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Note To Readers

Six new people have been added to the news staff of The Charlotte News in the last three weeks. They're evidence of our intention to give the readers more complete reporting of the local news, and a better-edited evening paper than ever before.

First of a group of newcomers to the staff was Charlotte-born Tom Wingate, an experienced North Carolina newsman, who has taken over the state desk. Coverage of the news in the adjacent areas is his responsibility.

WINGATE

BARRETT

When we began strengthening the staff we did not shortchange the women's department. Charlotte's Elizabeth (Betty) Barrett became a woman's department reporter immediately upon graduation at Woman's College, Greensboro.

Reinforcement came to the city staff with the arrival of young Dick Rigby from the High Point Enterprise. He is breaking into the local news scene as a general assignment reporter.

RIGBY

SHIELDS

Jerry Shields is another newcomer to the reportorial staff. Jerry received his master's degree at the University of North Carolina earlier this month. He is also on general assignment.

The Rigby and Shields by-line will appear with increasing frequency in coming months along with those widely known News writers Julian Scheer, Dick Young Sr., Emery Wister, J. A. Daly, Elizabeth Prince, Bob Slough, Ann Sawyer, John Borchert, John Kilgo, Bill Hughes and Jerry Reece.

CAMPBELL

BELLUNE

Copy reading and headline writing are important news department functions, and the copy desk is being bolstered at the same time.

Monroe Campbell, University of North Carolina graduate, has moved to The News copy desk after two years with the Durham Morning Herald.

And Jerry Bellune, Greenville, S. C., has begun his newspaper career as a News copyreader, coming from Furman University where he had been a student.

Charlotte News local reporting has been noteworthy in the past. It will be more so in the future.

Brodie S. Griffith

EDITOR

—TAX VOTE REALLY CONSOLIDATION—

June 30—Big Date In Education

BY ANN SAWYER
News Education Writer
(First In A Series)

Tuesday, June 30, 1959.

Without quite knowing it, the people of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County have been moving toward this date for a decade.

Many have moved under the force of their own beliefs.

Many more have been caught up in circumstances that propelled them inevitably.

Regardless of how they reach this date, June 30 and how it ends will affect the educational future of countless thousands of children — those in the school systems now and those to come.

On this date, the voters of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County will decide whether to consolidate their two school systems or to continue operating them as separate units.

The vote will not be for or against consolidation.

VOTE ON TAX

It will be for or against levying a 54-cent county-wide tax to supplement state revenues for school purposes.

A vote for the tax is a vote for consolidation. A vote against it is a vote against consolidation.

For Charlotte taxpayers, the 54-cent per $100 valuation tax will mean a four cent increase over what they now pay. For residents in the county school districts, it means a 14-cent hike.

Here's what the four-cent consolidation tax increase would mean to a city dweller who owns a $20,000 home. It's probably on the tax books for about $10,000.

At four cents per $100 valuation, he would pay $4 more in city taxes.

BIGGER BITE

For the county property owner, with a home on the books at $10,000, the 14-cent increase would mean his bill would be up $14 because of school consolidation.

At present, the 50-cent supplement paid by property owners in the City School Administrative Unit is used to pay teachers more than the state scale and to employ teachers to enrich the school program.

The county school system uses its 40-cent supplement to increase teacher pay, for music teachers, to employ additional teachers to relieve heavy student loads, to relieve principals from teaching duties, and for some special teachers, such as physical education and speech correctionists.

With an increased county-wide supplement, it will be possible to give county schools in a limited way some of the special services offered by city schools. These areas include special education, music, physical education, libraries and art.

PAY BALANCER

The larger supplement also will bring county teacher pay up to the level of city teachers.

If the June 30 tax vote passes, it will bring together under one administrative roof approximately 56,000 students, 93 schools, 3,500 employes — 2,100 of them instructional personnel.

The vote passage also would erase the boundary line between the city and county school systems and most children can attend the schools nearest their homes.

The children in the perimeter that will become a part of Charlotte the end of this year will not automatically come into the City School Administrative Unit.

