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Voter Law Test

WASHINGTON (AP) — The validity of North Carolina's literacy test for voters will be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The court announced Tuesday it will consider a case brought by Louise Lassiter, a Negro, that North Carolina 1957 law requiring a literacy test for voters is actually aimed against Negroes.

Textiles Look Up

LAURINBURG, N.C. (AP)—The president of the American Cotton Manufacturers Institute says the U.S. textile industry is ending 1958 in a mood of optimism.

The ACMI head, Halbert M. Jones, a Laurinburg textile manufacturer, asserts that "In the last quarter of this year we have seen several things that have put most of us in a more optimistic frame of mind." Foremost among those, he said, was an apparent change in government attitude toward the industry and its problems.

Democrat Leads

TROY — (AP) — Democrat Sam Smitherman held a 24-vote lead over incumbent Republican Elwood Long as a recount continued today in votes cast Nov. 4 in the Montgomery County sheriff's race.

The recount was ordered after Long protested his defeat by three votes and asked for the recount.

Officials making the recount gave no total figures pending completion of the recount. Remaining to be recounted today were about 1,700 votes in the Troy box and about 700 in the Star box.

New Plant Planned

HENDERSON — (AP) — A large South Carolina glass container firm said today it will begin construction here soon on a new plant representing an investment of several million dollars.

Officials of Laurens Glass Works of Laurens, S. C., said the Henderson facility initially will employ between 150 and 175 persons and eventually will expand to 500 employees on an annual payroll of more than two million dollars.

The new industry, the first glass container plant to locate in the state, will manufacture glass bottles for soft drinks and glass containers for processed foods and household chemicals.

Space Flight Called Near

NAGS HEAD — (AP) — This 55th anniversary of powered flight brought a prediction today that the United States will send a piloted aircraft into the fringes of space within a year.

Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney (D-Okla) linked the prediction with praise for Orville and Wilbur Wright, who made the first successful flight in a powered aircraft in 1903.

Monroney's speech was prepared for a luncheon marking the anniversary of the event, which took place at Kitty Hawk, near here.

"With the same courage and vision as the Wright brothers," Monroney said, "modern pioneers will strike through the chains that hold man to the earth's atmosphere just as Orville and Wilbur Wright broke the chains which held us to the ground back in 1903."

Tracing the progress of aviation since then, Monroney said: "This year we will put a man into outer space, some 100 miles above the earth, in a man-piloted aircraft. The X15 will be flying before the next Wright Day is observed. . ."

The Air Force's X15 space research plane is expected to start test flights soon.

Paint Sales Up

TORONTO—Sales of paints, varnishes, and lacquers in Canada during the first six months of 1957 climbed to $70,638,000, an increase of 4 per cent over the figure of a year earlier.

Yule Tree Search Fatal To Children

OLIVIA — (AP) — A small ax lay on the pond's ice, remnant of a tragedy that claimed the lives of three children who had started off on a gay trip to cut Christmas trees.

A fourth child survived the incident yesterday and from him and others this story developed:

At little after noon, the four children started across the rectangular irrigation pond to cut evergreens. Some 12 feet from shore, the ice layer of an inch or so suddenly split and the heavily clothed children disappeared into the jagged hole.

James Earle Wester, 9, who could swim a little, managed to get to safety and help 11-year-old Joyce Faye Douglass to shore. Joyce's brother Wilbur, 9, and James' brother Billy, 10, sank in water 12 feet deep and drowned.

James summoned help. Rescuers tried but could not revive Joyce. Within three hours after the ice broke, the bodies of Wilbur and James were retrieved. the ax was found beside the hole where they went down.

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TV French Wows 4th Grade

By VERNA SHMAVONIAN
Special To The News

CHAPEL HILL — "Bon jour, madame," chorused the fourth grade students recently when Mrs. Marian Walter visited their class at Hillcrest School in Burlington.

This incident is the result of a new development on the North Carolina public school scene: elementary school children undertaking the study of a foreign language — and showing good grasp of the subject.

The Burlington students and several other North Carolina school groups are becoming bilingual through the efforts of Mrs. Walter and the staff of WUNC-TV, the state's pioneer educational television station.

Since late September Mrs. Walter has been conducting "Rendez-vous en Francais," a language course for children, given on Channel 4 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 11 o'clock.

Emphasis is on the spoken language, and verything said on the program from the first day has been in French. This differs from the usual high school or college French course, in which beginners are drilled on reading, writing or grammar exercises.

