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Charlotte Juvenile Crime Drops Below '58 Figures

Petty Offenses Keep Current Totals High

By JOHN KILGO
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Police officials reported today that juvenile crime in Charlotte is apparently taking a big nosedive.

L. J. R. Hall—head of the city's Youth Bureau—says the number of cases handled so far this year by his department is far below what it was in 1958. "And to really appreciate this picture," L. Hall said, "you've got to keep in mind that the number of young people in Charlotte increases every day."

During the first six months of 1958, 73 offenses were committed by local juveniles. And so far this year, the figure stands approximately at 65.

Four murder cases head a docket of 271 cases which are scheduled for trial during the next term of Criminal Superior Court beginning here Monday.

The heavy docket also includes two rape cases, five manslaughter cases, three armed robbery cases and one burglary case. Charged with murder are: James Leslie Butler, Oscar Campbell, Edward Crawford and Robert A. McIlwaine.

Abraham Graine alias William H. Harris and Albert Jackson Knight are charged with rape. Edwin M. Weirich, Barton Bann and Jerry M. Sutton are charged with armed robbery and William Howard Lawrence is charged with burglary.

Charged with manslaughter are: Glenn Martin Davis, Roy Otis York, Donald Earle Lowe, James M. Long and Johnnie Dean Broderick.

The term is scheduled to run from June 15 through June 18 and from June 22 through June 25. Superior Court Judge Francis O. Clarkson will preside.

Police say this year's figure would be even further below last year's except for a great number of petty offenses.

CASES SOLVED
Just two weeks ago Youth Bureau officers cleared up 35 cases of hub cap larcenies.

"We've had less trouble this year with the young people than we've had in many years," Hall said.

He says that local young people have committed no major crimes—such as murder, rape or narcotic law violations—during 1959.

"We've got a good bunch of young folks around Charlotte," Hall said, "and they're really working closely with us this year."

"Most of the success we've had so far this year can be attributed to the cooperation we've gotten from our teen-agers."

NO GANGS
"We don't know of any organized gangs in Charlotte," he said. "We don't have big gangs and cuttings around here. If we do the police don't know about it."

Some police officials were surprised to find that there is no organized teenage crime in Charlotte.

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New Big 4 Talks Basis Is Sought

GENEVA (AP)—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter met today with Andrei A. Gromyko to-day to find out if there is any basis for continuing negotiations for a stop-gap Berlin agreement.

Taking the lead for the West in the Big Four negotiations, Herter met with the Soviet foreign minister after consulting with his Western colleagues.

Herter had talked for 30 minutes with Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd of Britain, French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville, and Ambassador Wilhelm Grover of West Germany.

Gromyko showed some signs of willingness to lower his price for ending the Soviet threat to West Berlin temporarily.

Herter and his colleagues had to find out, however, whether Gromyko was willing to lower the price enough to make further negotiation hold reasonable hope of agreement.

They were completely opposed to accepting the Soviet suggestion for a one-year deadline on a Berlin settlement, which the Russians could use to prolong the threat of a future blockade.

It was understood the method of approach was to try to determine whether there were elements in various Western proposals on Berlin and in the unacceptable Soviet package plan put in yesterday which could be pulled out to provide a hopeful new basis for continuing the talks here.

Failing this, an early collapse of the conference was a serious possibility.

Gromyko denied Western charges that the Soviet proposal is a take-or-leave-it ultimatum.

Other Soviet spokesmen said the one-year deadline is negotiable and indicated the Soviets might agree to a longer period of Western occupation.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian Zorin at a press briefing called on the West to make counterproposals so that the negotiations could proceed.

The Western foreign ministers, however, remained adamantly opposed to any deadline on their occupation of the former German capital, U.S. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter told foreign ministers' conference that the Western occupation rights were not granted by the Soviets and "they are not rights which the Soviets can cancel, assign or modify."

SESSION SET
Herter and Gromyko scheduled a private session today to consider the future of the conference. It appeared today the Geneva meeting would break up in disagreement within a few days unless the Soviets drastically revised their proposal.

