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Thirsty Charlotteans Soak Up Record Level Of Water

'Maniac' Bludgeons 7 To Death

STETTLER, Alta. (P)—The mass slaying of a father, mother and their five children came to light with discovery of the seven battered bodies at this quiet central Canadian province town yesterday. Robert Raymond Cook, 22-year-old son of the slain man, was charged with murder.

The victims were Raymond Cook, 33, a garage mechanic; his wife, Daisy Mae, 37; and their three sons and two daughters ranging in age from 9 to 3.

Police found a blood-stained shotgun slumped under a cushion in the Cooks' neatly kept green and white home, but the bodies were so badly battered investigators could not tell whether the victims had been shot before they were clubbed.

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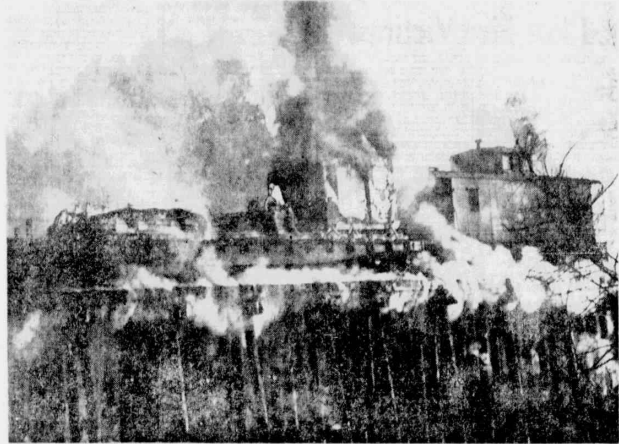
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SLEIGH IN SLEEP
Police believe the victims may have been slain as they slept Thursday night. "We don't know whether the gun has been fired or not — our investigation is not complete. However, we are sure of one thing. The gun was used as a bludgeon to beat these people to death. It is a terrible crime. It appears to be the work of a maniac."

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Trestle and train burn following explosion near Meldrim.

Queen Breaks Routine Duties

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Gas Explosion

Rescue Teams Drag River For Victims

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MELDRIM, Ga. (P)—Rescue teams renewed dragging operations on the Ogeechee River today searching for more victims of a freak butane gas explosion that already apparently has claimed 19 lives. Many others were burned, at least 10 critically.

The blast occurred about 3:30 yesterday afternoon. Two railroad tanker cars speed flaming death on 175 fun-seekers in a recreation area beneath a trestle which the Seaboard Air Line train was crossing.

Since then two children died of burns in a Savannah hospital. They were listed as Wayne Smith, 3, and Terry Lane, 9. Their addresses are not known.

H IDENTIFIED
A complete casualty list was not available, but 14 dead have been identified. Some bodies were so badly charred identification was difficult.

The railroad said the explosion of one butane tanker set off a blast in a second tanker loaded with 10,000 gallons of the cooking and heating fuel. Two trainmen were injured in the blast and the pileup of freight cars near the end of the long train.

The blast turned the Ogeechee River bank into blackened ruins several hundred yards from the trestle. It caught some of the victims in the water, others on the bank. Children scared by the flames floundered in the river or screaming from the spot.

A second but lesser explosion came after rescuers reached the scene near this east Georgia town about 18 miles northwest of Savannah.

Most of the 124 cars in the Seaboard Air Line Railroad freight train had cleared the 30-foot high trestle before the crash at 3:30 p.m. Some fell in the water but several piled up on the bank and burned through the night. Some of the box cars were telescoped.

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Stowaways Die In Hideaway

SYDNEY, Australia (P)—Five Chinese stowaways crumpled into a secret compartment 34 inches long and 31 inches wide in the liner Tayuan in Sydney harbor and only three came out alive, police said today.

The compartment's height slipped from 37 inches down to a few inches.

Police Sgt. Donald Goode asserted in Central Court that crew members involved in smuggling the Chinese panicked when the men died and tossed their bodies overboard. The three survivors are at large in Sydney, he said.

Goode testified at a preliminary court hearing for seven Chinese crew members of the British ship. They are charged with secretly bringing a migrant to Australia. Three were also charged with disposing of a body to prevent a coroner's inquest.

All seven were remanded in bail until July 8. This was the latest development in the Chinese puzzle that shored up after two floating bodies were discovered in the harbor.

Goode said the dead men were two of five stowaways who boarded the ship at Hong Kong. He added that before Australian customs men boarded the ship June 24 the five were placed in a secret locker.

Mercury Steams To New High

By DICK HIGBY
News Staff Writer

Water consumption in thirsty Charlotte broke all records, the Charlotte Water Dept. reported.

Yesterday, 22,767,000 gallons fed dry throats, backyard pools and struggling plants. On Saturday, approximately 27 million gallons were consumed.

Water consumption was but one record established. Yesterday afternoon's top temperature reading of 101 degrees broke the existing mark for June 28.

No change is seen in Charlotte weather conditions through Wednesday.

At least 100-degree heat is forecast for today through Wednesday, with a chance two more records at the Douglas Municipal airport weather bureau will be topped.

The record high for June 28 is 102 degrees and for June 30, 100.8 degrees.