Mrs. Walter does not translate and she has underlined heavily her instructions to classroom teachers "never to translate." Thus the children learn French the same way that they learned English, hearing words and phrases and then repeating them.

Mrs. Walter uses songs, games, pictures and puppets to make clear what she is saying. Two of her most valuable teaching aids are puppets Jean and Marie, who also "speak" only French. She also illustrates much of her conversation with clever sketches on the blackboard. Although Mrs. Walter often repeats a word or phrase, the context and pace are so varied that the program remains fresh and interesting.

For instance, boys and girls watching "Rendez-vous en Francais" through December will learn to talk in French about Christmas presents and trees, the Nativity, and about clothes for the holidays. They will also learn a French Christmas carol. But interwoven with this exciting fare will be a study of arithmetic combinations, vocabulary review, and several new verbs.

Police Press Hoax Probe In Carolinas

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Five youths in North and South Carolina today were awaiting action in bomb threat cases as police sought to clear up more than 40 bomb hoaxes in the Carolinas in the last three weeks.

At Anderson, S. C., police reported a "highly agitated" Anderson youth had confessed to telephoning several bomb threats against high schools in the past few days.

Police Capt. Walt Embler identified the youth as John Thomas Holley, 19, and said he was in the maximum security section of county jail under close observation.

No charges were filed immediately.

The youth was seized by police on a tip from National Guardsmen called out at Hanna High School for girls after a Tuesday telephoned bomb threat. The Guardsmen spotted Holley pacing in front of the school but he was seized as he rested on a stone wall a block away.

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Found beside him was a rock wrapped in cloth with this note tied to it: "You are all going to die if you don't get out." Embler said the youth admitted planning to throw the rock through a school window.

Embler also quoted young Holley as saying he had fully intended to blow up the school for girls during the Christmas holidays because he "hated girls."

A 14-year-old Aycock School student at Greensboro has admitted he was the person who reported last Wednesday that a bomb had been placed in the Greensboro school.

Police Chief Paul B. Calhoun declined to say how the student became a suspect and withheld the boy's name because of his age. The matter has been referred to domestic relations court, Chief Calhoun said.

Two teen-age boys at Conway, S. C., were being held today on conspiracy charges following a telephoned bomb threat made to the Conway High School Monday.

Jerome Solomon and George Murrell, both 16, were charged in warrants issued by Magistrate T. O. Lane with conspiracy to incite a riot.

The Conway school received the call about 8 a.m. Monday but a search of the building proved the call to be another hoax.

Donald L. Stinson, 16, of Burlington, was jailed last night, accused of making a telephone call to police that a bomb had been placed in the Walter Williams High School.

Police Chief J. R. James said Stinson, who recently quit Junior High School, was charged with making a false report to the police. James said Stinson admitted making the call.

The high school was evacuated Dec. 10 when police received a telephone call at 1:40 p.m. saying a bomb would be exploded at the school at 2:15 p.m.

Chief James gave credit for the arrest to the overwhelming support given by student bodies at Williams and Broad Street Junior High School and citizens of the community.

Dominican Republic Launches Big Plan

CIUDAD Trujillo — The Dominican Republic has launched a $650,000,000, five-year plan that aims at the elimination of illiteracy; electrification of rural areas; eradication of malaria; colonization of interior regions, with provision for homesteads, farm machinery, and agricultural training centers; and large-scale workers' housing developments and slum clearance.

Christmas Pageant Scheduled Tonight

A Christmas pageant, depicting the birth of Christ, will be presented today at 7:30 p.m. by the children of the Christian Day School of Sunset Hills Presbyterian Church.

Directed by Mrs. W. C. Slappey, the pageant at the church will feature Brooks Kenion as Mary and Cameron Coates as Joseph. All children of the school will participate.

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Swedish Navy Buys Midget Submarine

STOCKHOLM — The first midget submarine for the Swedish Navy has been purchased from England.

Sweden's archipelagoes are particularly suited to enemy operations with this type of craft, and Sweden is trying out various countermeasures.

Dial LOST DOG To Find Your Pup

SAN FRANCISCO — A service in San Francisco makes is possible to dial L-O-S-T D-O-G and hear recorded descriptions of dogs found and taken to headquarters of the Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

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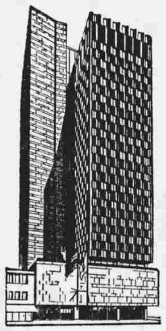

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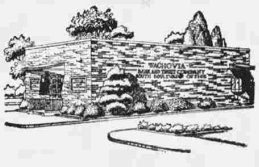

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