There was some talk of a long suspension of the foreign ministers' talks while deputy foreign ministers of the four nations carry on some negotiations.

Western officials believed Gromyko had contacted Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to report the violent U.S.-British-French rejection to the new Soviet proposal and to discuss the possibility of modifications.

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H. L. Helms And Embattled Depot At Matthews

Not Riled Often

Matthews Folks A Little Put Out

By JULIAN SCHEER
News Staff Writer

MATTHEWS—They don't get riled up very often in Matthews.

Even when they do, it is a quiet kind of seething.

Today they're seething and a little put out, "cause the Seaboard Air Line Railroad is trying to close the Matthews depot and tear it down."

"It ain't gonna put us outa business," an oldtimer said here today, "but you hate to give up something you already got."

A group of local folks went to Raleigh yesterday to tell the Utilities Commission why the depot ought to stay in this Mecklenburg County community.

They hired a former local boy, Charlotte attorney Paul Herter, to help them state their case and he rattled off a lot of facts and figures. He showed that the depot's business is on the upswing and at a greater percentage rate than the entire Seaboard system. And he says the outlook is getting brighter every day.

"Business is good here and getting better," says Rank Matthews President L. F. Fund.

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Atomic Spy To Be Freed

LONDON (AP)—Atom spy Klaus Fuchs will be released from prison late this month and free to live where he pleases, Home Secretary Richard A. Butler announced today.

The German-born scientist was jailed in 1950 for betraying Western atomic secrets to the Russians. It has been said that as a result, the Soviet Union got the A-bomb five years sooner than it would have done.

Butler was asked in the House of Commons whether the brain of the "brilliant scientist"—once one of the leading men in British atomic research—would be of value today to potential enemies.

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Dial FR 7-5441: You'll LOVE It

By JULIAN SCHEER
News Staff Writer

The Voice in the Johnston Bldg. will be silent soon.

No longer will you hear that fascinating foreign—and feminine!—voice breathe...

"Lassiter, Moore and Van Allen."

Ab, 'tis a sad day. Sad for callers who liked a touch of lovely Denmark in their law suits.

SAD FOR THE MEN of the Johnston Bldg., who liked a touch of glamour in their elevators.

Hanne Rovers, a 19-year-old Danish (Brigitte) Bardot, has thrown the Johnston Bldg. into a mild state of turmoil for the past two weeks. During this time she has been a substitute receptionist and PEX operator for the law firm of Lassiter, Moore and Van Allen.

Said one man to another man this week, "Have you dialed FR 7-5441 recently?"

"Huh?"

"Bob Lassiter."

'No Resistance' In Rape Case?

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—The defense claimed today that a 19-year-old Negro co-ed offered no resistance to the four white youths accused of raping her.

The lawyer for one of the defendants, 23-year-old William T. Collinsworth, told an all-male jury in his opening defense statement that the girl willingly submitted to the four men.

Atty. S. Gunter Toney added: "It is a close question whether or not consent was given."

The state has accused the four youths of forcibly raping the girl after abducting her at gunpoint from her Negro date that evening.

As to how the girl ended up in the car with the four white youths, Toney said only:

"Through interplay one of the girls was in the car with the four boys."

Toney told the jury that Collinsworth was insanely drunk when he and the three white companions lapped up the victim parked in the car with her date and another couple the night of May 2. The attorney said the white boys stopped because "someone suggested 'Let's break up this necking party.'"

State Atty. William D. Hopkins said he planned to get right into the major part of his case against the four, who would draw death sentences if convicted without a recommendation of mercy.

The 19-year-old freshman co-ed at the all-Negro Florida A&M University here stood in a long line of nearly 20 state and defense witnesses Wednesday night to be sworn in.

Her eyes swept across the courtroom to the long table inside the rail where the four defendants waited nervously for the court to recess after a tedious first day of jury selection.

Selection of the jury was completed early Wednesday night. It was qualified by Hopkins to enforce the death penalty. A dozen prospective jurors were excused by the court when they said they had conscientious objections to capital punishment.

