

# What Happens When Billy's Crusade Ends?

(NOTE: Dr. Billy Graham himself has said some of the most important of his organization's evangelistic work is done after the formal Crusade meetings have ended. The News staff reporter Emery Wister to New York last week to see what is being done in the wake of the highly successful New York Crusade. Here is his report.)

**By EMERY WISTER**  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
NEW YORK — On the afternoon of Sept. 1 a crowd estimated variously at 75,000 and 200,000 packed New York's Times Square to hear the final words of Billy Graham in his

final New York crusade. The crowd has long since gone but in an office just around the corner Charles Arthur Riggs and his staff try to see that it hasn't forgotten the evangelist and the message he brought. Riggs, a kindly, serious man whose eyes probe deep within those he addresses, is director of counseling of the Graham organization.

**FROM HIS DESK** at 165 W. 46th St. he directs counseling and guidance for those who made the decision for Christ.

"In short," he says of his present staff of 15 persons, "we

are doing the follow up work." This work is divided into three phases. The first phase is to contact churches to which those making decisions were directed. Every person who made the decision was sent to a specific church.

Riggs' staff contacts the churches to see if the new members, or prospective members, are attending services.

**THE SECOND** phase is to arrange for Bible study, and the third to arrange for rallies to be conducted in the area. It's a big job and it's a job

that keeps the organization busy every working day and night. But the staff of 15 is less than half the 33 here during the months of the crusade.

The office will close Nov. 1, though a handful of workers will move to smaller quarters to direct the affairs of the permanent Graham organization.

But first he must prepare for a wave of re-dedications which may follow the seven big rallies to be held the last of this month.

Dr. Graham himself will launch these rallies at a ministers' breakfast at the Sheraton-

Astor Hotel tomorrow. The rallies will be held in seven areas and in surrounding New York, one rally each night.

**THE RALLIES** could command as much attention among New Yorkers as the Crusade did itself. For of the 50,000 who made decisions in Madison Square Garden, 14,250 of them came from Manhattan.

Mr. Riggs' eyes shine bright with enthusiasm as he tells of the impact the crusade made on other areas of New York.

Brooklyn gave Dr. Graham

6,200 of the 30,000 converts. There were 2,000 from the Bronx and 800 from Staten Island, 4,725 from Queens and 700 from Long Island.

The Upper New Jersey area listed 8,750 converts. The figure in Lower Jersey was even better: 7,400.

There were 1,150 from nearby Connecticut and from the rest of the United States 3,350.

**"EVERY NIGHT** an average of 354 persons went forward to make the decision," said Mr. Riggs. "Of these, 59 per cent were committing themselves for the first time."

But the final facts and figures on the effect of the Graham crusade will not be known until after a survey being made by Dr. Robert Fern has been completed.

Dr. Fern conducts surveys in all cities in which Dr. Graham held crusades. His findings will later be published in a book.

The Graham organization will not divulge names and addresses of persons who made decisions, but its files list many testimonials from those who came forward during the crusade.

A girl from Pittsburgh said "I've smoked for four years but never could stop on my own accord. Christ did it for me."

A MEMBER of Dr. Graham's staff tells of a young man who entered the office, thinking it was a stage producer's suite. The young man, who was a dancer, singer and songwriter, soon confessed a spiritual anxiety and then there, according to Graham files, "gave his life to Christ."

Then there is the story of three office secretaries who at

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## WORLD NEWS

**Success At Last**  
ATOMIC TEST SITE, Nev. — A relatively small atomic device was fired at 5:30 a.m. today from a 500-foot tower on the Yucca Flat testing grounds. It was the oft-postponed "Whitney" shot, 22nd in the 1957 series.

**Ike To Capital**  
QUONSET POINT, R. I. — President Eisenhower broke his vacation to go to Washington today for two speeches and a kind of conference on domestic and international problems.

**Inflation Appeal**  
WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower today appealed to the free world's finance ministers to fight inflation, lest global prosperity turn into a depression "and all the evil consequences we know so well."

