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—EQUAL OPPORTUNITY—

School Issue Dates To '49

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A consolidated city-county school system would put all the wealth of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County behind every child regardless of where he lives.

This is one of the big arguments put forth by consolidation advocates.

It was one of the reasons given by the Institute of Government when it recommended a merger of the systems in 1949.

Looking back to the 1949 report, Oliver Rowe, a worker for consolidation, recalls that the principal reason advanced then for consolidation was to give county children "equal educational opportunities enjoyed by the children of the city."

The newspapers, some civic clubs, and the League of Women Voters got behind the movement, he said, "but they could not get the idea of consolidation approved by the school officials and the city council."

CITY UNWILLING

"The city school people were unwilling to share a little of their wealth with the poor school children in the county, and I guess the county people were too proud to ask for it anyway," he recalls.

Consolidation didn't come then, and the county later got much of its wealth — in money, students and leadership — from the area that has grown up around the city during the past 10 years.

Operating on a tight budget over the years, the county school system has brought itself to the point today that it can consolidate with the city as "an equal partner," Mr. Rowe says.

"It is obvious the original reason for consolidation no longer exists," he says.

The perimeter area gave the county system what it needed to pull up its standards, but Mr. Rowe says.

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In Charlotte A Tree Is A Tree Is A Tree Is A Tree, Says The Tree Commission

—HIDDEN BOARD— Trees? We Love Them

By JULIAN SCHEER
News Staff Writer

"I think that I shall never see

"An ordinance as lovely as a tree

"An ordinance whose hungry

"And gives the Council some

"Title rest:

"Poems are made by fools

"But only the City Council

"can make a tree."

(With apologies to Joyce Kilmer.)

Tree lovers of Charlotte —

unite!

You DO have a Tree Commission.

The Charlotte Tree Commission exists in existence despite reports to the contrary.

Of course, they haven't met in months, haven't done a darn thing, and are not getting much help from the City Council — but the appointments stand.

The whole knotty situation rose (like sap) this week when someone remembered that appointments to the Tree Commission expired in January.

That isn't quite true. The appointments, according to the city tree ordinance, run for two years "and until their successors are duly appointed."

The successors haven't been appointed, and unless he's hauled off to court (on the end of a limb, of course), Mayor Jim Smith isn't touching the Tree Commission with a ten-foot pole.

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3 More Bodies Found In Blackened Ruins

'BOOTLEG STUDENTS' STORY AROUSES IRE

"Half-truth and insinuation!" That's a Union County committee's reaction to the charge that "bootleg students" for neighboring counties are creating problems in Mecklenburg schools.

D. M. Harrison, in a letter to People's Platform in today's News, accuses Mecklenburg of "stealing" pupils from neighboring counties for years. "Why all the sudden noise and commotion?" he asks. "Until two years ago, Mecklenburg ran a school bus two miles inside Union County to pick up pupils for her schools."

Read the full text of reader Harrison's lively contribution to People's Platform on today's editorial page. Turn to 4-A.

Schools Too Crowded

'Encouragement' Is Laughed Off

By JERRY REECE
News Staff Writer

City and county school officials today laughed off the idea they might have encouraged out-of-county students to come to school in Mecklenburg County and Charlotte.

A letter to the editor of The News today set editorial page editors on a search for "encouraging" students from other counties to attend school here and city school officials of "welcoming" out-of-town students as long as they pay an annual tuition.

J. D. Morgan, assistant superintendent of the county system, got a good laugh out of the idea the long overcrowded Mecklenburg school system would encourage students from other counties to go to school here.

MAYBE LONG AGO

"There may have been a time many years ago when students from other counties were encouraged to come into Mecklenburg," he said.

But, he added, with Mecklenburg's growth during the past 10 years, the last thing needed was more students.

"At one time," Mr. Morgan remembered, "there was even competition among Mecklenburg principals to build up their enrollment, but that time has long passed."

City school officials were equally amused by the idea they would welcome students from out of the county into Charlotte.

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Norwegians Hampered In Search

STALHEIM, Norway (AP)—

Workers and an identification team sifting through the blackened ruins of the Stalheim tourist hotel today found three more bodies.

This brought the number of dead after yesterday's disastrous fire to 10.

Reports indicated the total number of dead and missing may be lowered from 25 to 23.

One person listed as missing was not on the tour and police scaled down their missing list by one.

At the scene of the fire, work was progressing slowly, police said. One section still is smoldering, holding up the search for bodies there. A complete check of the ruins may take several days.

Careless smoking by a Norwegian guide was suspected as a cause of the fire.

The guide was questioned through most of the night by police at nearby Voss. A police spokesman refused to give his name but said there is reason to believe he may have caused the fire through carelessness in cigarette smoking.

After questioning, the guide was released but was told to keep the police informed of his whereabouts. "Negligence is only a misdemeanor, so there was no basis for holding him," the police spokesman said.

MAY BE ALIVE

Investigators did not discount the possibility some of the missing may still be found alive.

Many of the hotel's 147 guests — 130 of them Americans — scattered in the confused hours after the fire leveled the stately old wooden building early yesterday.

The Embassy refused to give out any list of American casualties or survivors until it made certain its information is correct.

Smoldering embers in the rest of the building blocked investigators until morning.

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Rebels Strike Algerian City

ALGERIE (AP)—Algerian rebels thrust a determined column of uniformed soldiers into the outskirts of Bone today in their first military assault on a major Algerian city.

The attack broke down brought on a stand-up battle with thousands of French soldiers, armor, tanks and planes which was still raging at noon, eight hours after it started.

Unofficial estimates said 38 French soldiers were killed or wounded. There was no word as to rebel losses.

The rebel group had overrun 2 French army posts and was infiltrating the east Algerian city before the French recovered from their surprise. Then warplanes swooped on the rebels with strafing runs and incendiary bombs.

Unofficial sources at Bone said the city was under attack for more than 100 hours but they were heavily armed and apparently were under orders to penetrate into Bone itself.

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