the twin problems of Algeria and runaway inflation.

Houseboy Booked

LOS ANGELES (AP)—One of two boys given lie-detector tests in connection with the slaying of onetime screen star Rhea (Ginger) Mitchell was booked today on suspicion of murder.

GI Gets 12 Years

BERLIN (AP)—U. S. Army Pfc. Bobby F. Holland, who was absent 30 months in East Germany, today pleaded guilty before an Army court-martial to desertion and "wrongful affiliation" with Communists. The 25-year-old soldier from Rockmart, Ga., was sentenced to 12 years at hard labor and dishonorable discharge.

Flu Threat

LONDON (AP)—Outbreaks of suspected Asian flu spread today through the Royal Navy and threatened to close schools and industry in some parts of Britain.

Jim's A Grandpoo

NEWPORT, R. I. (AP)—James C. Hagerty, 48-year-old press secretary to President Eisenhower, became a grandfather today. His son and daughter-in-law, Marine Lt. and Mrs. Roger Hagerty, became the parents of an eight-pound, five-ounce boy early today.

PARENTS LEARN PARALYZED GIRL NOW MARRIED

CHICAGO (AP)—A 16-year-old polio victim who disappeared after a movie date that she and her boyfriend had eloped.

Mrs. Marion Halstead, 43, told police the bridegroom, Eugene Liles, 23, telephoned from North Tonawanda, N. Y., his former home. He said he and the daughter, also named Marion, eloped after a date Sunday night and planned to return to Chicago in about a week.

Mrs. Halstead said she and her husband, Burton, 41, had given their consent to the marriage but had asked that the girl wait until she was 17. The girl was stricken with polio two years ago, is paralyzed from the waist down and gets about in a wheelchair.

You Can Win \$700 From Us

Land of Goshen! That's about as emphatic as we can get—but it still falls short.

The News is giving away \$700 this week! That's right—\$700 and we want to shout about it.

Just think of what you can do with \$700. Why, \$700 will pay for at least half of those bills you've got stacked up at home.

The big prize money is \$600 in the NewsWords jackpot, for no one solved the puzzle last week.

The extra \$100 is the kitty for the weekly football contest which starts today on the sports pages.

Don't be shy, enter both contests. As a matter of fact, enter both contests several times.

NewsWords may be found on Page 8A and last week's answers on Page 9A.

The football contest is on Page 6B.

Mediators Still Trying To Halt Strike

NEW YORK (AP)—A federal mediator today conferred with chief negotiators for both sides in an attempt to bring about a settlement of a strike of 23,000 telephone equipment installers in 44 states and the District of Columbia.

Commissioner Walter A. Magliolo, of the Mediation and Conciliation Service, said "I will have to await developments from our talks" before he could say whether there would be a resumption of full-scale negotiations today.

The strikers, members of the Communications Workers of America, yesterday threw picket lines around telephone buildings from coast to coast, keeping an estimated 150,000 operators from their jobs.

Long Distance Normalcy Seen

Southern Bell Telephone officials here said they expect long distance telephone service to be "normal" today.

Indications are that more operators are crossing picket lines today than yesterday.

Local service, handled mostly by an automatic system, was not affected yesterday, but long distance calling was delayed in some instances.

Picket lines remain around the N. Caldwell St. Southern Bell office today. The Emerson Exchange was picketed for a short time today.

Child Dies When Auto Hits Pole

A woman's automobile in which she was driving her five small children home from a late drive-in movie, skidded on wet pavement and struck a utility pole after midnight today, killing her five-year-old daughter.

The mother—Mrs. Peggy Hall, 23, 1812 Union St.—and her four other children suffered varied injuries.

The dead girl was identified as Deborah Lynne Hall. Police said the child was pinned in the rear seat of the car by the crash which occurred about 1:15 a. m. in the 1409 block of Hawthorne Lane Ext.

OTHER INJURIES

Treated at Memorial Hospital were: Mrs. Hall, who received a painful cut on the face; Tonda Hall, 7, cut above the right eye; John Hall, 4, bruises; Linda Kaye Hall, 2, bruises; and Rebecca Carline Hall, 6 months, fractured skull and ribs.

Still suffering from shock at the hospital, Mrs. Hall told police she did not know how the accident happened other than the auto skidded out of control. The last thing she remembered, Mrs. Hall said, was the car going into a skid on wet pavement.

A hospital spokesman said the mother was in "satisfactory condition and was resting well." All of the children except six-month-old Rebecca were released from the hospital after emergency treatment.

Officers F. S. Burgess and M. L. Prince said the wrecked car was a total loss. They said the impact of the crash jarred the utility pole out of the ground.

When officers arrived at the wreck scene, they said Mrs. Hall was standing away from the 1950 model car with four of her children. Officers saw little Deborah in the rear seat pinned between the seat and the pole.