**WOMAN DIES IN EIFFEL TOWER LEAP**

PARIS — A French woman plunged to her death from the Eiffel Tower today. Tower ladders snagged her dress 90 feet above the ground after she had fallen more than 250 feet. She hung there for an hour before firemen could free her.

**Our Weather**  
Partly cloudy and not as warm today with scattered showers or thundershowers. Fair and cooler tonight and Tuesday.

Low this morning	66
Low tomorrow morning	63
High today	83
High yesterday	89
High tomorrow	83
Sunrise today 6:11 a.m.	
Sunset 6:10 p.m.	

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## 11 Men Trapped By Mine Blast

WASHINGTON, Pa. — A thundering explosion trapped 11 men deep underground today in the Marianna mine of Bethlehem Mines Corp. Hours later some of the trapped men reported via an emergency telephone line that all 11 were alive, but several had been turned, a state police report said. Bethlehem officials reported in a statement shortly after noon that "mine officials on the scene report they know that six of the men definitely are alive, although some of them may have sustained serious burns." "The fate of the other five is not known," the company said. The company said the explo-

## JIMMY DID IT

### The Fired Rocket Rocket Into Air

**By JULIAN SCHEER**  
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First—a swoooooosh. Then—splash! And Jimmy Blackmon had finally done it.

For more than three years Jimmy Blackmon has been heralded as Charlotte's premier young rocket builder. He was, however, a man without a rocket, for none of his babies had even soared into space.

Not even, as a matter of fact, did he get to fire the rocket inspected at Redstone Arsenal last summer by the world's greatest rocket experts.

Yesterday — it was different.

**12 HAPPY SECONDS**  
On an isolated beach on the North Carolina-South Carolina line Jimmy and 18 others crouched behind a sand dune and watched the happiest 12 seconds of Jimmy's life.

Jimmy fired a rocket. It went so fast Jimmy hardly knew what happened, but that the way rockets are.

The rocket didn't make outer space but it did make about 4,000 feet. For Jimmy it was as good as the moon.

"It sure felt good," he says. The rocket was just over five feet long and an inch and a half in diameter. It was filled with zinc and sulphur — both powdered — and was fired by a battery contraption.

**HARD TO FOLLOW**  
Jimmy and his parents, plus a few local engineers and their families, ducked as it took off. It went so fast it was hard to follow.

The rocket was banked pointing at a slight angle off the coast and down the beach. It went up about 4,000 feet, traveled about 400 feet in a trajectory and landed with a splash about 80 feet off shore. The whole trip took about 12 to 15 seconds.

Jimmy says he had been thinking about this rocket for a long time.

**LOTS OF HELP**  
"We actually got to work this week. I had great help from these friends of mine," he said. The group worked into the early morning hours all week, staying up until two or three in the morning each day. They put the finishing touches on the rocket at 6:10 a.m. Saturday, ate a big breakfast and took off for the coast.

They prepared the launching site after checking to see if they

## Negroes Enter School, Crowd Erupts in Fury

### 8 Children In Class At Little Rock

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Eight Negro students walked quietly, and without hurrying, into Central High School today—while the crowd's attention was diverted by another incident—and then a swirl of snarling men and screaming women tried to break through police lines.

A handful of police fought them off, clubbing two men, and apparently pulling a gun on another. Nobody got through.

**BLOOD ON CLOTHES**  
Students coming out of the high school said three of the Negro boys who entered school had "blood on their clothing" and fights had broken out inside the school building.

The students told reporters the "Negroes were chased through the halls when classes changed and were attacked by other students."

The initial violence outside the school was a frightening sight. Women burst into tears and a man hoisted up on a wooden barricade, roared: "Who's going through?" "We all are," the crowd shouted. But they didn't.

The drama-packed climax of integration struggle in Little Rock came just after the buzzer sounded inside the big 2,000-pupil high school at 8:45, signaling the start of classes.

Suddenly, on a street leading toward the school, the crowd spotted four Negro adults, marching in two, down the center of the street.

**FOUR SPOTTED**  
A man yelled, "Look, here come the niggers." They were not the students. One appeared to be a newspaperman. He had a card in his hat and was carrying a camera.