Unless the systems are consolidated — or unless other legal steps are taken — these

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Officer Of Reserve Bank Silent On Missing Notes

Treasury Certificates Of $100,000 Burned

Robert L. Cherry, vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank branch here, says he has no comment on a statement by Rep. Wright Patman (D-Texas) that audit reports showed $100,000 in U. S. Treasury certificates disappeared at the Charlotte branch.

Patman, a longtime critic of Federal Reserve banking operations and credit policies, said Sunday in Washington that Federal Reserve audit reports disclosed "unbelievably shocking" management deficiencies.

On the Charlotte situation, Patman said an investigation of the mysterious disappearance of $100,000 in certificates revealed only that they had not been removed from an envelope after delivery and were destroyed with trash burned up by the member bank.

In pointing to a 1957 audit report, the congressman said the $100,000 certificates were 2¼ per cent indebtedness, series B-1957 tax anticipation notes. He said they had been allotted on direct subscription to an undisclosed South Carolina bank which, in turn, requested that they be delivered to an unidentified company in North Carolina for safe keeping.

SIGNED RECEIPT

Patman added that the South Carolina company received a signed receipt for the total amount, but the consignee bank admits it did not open the package to verify its contents at time of delivery.

"When the package later was opened," Patman added, "it received only contained only six lots of securities totaling $785,000 to which attached receipts number 36 to 41."

The Texas congressman had asserted that "according to the records of the branch, the certificate was one of seven lots of like securities, in the aggregate amount of $885,000, to which were attached receipts, number 36 to 42, inclusive, prepared by the branch on Aug. 15, 1956."

Patman said failure to alert the consignee bank placed a measure of responsibility on the branch bank because the consignee was unable to make a search of its waste paper. Nor, he added, "to institute other investigative measures that might have been effective if started promptly."

He added that then steps were begun to secure a replacement certificate.

Gov. Long's Attorney Hopeful

BATON ROUGE (AP)—Gov. Earl Long's new attorney, Joe Arthur Sims, said today the governor's bid for freedom from a mental clinic might develop in the courts as early as Wednesday.

"I'm kind of thinking court action might be attempted by Wednesday," he said, "but I won't know until later."

Sims, an old political buddy and onetime Attorney General candidate on a Long-backed ticket in 1952, said he will see Gov. Long again this afternoon.

The attorney visited the ailing Long the first time yesterday at Southeast Louisiana Hospital in Mandeville, the state institution where Long is confined.

Sims declined any comment on why the governor still wants to pursue legal action rather than seek the rest under hospital care physicians say he needs.

He did say he found the Governor "in good health and good spirits, but mad as the dickens . . . that seemed natural to me after (his) 22 days of confinement in various mental hospitals.

Long's lawyer gave this comment, "I don't know, that's one of the things I'm exploring," when asked how a constitutional provision might affect Long's status while in a state charitable institution.

Article eight, section six, says in part inmates of charitable units cannot hold office.

Lt. Gov. Lether Frazar, meanwhile, still not clear whether he is acting governor, indicated he expected a legal answer to that headache Tuesday, instead of today.

Louisiana, faced with a tangled routine of government because of the presence within the state of her ailing governor, may find the answers to some momentous questions this week.

1. Is Gov. Earl K. Long legally insane?

2. If not, can he get out of a state mental hospital?

3. Meanwhile, who is the state's chief executive?

LONG COOPERATIVE

Physicians who visited Long Sunday at Southeast Louisiana Hospital, 54 miles east of the capital, reported he was "quite cooperative and his general condition satisfactory."

Five days ago the governor, cursing and fighting, was taken to the mental hospital in Mandeville, La. He was arrested near here after he had sped away from a New Orleans hospital.

Dr. Chester Williams, coroner for East Baton Rouge Parish, and a psychiatrist said Long was suffering from paranoid schizophrenia—delusions of persecution. Long was ordered taken to the mental hospital for observation and treatment.