The child was rushed by ambulance to Memorial Hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival at 4:45 a. m.

The investigating officers said Mrs. Hall's car was traveling north on Hawthorne Lane Ext. and slid about 120 feet before striking the pole.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Lippmann Takes Look At South

Business 7A, 9B
Classified 11-13B
Comics 10B
Crossword Puzzle 9B
Earl Wilson 5A
Editorials 6A
Everyday Counselor 11A
Obituaries 9B
Radio-TV 9B
Serial 12A
Sports 3-5B
Theaters 8B
To Your Good Health 9B
Women 2-4B
Worry Clinic 4A

Police said the man apparently fell from a great height as his face was bruised.

None of the construction crew who reported for work at 7 a. m. could identify the man, a white man believed to be in his late 50's.

Job Sup. W. H. McWhirter theorized the man could have come into the open building during last night's rain and could have fallen to his death in the darkness.

Hubbard Hemmerson, a Negro laborer, found the body as he reported for work at 7:10 a. m.

A night watchman, J. J. Funderburk, 316 W. 24th St., said he checked the building from 6 p. m.

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WHERE'S OUR \$2,019?

U. S. Incomes Hop \$1 Billion

\$347,300,000,000, compared to \$345,290,000,000 in July.

About half the July-August rise was in wage and salary payments, with most of the remainder in proprietors' income. Payroll increases were noted over the month in most private industries and in government. However, there was a slight drop in such categories as construction, manufacturing and mining.

Directors Okay 'Basis For Merger'

By J. A. DALY
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Directors of the Commercial National Bank of Charlotte and of the American Trust Co. of Charlotte normally proved today a "proposed basis for merger of these two banks."

This announcement was made jointly by Ivey W. Stewart, president of Commercial National, and Torrence E. Hemby, chairman, and Addison H. Reese, president, of American Trust Co.

The consolidation, when accomplished, will result in a bank with capital funds in excess of 19 million dollars and total resources in excess of 230 million dollars.

"LEADERSHIP"

The announcement emphasized that this accomplishment will provide "Charlotte with undisputed financial leadership in the Carolinas, as well as improved and expanded banking services."

The name of the consolidated banking institution will be selected by a joint committee representing the directors of each of these banks.

A spokesman for this movement also explained that this joint committee will work out the multitude of other details related to the merger plans.

EARLY DECISION

One of the major earlier decisions the joint committee will be called upon to make will be the basis of the exchange of the two banks' capital stock to accomplish a consolidated capital structure.

Information from official sources was to the effect that the stockholder group of each of these banks soon will have an opportunity to formally vote on the multitude of other details related to the proposed merger basis.

After the officially anticipated approval of the plan by the stockholder groups, the leaders of this movement will apply formally to the North Carolina Banking Commission and the Federal Comptroller of the Currency for approval of the merger.

BANK'S OFFICERS

Under the plan as approved by each bank's directorate, the consolidated institution's top executives will be Mr. Hemby, honorary chairman of the board; Mr. Stewart, chairman of the board; and Mr. Reese, president and chief executive officer.

Commercial National is recognized as the oldest national bank in North Carolina. American Trust is recognized as the largest unit bank in the Carolinas.

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Thai's 'Strong Man In Power'

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)—The army's strongest man, Sarit Thanarat, surrounded Bangkok with tanks and seized control of the government today in the name of the people.

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Evening Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, whose only gift it is that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fall not finally to attain thy heavenly promise; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

'MOMMY DON'T WANT ME'

NEW YORK (AP)—A Manhattan woman allegedly snatched her 5-year-old son in the back today and the boy told detectives in a hospital.

"My daddy don't want me. My mommy don't want me," the mother, Mrs. Catherine Maida, 28, who is estranged from her husband, was arrested on charges of felonious assault and violation of the weapons law.

Her son, Michael, stabbed with a kitchen knife in the family apartment, was reported at Bellevue Hospital not to be in serious condition. In addition to the back wound near his lungs, the boy had a slash on his right hand, apparently suffered while attempting to fend off a knife thrust.

Police, who said the mother had been under treatment for a nervous disorder, gave this account:

Mrs. Maida had been going out with a man named Joe since her estrangement from her husband.

At 2:30 a. m. today, she telephoned her mother, Mrs. Catherine Dalton, and told her: "I'm going to stab Joe and then Michael."

Mrs. Dalton awakened a son, Kenneth, 20, who lives with her, and rushed to his sister's home and broke down the apartment door.

Dalton picked up the wounded boy and ran to a nearby block and a half to the hospital.

Two Banks Close To City During Years Of Growth

By EMERY WISTER and JULIAN SCHEER
Charlotte News Staff Writers

Plans announced today for a proposed merger of the American Trust Co. and Commercial National Bank will result in a combination of two of the most respected financial institutions in Charlotte.

