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'Fringe Benefits' Big Difference In School Systems

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As the city and county school systems stand on the threshold of consolidation, individuals looking for differences in them will have no trouble finding them.

Perhaps the area of greatest difference between the two systems is in special services — services beyond the state prescribed and financed program. This is where the school tax supplement makes the difference. City folks pay 50 cents per \$100 valuation to hire extra teachers and increase teacher

pay — in short, to enrich the educational program. Last year, the 26-cent city supplement produced \$2,193,000.

10 CENTS LESS

The property owners living in county school districts pay 40 cents per \$100 valuation. This \$905,891.62 last year was used to increase teacher pay and hire additional teachers. With its higher supplement — and it has been higher for some years, the county having gone from 20 cents to 40 cents only two years ago — the city has been able to do more things. School officials working together have estimated it

would take 61½ cents county-wide to bring the county services up to those offered by the city.

PAY EQUALIZER

Estimating special services alone, they say it would take \$678,300 for the job. Included in the amount is \$244,000 to put county teachers on the same pay scale as city teachers. Committees from the school boards first estimated that it would take to do the total job. They feared the public might not be willing to increase taxes that much, and began reducing figures. With a 54-cent county-wide

school supplement, the county schools will see their special services expanded, but they cannot be brought up to the city's level with that supplement.

SOME ADDITIONS

If consolidation comes, the county schools will get two teachers in special education, three in physical education, six in art, six in librarians, and two or three counselors. The committee estimated it would take \$48,000 to equalize the physical education programs, but feeling it was necessary to reduce the supplement, they cut the physical ed-

ucation budget to \$12,000. They thought \$40,000 more was needed for the county's art program, but it had to be cut to \$24,000. Cost for counselors was cut from \$20,000 to \$10,000.

THINKING CHANGE

Some of these areas involve a difference in philosophy. It is believed in the city school system that "exceptional" children — mentally retarded, gifted, physically handicapped — should attend separate classes.

For 10 years the city has operated a special education program, feeling that all children, those left in the regular classroom, as well as those segregated, are benefited by this type of program. County school children also have been admitted to these classes.

ALL TOGETHER

The county schools have had no special education program. In the elementary grades, all children are kept together, regardless of ability, but are permitted to work at their individual levels. Both systems — the city to

a larger extent — group students according to basic, regular and advanced courses. In elementary grades there is a great difference in the instructional program. Whereas the city believes in grouping within a grade according to ability, the county does not. County schools follow what is known as the Robinson receding program, named after the white elementary supervisor, Miss Ruth Robinson.

NO ANSWER

Parents and teachers in both systems have been most concerned about the difference in the two instructional systems. However, there is no answer as to which would be adopted for the consolidated system.

School board members say both systems will be studied and the best taken from each. The library systems are quite different also. The city for years has aimed toward more librarians, but the county has stuck to few librarians, with the classroom teachers doing most of the library work. The city system has over 40 librarians, the county system has five.

BIG VARIANCE

The great difference in the See SCHOOLS on Page 2A



Arriving for a sanity hearing, Gov. Earl Long (center) enters the Covington, La., schoolhouse with Sheriff Andrew Erwin (right). At left is Charles Kuralt, former Charlotte News reporter, now a CBS-TV correspondent.

Kuralt later got stung by a sheriff's deputy when Long left in a great mob scene. The newsman, who had been trying for a statement from the governor, was not hurt badly.

Steel Union Talking Again Gov. Long Drives To Farm Hideout

NEW YORK (U)—The Steelworkers Union agreed today to resume contract negotiations with the industry's regular bargaining team.

David J. McDonald, union president, said, however, "I'm not going to get in another filibuster session," and would walk out again if the industry continues to refuse to grant worker contract gains.

McDonald yesterday declined further sessions with the industry representatives, saying they had been fruitless. He called for direct talks with steel company top executives but that had been flatly rejected.

McDonald announced this morning, after a meeting with the union's 35-man executive board, that he would go back into session with the regular industry team, headed by U. S. Steel Corp. Vice President R. Conrad Cooper.

"But I'm not going to sit in McDonald said. "I'm not interested in their case histories."