Long, who was on his way to the capitol to resume executive powers when he was arrested, has engaged counsel to protect his legal rights. Joseph Arthur Sims of Hammond, La., was named his chief counsel.

Staff Photo—Buster

Charlotte's new police chief Jesse James was sworn into office this morning by Mayor James S. Smith (right). Watching the ceremony in Council chambers were City Councilmen James B. Whittington and S. Herbert Hitch.

Police Chief James Sworn; Hears Song Of Little Money

BY JOHN KILGO
News Staff Writer

Jesse James was sworn in as Charlotte's police chief today in a City Hall Council Chamber that was packed with people and humor.

The first thing the big man asked for was patience.

And the first thing he was told he didn't have much of was money.

At 11:04 a.m. James stood before Mayor James Smith, placed his huge right hand on the Bible, and took the oath of office.

At 11:05, he became Charlotte's youngest and biggest police chief.

Standing in his characteristic manner, hands in pockets, Chief James accepted the position humbly.

"I think before any person should take a position like this," he said, "that he should certainly ask the guidance of the Supreme Architect. "I wouldn't be here today without the help of God.

"I think all of us want to make Charlotte a better place to live."

VISITORS PRESENT

About 20 people from Burlington made the trip to wish their ex-chief well.

The City Council was present, as were other business and civic leaders.

Several were called on to make short talks.

Asst. Chief John Hord said: "I met Jesse just two hours ago, and I can tell you that he is an hombre after my heart. I will ride with him wherever he wants to go."

Capt. of Detectives W. A. McCall said he saw a statement in the newspaper where Jesse was going to get rid of the dishonest and the incompetent.

"I'm afraid I might be incompetent," McCall said.

"The old saying is that a new broom sweeps clean. I just hope that it misses my corner."

Councilman Randy Babcock said he and his wife asked their little five-year-old girl if she

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And Rains Came For Sunny Miami

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — The sky could dry up anytime now over this resort-capital of sunny Florida, and rain-sodden Miamians wouldn't mind a bit.

Return of normal sunshine would be a novelty after rains which broke the city's 1942 June record Saturday night and messed up streets, lawns and daily activities.

The weather man said today would be showery, followed Tuesday by scattered showers. If his predictions pan out, Miami's current spell of wet weather will be prolonged to eight consecutive days.

Miamians would appreciate a generous sunshine-break to mow the jungle-like growth off their lawns, and dry out their puddle-soaked shoes. Street maintenance crews could use a fair-weather chance to repair pot-holes. Drainage engineers would like to see brimming catch basins subside. Merchants want to see more people stroll into their shops instead of huddling under store awnings between dashes through showers and downpours.

Up to today the U. S. Weather Bureau logged 19.67 inches of June rainfall for Miami, by comparison with 4.61 inches average in a comparable period. The previous record for all of June was 19.54 inches. Eleven inches of this month's downpour came within one 72-hour period ushered in by another local weather freak — a destructive tornado Wednesday night.

The sun has shone in valiant relief roles but hasn't been able to dry up the rain clouds.

4 Florida Rapists Get Life Terms

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—All four white youths convicted of raping a Negro coed were handed life prison sentences today by Circuit Judge W. May Walker.

Life sentences were the maximum possible under the June 14 verdict of guilty with a recommendation of mercy.

The electric chair would have been automatic if the jury had returned a verdict of guilty without a recommendation of mercy. No white man ever has gone to the chair in Florida or any other state for raping a Negro.

In pronouncing sentence the white-haired 54-year-old jurist told the four he had never imposed less than a death sentence or life imprisonment on conviction of rape.

YOUTHS POLE

The four youths paled as the sentence was pronounced but showed no other trace of emotion.

Under Florida law, parole from a life sentence is possible after six months but lifers convicted of rape customarily serve at least 10 years before being considered for parole.

The four drawing life sentences were Willion (Ted) Collingsworth, 23, a telephone company lineman; David Ervin Beagles, a husky 18-year-old high school senior; Patrick (Gene) Scarborough, a 20-year-old Air Force man and Ollie Stoutamire, a skinny, pale-faced 16-year-old high school dropout.