A cool front is expected to drift into the area on Thursday, bringing with it showers and cooler temperatures next weekend.

Today there was to be a slight breeze to offset the oppressive heat. The humidity was to remain fairly low, the weather bureau said. Early this afternoon the humidity reading was to be about 30 percent as for Tennessee, "the weather man cheerfully reminded."

THE CAUSE

Causing the extreme heat is a high pressure system located over the Gulf of Mexico. Covering the Gulf states, the hot air reaches as far north as Tennessee. Northeast winds, which normally bring this area cool weather, are transporting the hot air here.

Tomorrow morning's low reading is expected to be 73 degrees, the same as this morning. The Park and Recreation Dept. said the weather is "very, very good" business yesterday at the pools.

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More Weather On 2-A



One Citizen Seeks Relief From Blistering Sun

Compromise Bill

Ike Signs Airport Aid Legislation

WASHINGTON (P)—President Eisenhower today signed a compromise two-year extension of federal aid for airport development. The extension provides for more spending than he recommended.

The measure had been cut down by Congress to 126 million dollars in the face of a veto threat raised during the debate. The extension is for 63 million dollars a year.

Democrats had fought for a costlier and longer program and some of them complained they had to accept the smaller outlay "with a loaded veto pen at our heads."

The house originally voted for a four-year 297 million dollar extension and the Senate a four-year 463 million dollar bill. Eisenhower had proposed a four-year, 200-million dollar extension of the airport program.

Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney (D., Okla.), author of the original Senate airport bill and also of the cleanup measure, noted the present law expires June 30. He said the two-year extension would take the program into the administration of the new president elected next year.

The bill contains language barring the use of federal funds for terminal facilities, bars, commercial shops, cocktail lounges and similar additions unless the program administrator holds they are essential.

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Lighter Side

Ax Grind No Grind For Them

(From AP Reports)

Reba and Barney Peoples of Hampton, S. C., thought their station wagon was a little noisy but ignored it until a friend stopped them and asked, "Where are you grinding?"

Caught underneath the car was an ax blade dragging on the street. There was no clue to where it came from.

Wrong Way

John Clytus told San Francisco Judge Gerald Levin he robbed the state unemployment office of \$15,000, not for the money but to get publicity for his literary efforts.

The judge let him off with a six-month jail term and warned it wasn't the best way to get publicity. Clytus, 29, was arrested after an April holiday when he complained that "some dirty crook" broke into a locker and stole the \$15,000 he had hidden there.

He told Judge Levin he had intended to hold onto the money until he sent his manuscript to a publisher.

Still Good

Fifty-two years ago a Tennessee man bought a 15-cent ticket from the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. Recently he found it among his papers and noticed it had no expiration date.

The railroad assured him it was valid so he boarded the Florida-bound Dixie Flier at East St. Louis, Tenn., for an eight-minute ride to DeChard, Tenn.

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—ANOTHER 'CANDIDATE' QUESTIONED—

They're Still Evasive, Boys!

By BILL HUGHES
News Staff Writer

Terry Sanford visited Charlotte today.

Mr. Sanford is a Fayetteville attorney. He's a former state senator, former president of the Young Democrats Club, and very active in the Democratic Party.

He's also been prominently mentioned as a candidate for governor in 1960.

Business? he told The News. "Business?" asked the reporter. "Legal business — we have several clients here," said Mr. Sanford.

NO IMPLICATIONS?

Does this mean the visit has no political implications, the reporter asked.

"Well, while I'm here I expect to see some people," he said. "In regard to the 1960 election, that is."

"Does that mean you're, ah,

becoming a candidate?" The reporter pressed the point.

"It seems to me that 1960 is plenty of time to announce for any 1960 campaign. A year ahead is much too early — it seems to me — to start any campaign."

"In other words..." "I'm not making any announcement or beginning any campaign."

QUICK CHANGE

He looked at a News story relating how John Larkins, another "questionmark" candidate for governor, evaded News columnist Julian Scheer's questions about his candidacy.

He changed the subject. "I'd rather talk about the new Methodist College in Fayetteville — I'm on the board of trustees."

The reporter changed the subject.

"Will Henry Hall Wilson, Monroe attorney, former state representative, and long time friend of Mr. Sanford's manage

your ah, campaign in this section?"

"There are no plans for dividing up the state for a 'campaign' for me," Mr. Sanford said, ground.

But the polite, soft spoken Mr. Sanford finally said something positive about the 1960 gubernatorial race: "It will be an interesting election."

"But," he said, "I don't have anything to say about it now — I don't expect to be interviewed."

He left The News to see local influential Democrats. If he talked politics today it was to them — not for publication.

Evening Prayer

O God, send Thy Spirit of love, joy, peace into our hearts. Help us through faith, love, obedience, and prayer to abide in Christ, and to let His words abide in us. Grant that we may always rejoice in the Lord and communicate His joy to others. In Jesus' name...

Amen.



Start Photo—Herald

Terry Sanford, prospective candidate for governor in 1960, reads how another prospective candidate—John Larkins—evaded questions about his "campaign." "I'm not starting a campaign," said Mr. Sanford.