Histories of both banks show a close relationship through the years with the growth of Charlotte and a corresponding close identity with the community.

The American Trust Co., which ranks 119th in banks of the nation, was founded July 13, 1901, by George Stephens and Word H. Wood.

The bank was then known as the Southern States Trust Co. and was located in a narrow office on S. Tryon St. near the present home of the bank.

The bank's office was only 60 feet deep and a narrow 15 feet wide, but Mr. Wood and Mr. Stephens were both men of wide vision. They envisioned an institution of courteous and efficient service to the customers.

Deposits on the first day

were only \$1,739.77, a far cry from the hundreds of thousands deposited each day today. But business was good even on that historic first day. Assets and liabilities were \$31,467.30.

Since then the bank has grown by leaps and bounds. Assets, liabilities and deposits have doubled, tripled, quadrupled over and over again.

Today the bank is the largest unit bank in the state and ranks third among banks of all classifications in C.

The bank became the American Trust Co. in 1907. In 1955 it purchased the building next to it housing the J. O. Jones, Inc. and announced this structure would eventually be incorporated into the main bank building.

With the merger with Commercial National the American Trust Co. can now extend all the way to the corner of Tryon and 4th St.

President Addison Reese said the merger probably will place the bank second in size only to Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. in the state.

The Commercial National

Bank has the distinction of being North Carolina's oldest banking institution. It was chartered in 1874.

The first annual statement of the bank showed a total of resources of \$254,370.66 as of Feb. 14, 1884.

During its long history the bank has passed through several periods of financial stress and national depression and it has successfully weathered the storms of 1891, 1929 and 1907.

The first World War period and the post World War I depression passed into history with the bank continuing to grow and in 1924 it observed its 50th anniversary.

A period of the bank's greatest service and prestige was in World War II when its officers pledged the bank to the fostering of the war effort. They financed over 300 million dollars of war material including camps, camp facilities, production of war materials, etc.

I. W. Stewart, now president of the institution, joined the bank in 1911 and was named to an official position in 1918. He was advanced to the presidency in 1938.

Berserk Billygoat No Match For Gun

SHELYEY (AP)—A big, bad bearded billygoat named Brandynwee was off his rocker yesterday, chased children, besieged a dwelling, and alarmed the whole community. Finally, amid the discordant tones of a blasting shotgun, Brandynwee was subdued abruptly off of the goat hereafter.

All the ruckus began about 4 p. m., when Martha Cochran, 14, and David McIntyre, 15, were riding their bicycles along a rural road. Out of a field dashed Brandynwee, snorting and angry. The on-sieed rook scampered David and Charlie Cochran, 11, and into her five-room home darted Martha.

As the jolting and slamming went on through the late afternoon, Mrs. Cochran's father, C. M. Teesenes, drove up in a pickup truck, switched off the motor and stepped out.

But house, truck or man made no difference to Brandynwee. He lowered his head, dug his hoofs into the turf and drove for Teesenes, who jumped back into his vehicle and slammed the door. The big billygoat then turned to the truck, rammed it and finally mashed a fender. He had climbed onto the hood and apparently was preparing to attack the windshield when Teesenes started off with a jerk and threw the goat to earth.

SHOTGUN BEARER

About 7:30 p. m. Teesenes returned with Joe Stockton, who was armed with a shotgun. The men dashed into the house.

Outside old Brandynwee was still attacking. He made one final rush, tore through screening and window sections and had his body half ripped into when Stockton fired. The padlock hasp apparently snapped shut as the lid came down.

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216,000 TONS IN TISSUE
CHICAGO (AP) For making facial tissues in the United States last year 210,000 tons of paper were required — enough for 840,000,000 boxes.

Our Weather

Mostly cloudy and mild with occasional rain and drizzle today, tonight and tomorrow.

Low this morning 70
Low tomorrow morning 71
High today 83
High yesterday 87
High tomorrow 83
Sunset today 6:07 a. m.; sunrise today 6:08 p. m.

More Weather Data on Page 2A

Boy, 6, Dies After Ordeal

WEST LONG BRANCH, N. J. (AP)—A 6-year-old boy, trapped in a school box for two hours and barely breathing when found, died last night.

The child, Charles Harris, apparently suffered from heat and shock but authorities were unable to determine immediately what caused his death.

The child climbed or fell into the 22-inch deep wooden box used for athletic equipment during the noon recess at the Locust Ave. school. The padlock hasp apparently snapped shut as the lid came down.

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SHOTS POSTPONED

ATOMIC TEST SITE, Nev. (AP)—Explosion of a nuclear device underground, originally scheduled for tomorrow, has been postponed to 10 a. m. Thursday.

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