Judge Walker told the four as he prepared to pronounce sentence, "You have been convicted of a very serious offense. It is an offense that is horrible and under horrible circumstances. The court feels sorry for you and for the prosecutrix (the 19-year-old coed). You are fortunate that the jury recommended mercy."

4 Mexicans Killed, 20 Hurt In Panic

TOLUCA, Mexico (AP) — Four persons were killed in a stampede to get out of a movie theater Sunday night after its roof was ripped off during a violent wind storm. About 20 persons were injured seriously in the panic.

Four Persons Die In Crash

CLOUDCROFT, N. M. (AP)—A light plane crashed close to a ranger station at Cloudcroft early today, killing four persons.

Forest service employes said the four dead appeared to be a family—a man, woman and a boy and girl.

No identification was available immediately. The plane burned after the crash.

L. Z. Brown, a forest service employe at the ranger station, said the plane crashed at 9:10 a.m. close to a new addition being built on the building.

He said the small plane, which was a single-engined craft — flew east over the station at a low altitude.

"The motor was mussing," Brown said. "and all of a sudden it just quit, the plane nosed down and dived into the trees. The gas tanks exploded as soon as it hit. There was no chance to get the bodies out until the fire cooled down and then we had to use hack saws on the twisted metal."

The Federal Aviation Agency was unable to say where the plane was from or what its destination was. The registration number of the charred craft was given as N-97321.

Brown said a wallet had been recovered from the body of the man. "I didn't see inside it," he said, "but it was handed to a state policeman. It seems to me I heard him say the pilot was from some place in California."

Cloudcroft is a resort town high in the Sacramento Mountains of New Mexico. The altitude is about 9,000 feet.

'Just Where We Are'

Herter Gives Ike Geneva Rundown

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter today gave President Eisenhower an hour-long report on the deadlocked Geneva foreign ministers talks, now recessed until July 13.

After the conference Herter confirmed he will go on nationwide television and radio tomorrow night to tell the American people about the thus-far futile efforts to reach agreement with the Russians regarding Berlin and other problems.

Herter told newsmen at the White House the time for his broadcast had not been definitely set.

Herter said he reported to Eisenhower in general terms and that they discussed "just where we are" in efforts to ease East-West tensions.

A reporter asked the Secretary about prospects for an eventual summit conference of the Western heads of government with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

"That is something I just don't want to go into at the present time," Herter replied.

Then he went on to say that at no time during the six weeks of Geneva talks did the Western foreign ministers discuss with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko the possibility of a summit meeting. That matter did not come up at all, the Secretary said.

Herter flew in yesterday from the fruitless first round of the foreign ministers meeting. He said then the Soviets had revealed that their real aim is to absorb free West Berlin and keep Germany divided until they can bring the whole country under Communist influence.

U. S. authorities figured the best course for the West was to stand firm and see what the Soviet Union comes up with when the Geneva foreign ministers conference resumes July 13. That meeting recessed Saturday after six weeks of deadlock.

Washington's view was that Britain, France and the United States had hit rock bottom in the concessions they could offer the U.S.S.R on Berlin. But officials intended to return to Geneva still willing to bargain sincerely if the Reds, forsaking their uncompromising stand, will do so too.

NO SUPPORT

There was no support evident here for a pre-July 13 Western summit conference to shore up the allies, or even for a Western foreign ministers gathering except at Geneva a day or two before the East-West talks resume.

Herter talked with Eisenhower by telephone Sunday but a scheduled Sunday White House appointment was postponed.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy, warm and humid today, tonight and Tuesday, with widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers.

Low this morning	70
Low tomorrow morning	65
High today	90
High yesterday	89
High tomorrow	90

Sunrise today 5:06 a.m.; sunset today 7:41 p.m.

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Evening Prayer

Our Father, we would seek a closer walk with Thee by asking that our sins be forgiven and forgotten. Teach us and strengthen us to walk in the steps of our Master, who taught us to pray, "Our Father who art in heaven, . . . Amen."