I jammed into a glass-windowed telephone booth on the corner. The scene was clearly visible. As the crowd surged toward the four Negroes, they broke and ran.

But they were caught, on the lawn of a home nearby. Whites jumped the man with the camera from behind, rode him to the

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Men Draw Near Negro Man At Little Rock's Central High School As Fighting Erupts Following Negroes' Entry

## Senate Probes Hoffa's Loan

WASHINGTON — Senate rackets probes said today their new hearings will explore reports that James R. Hoffa lent a million dollars of Teamsters Union funds to a Minneapolis department store struck by the Retail Clerks Union.

Public hearings by the special committee under Sen. McClellan (D-Ark) are to open tomorrow. A committee spokesman said Benjamin Drainow, chairman of the board of John W. Thomas & Co., of Minneapolis has been subpoenaed for quizzing about loans his store reportedly received from Hoffa last year.

The spokesman said the money came from funds of the Michigan Conference of Teamsters, in chunks of \$200,000 and \$500,000.

"The strike was called off," he said, adding that the committee will attempt to find out why.

"We hope to learn the full story of the situation behind the loan," he said.

In New York a U. S. District Court judge set Oct. 15 for the wiretap conspiracy trial of Hoffa. Two others indicted with him are scheduled for trial at the same time.

## Giant Department Store Is Planned

**By EMERY WISTER**  
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Plans were announced today for a giant new department store to be erected on Independence Blvd. between Norland Dr. and Westchester St. about a half-mile east of the coliseum.

To be known as Clark's Discount Dept. Store, it will be erected by Ervin Construction Co. and is expected to be open for business by Easter next year.

**FRONTS 2 STORES**  
Lat W. Purser Jr., executive director of the construction firm, said the one-story structure will front both Norland Dr. and Independence Blvd. It will contain about 70,000 square feet, 65,000 of which will be devoted to display on merchandise.

Mr. Purser said the store is displaying itself will represent an investment of approximately \$700,000. Grounds will be landscaped and paved parking lots will accommodate approximately 700 cars. The roof of the store will provide additional parking.

The store building will front 300

## Train Derails, Injuring 24

PEABODY, Kan. — The Rock Island Railroad's Twin-Star Rocket, headed from Minneapolis to Houston, piled off the rails at the south edge of Peabody early today. Twenty-four were treated at hospitals for injuries.

Initial examination of the injured showed only one in serious condition. Wallace Hutchinson, 53, Wichita, Kan., had a possible skull fracture.

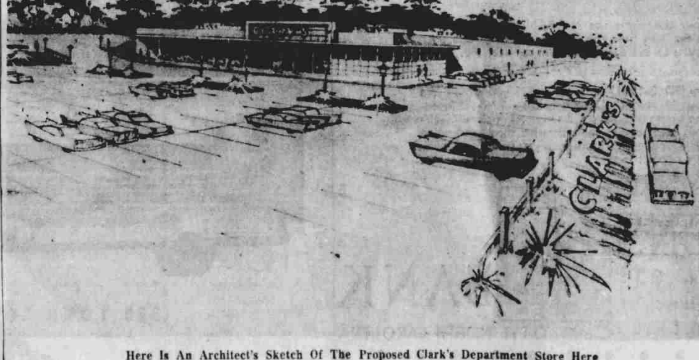
There was no indication of the cause of the wreck.

The Rocket ran into trouble about 100 yards north of the point where the Rock Island and the Santa Fe cross on the south edge of Peabody.

Most of the injured were in two passenger coaches which landed awkwardly the crossover and on their sides. Both rail lines were blocked.

Mrs. Earl Bray, Enid, Okla., said she was half asleep in the first passenger coach and her 12-year-old son Allen was asleep beside her.

"There was a terrific bang, bang bang," she said. "The car tumbled over. I was riding about five seats back and landed in a corner. I got up but was too weak to stand and they carried me out of the car. I thought for a time it was the end of the world. My son landed across the aisle."



Here Is An Architect's Sketch Of The Proposed Clark's Department Store Here

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