COVINGTON, La. (U)—Louisiana Gov. Earl K. Long deserted the sanctuary of a motel south of Covington today and headed for his beloved farm near Winnfield in northern Louisiana.

Before leaving, the tempestuous Long indicated he would return to Covington Sunday night. Doctors ordered him to take a complete rest, but he made no bones about wanting to visit his farm.

Long went on a shopping spree last night and bought a pith helmet, two horse collars, a post hole digger, a hoe and other farm utensils.

He loaded the equipment into the trunk of the limousine that left the motel shortly before he drove away. The pith helmet didn't fit in the car's trunk, so the governor put it on the back seat of the car.

The limousine left the motel earlier, taking the governor's sister, Mrs. Stewart Hunt, and a speech-

Searchers Pore Over Wreckage

MILAN, Italy (U)—An armored car regiment and hundreds of police today sealed off a three-mile zone of scattered wreckage that may hold the secret behind the crash of a U.S. airliner in a "furious" summer thunderstorm. All 68 aboard were killed.

Witnesses said they saw lightning strike the foreign-made Constellation yesterday. Aviation experts said it was more likely that the Chicago-bound Trans World Airline plane was shaken to pieces by the violence of the storm.

Some people of the ground said they heard the plane explode in the air. There was also the possibility of mechanical failure as the cause of Italy's worst air disaster.

BEGIN INQUIRY

Italian and American experts began their inquiry today. Investigators came from U. S. and Italian government air safety agencies and TWA. An Italian defense attorney, Salvatore Petrucci, also was sent by the government.

Until the investigation is finished, not even the relatives of the victims will be allowed near the wreckage. It lies north of the town of Malpensa Airport in this big north of the city yesterday.

The plane had taken off from Malpensa Airport in this big north of the city yesterday. It was headed for Paris and then to a nonstop flight to Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

RADLY MANGLED

At least 28 passengers and 6 crew members were American. Bodies, so badly mangled that identification of most was not immediately possible, were collected at an improvised shelter in the woods.

Bits of the giant Constellation were scattered in a three-mile trail along the ground among the crowded villages north of Milan.

People on the ground said they saw the lightning bolt strike the Constellation. All reported the plane then turned into a fireball.

Evening Prayer

Father of mercy, give us a vision of Thy boundless love. Forgive our many trespasses. Kindle a zeal in our hearts to love Thee more and do all we can for the sake of Thy kingdom of justice and righteousness, brotherhood and peace. In Christ's name. Amen.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy, hot and humid with widely scattered afternoon or evening thundershowers through tomorrow.

Low this morning 73
Low tomorrow morning 68
High today 93
High tomorrow 95
High tomorrow 95
Sunrise today 5:10 a. m.; sunset today 8:42 p. m.

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Mr. Veeder (left) Confers with Mr. Livingston
New City Manager

Veeder Arrives For Budget Chat

BY BOB SLOUGH
News Staff Writer

Acting city manager George Livingston this morning briefed Charlotte's new city manager, William J. Veeder, on the 1959-60 Charlotte budget.

The two met in the city manager's office in city hall. While Mr. Veeder and Mr. Livingston were discussing Charlotte money affairs, Mrs. (Joyce) Veeder was hunting a house.

MOVE NEXT MONTH

Mr. and Mrs. Veeder arrived in Charlotte last night from Ft. Lauderdale, where Mr. Veeder is city manager. They will move to Charlotte sometime next month when Mr. Veeder will assume his new duties as Charlotte city manager.

When will Mr. Veeder come to Charlotte to stay? "That is indefinite as of now," he said. "We're going through the same process budget-wise in Ft. Lauderdale that Mr. Livingston is going through here."

FINISH JOB

Mr. Veeder said he would remain in Ft. Lauderdale until the Florida city's budget is "substantially buttoned up."

When the Ft. Lauderdale city council approves the budget, Mr. Veeder will come to Charlotte.

And that he said, should be "sometime after the 15th of July."

HOME HUNTING

The Vedeers drove to Charlotte yesterday and will return to Ft. Lauderdale tomorrow.



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is the number one problem for his family. What is the biggest problem he will face in Charlotte? "The only thing I am aware of in a general sense is the large area coming into the city the first of the year," he said. "That, and I believe Mr. Livingston will agree, poses a lot of problems."