Open with authoritative inside stories, says the magic name of Ben Hogan is being circulated as the one to watch closely and he tells why.

There's also some sightings as to how Dick Groat, the Pirates' shortstop, and Mike Soucek, the golfer, used to practice together while at Duke University—plus other interesting information.

We suggest you read Green today—and every day during the Open. He's your ticket to golfdom's greatest show.



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WEATHER

Fair and warm through tomorrow. High temperature yesterday—86. High expected today—88. High expected tomorrow—90. Low this morning—83. Low expected tonight—85. Sunrise, 5:09 a.m.; sunset, 7:30 p.m.

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Hoods In Dark Glasses

Mobsters Put On A Show For Racket Probers

WASHINGTON (AP)—A trio of alleged mobsters—wearing oversized sunglasses like a uniform of their trade—fascinated Senate Rackets Committee audiences this week.

The cast of characters: Sam (Moony) Giancana, John Formosa, and Anthony Pinelli.

Giancana, alleged No. 1 or No. 2 hoodlum in the Chicago underworld, responded only with giggles to this description of his influence.

He also smiled his way through, and refused to answer, allegations that he was a draft-dodger, gunman, photograph record contributor and overlord of criminal operations in neighboring Lake County, Ind.

Formosa, whom the committee identified as a director of Labor-Century magazine, was unsmiling during his stint in



ANTHONY PINELLI

the witness chair. But later testimony about him rocked the hearing room with laughter.

House Group Okays Liquor Vote Measure

RALEIGH (AP)—A House committee reported favorably today on a bill which would permit towns in dry counties to hold liquor elections.

The propositions and grievance group gave the measure overwhelming endorsement after listening to "wets" and "dries" battle it out in a public hearing.

Its next stop is the House floor. Introduced by Mecklenburg's Frank Stapp, the measure was aimed at halting the flood of local enabling acts which crop up in the General Assembly year after year.

It would enable any town or city of more than 2,000 population to hold an ABC store election if one is requested on a petition signed by 25 per cent or more of the registered voters.

Under current law, whether ABC stores are established depends on countywide votes.

Rep. Sidney Bert of Bladen, one of the Assembly's dry leaders, told the committee, "I don't think we should take this right away from a dry county. Be fair to us who live in dry counties. This bill is reaching too far."

Rep. Marcellus Buchanan of Johnston said, however, he was "embarrassed" in having to decide on the local enabling acts when two representatives disagree.

The House recently was split down the middle on a bill which would give the small community of Gibsonville, straddling the Guilford-Alamance county line, authority to hold a liquor election.

The Guilford delegation favored the bill. Rep. George Long of Alamance opposed it.

Billy Explains Park Remarks

LONDON (AP)—Evangelist Billy Graham left for Moscow today somewhat startled by reaction here to his comment on public behavior in London parks.

At a news conference he said that Londoners seemed to be turning their parks "into bedrooms," and that sure and his wife, shocked by what they saw on a stroll last Sunday, got out of the parks.

Some London newspapers commented that it is natural, and not repulsive, for British lovers to hold hands and maybe indulge in some kisses behind the bushes. Maybe even in front of the bushes, some commentators said.

"Perhaps my comments need to be amplified to be understood fully," Graham said in London Airport before leaving.

"We saw two couples in the middle of the sex act—in day light. I am sure these things happen in other parts of the world and maybe in America, but I suppose I am a bit of a let of time to walk around parks in America."

"I have no objection to people kissing or holding hands or that sort of contact," he said. "But we saw things which I am sure no civilized man would object to. There were many children playing (in the parks) and I certainly would not want my children in the midst of that sort of behavior. But your parks are beautiful."

Alraham said he and his wife plan to stay in Moscow about five days as tourists. There is a possibility, he said, that he might preach in some Russian Baptist church.

"I shan't know until tonight whether I am to be invited to do so," he said. "But if I preach there I'll say the same things I do in other parts of the world. I don't think there would be any difficulty preaching through an interpreter."