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San Antonio Accident Kills South Carolinian

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (U)—At least four men died as two jet planes crashed on opposite sides of San Antonio within 40 minutes last night. There was no word whether any survived.

Firemen, able to reach the flaming wreckage only on foot, sent back word that three persons died in the RB66—a reconnaissance bomber — which hit on top of a steep, rocky hill about 20 miles northwest of here.

A fourth man died in a T33 trainer from Luke Air Force Base in Arizona, which also burned after crashing one mile north of Laveria, 28 miles southeast of San Antonio. It was bound for Randolph Air Force Base here.

An official spokesman at Home, a local Air Force Base near Miami, Fla., identified the T33 pilot as 1st Lt. Roy B. Owens Jr. of the 18th Bombardment Wing at Homestead. He said Owens was returning the trainer to Home, near AFB from Oakland, Calif. when the crash occurred.

SC ADDRESS

Owens is survived by his widow Linda and two children, Anna 3, and Roy D. III. His permanent address was 30 Circle St., Great Falls, S. C.

The bomber crashed up about 11:40 p. m. (EST) and the T33 about 11:10 p. m. They went down at points approximately 40 miles apart.

A Randolph spokesman said the RB66, also a transport craft, was preparing to set down at Kelly Air Force Base on San Antonio's southwest side.

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Stanley Man Dies After County Crash

A 34-year-old Stanley man injured in a spectacular wreck on Highway 136, 1250 Fordham Rd., Charlotte, suffered three broken ribs, officers said.

County police identified the man as Harold Benny Luckey, 34. Luckey said he was driver of a 1967 Ford which went out of control on the highway about eight miles west of Charlotte, traveled 300 feet in the shoulder, ran into a ditch and went 225 feet, clipped off a telephone pole, nosed into a ditch and traveled 41 feet more before coming to rest in a field.

A SURVIVOR

A passenger in the car, Ruth Estridge Lingle, 36, 1250 Fordham Rd., Charlotte, suffered three broken ribs, officers said.

Mrs. Lingle was identified by officers as owner of the car. County police officers said Luckey, suffering from head and chest injuries, was taken by ambulance to a Charlotte hospital where he died at 2:15 a. m. today.

Police said Mrs. Lingle told them she was sleeping, at the time of the wreck, and does not know what happened. They said they were unable to talk to Luckey before he died.

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—REP. HILL FIGURES GRADES— Inside Tar Heel Legislature

The "inside story" of the 1959 General Assembly starts Monday on The News' editorial page.

Rep. Watts Hill Jr. of Durham, the session's brightest young star, will give News readers a candid, straight-from-the-shoulder analysis of the Legislature's record.

The three-part series, written exclusively for The Charlotte News, pulls no punches in discussing: Why court reform failed How the buck was passed on education

The peril of "provincialism" How big cities deal with rural control of the Legislature

The "tragedy" of the constitutional revision

Rep. Hill, member of a distinguished North Carolina family, is serving his second term as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives. He is chairman of the Committee on Higher Education and is regarded as one of the state's most promising young political figures.



REP. WATTS HILL JR.

—PHARMACIST IS CHARGED— Dancer Dies After Tryst

ST. LOUIS (U)—The nude body of a red-haired strip teaser was found last night in an apartment occupied by a pharmacist convicted of illegally selling narcotics.

Coroner Raymond I. Harris said the woman, known professionally as Laurie Vincent, was three months pregnant. He said an autopsy would be performed today to determine the cause of death.

The pharmacist, Marvin Roth, 29, was jailed on a charge of suspicion of homicide. Roth had been free on bond pending appeal of an eight-year federal prison sentence on the narcotics charge and was working as a taxicab driver.

Police said a chargeable

among Miss Vincent's friends showed the names of Mrs. Gloria D. Pascual and Mrs. Paul Pascual, and gave the address 6400 Claiborne, New Orleans 28, La.

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head, and Miss Vincent had been dead about 12 hours. Detective Sgt. Walter Gorman of University City quoted Roth as saying Miss Vincent came to the apartment about 9 a. m. yesterday and asked him to perform an abortion.

While she was in the apartment, Roth was quoted as saying, they were intimate, and later, identified the body.

It was the latter, police said, who tipped off the FBI.