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## School Officials Given The Job Of Feeding Our Hungry Students

### Heat Wave Broken As Clouds Move In



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### Cool Air Rides Wind From North

By DICK RIGBY  
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The end of Charlotte's worst heat wave in seven years came today.

The break in the torrid weather came when a mass of cool Canadian air brought Charlotte and the Southeast a protective cover of clouds. Afternoon and evening showers are expected today while tomorrow is to be partly cloudy and "not so hot" the weather man predicts. High reading of 90 is seen tomorrow.

The end of the heat did not come in time to prevent a heavy toll being taken on North Carolina crops. Five days of 90-degree and above temperatures and a vicious hail and thunder storm yesterday caused heavy crop damage in nearby areas.

Not since 1952 the airport weather bureau reports has Charlotte had three days of 100-degree readings. July 25 to 27 that year saw century mark temperatures as did July 21-24 and 28-29, the bureau says.

Hail and thunderstorms yesterday brought a break in the heat wave to some areas. Sanford recorded two inches of rain between 7 and 9 p. m. last night—and extensive crop damage and at least one barn destroyed by fire.

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### Billy Welcomed To U. S.

A cheering throng of followers turned out in New York to welcome evangelist Billy Graham upon his return from a six-months preaching tour to points as far distant as Moscow and Australia. He returned aboard the liner United States.

### Mecklenburg Voters Approve School Merger, Bond Issue

By JULIAN SCHIEER  
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cent tax levy, tantamount to consolidation approval, was passed.

By the same margin, the voters agreed to the need for \$8 million in school building bonds.

The two big steps came in a relatively light vote.

The tax levy, which upped the county rate from 40 cents to 54 cents per \$100 valuation and the city rate from 30 cents to 34 cents per \$100 valuation, was ap-

proved by 7,852 votes to 7,652 votes.

The bond issue passed by 7,025 to 2,714.

As is usual in most local elections, it was the "big city boxes" which carried the election. Myers Park and Eastover section boxes in Charlotte voted heavily.

However, perimeter area boxes in Sharon section recorded the largest number of favorable consolidation votes. The three Sharon boxes recorded 1,343 votes.

The Myers Park section boxes, Myers Park High, Myers Park Elementary, Christ Church, Eastover School recorded 1,301 votes in favor of consolidation. Bond issue voting was just about the same.

CITY SUPPORT

Other city boxes swung heavily behind consolidation and the bond issue. Dilworth, Elizabeth and Piedmont Junior High, all good cross-section boxes, Settlefield Elementary and others were strong for the issues.

Deep county boxes showed a slight mixture of voting. Two of four Paw Creek boxes voted against consolidation and one of four against the bonds. Huntersville was close in the voting, but approved the bonds and missed by a single vote 1111 to 1109 a favorable vote for consolidation.

The State Board of Education must approve the school merger before it becomes official, but the board was consulted on the steps during the planning period. The new school board, which takes over July 1, 1960, will be called the Mecklenburg County Board of Education. The board will be made up of present members of the two boards, but the number, to be elected in non-partisan primaries, will become nine by 1964 from the starting membership of 12.

The consolidation vote climaxed a long and hard campaign. Surveys were made as early as 1949 and recommendations for a consolidation have followed periodically. The Chamber of Commerce set up a special study commission last year and its recommendation had much to do with the start of the consolidation bid. Oliver Rowe, a member of that committee, and Richard Thompson, chairman, were leaders in the movement.

The bond issue became necessary, according to school officials, as enrollment continued to climb this year. The \$8 million in new bonds brings to 642 million the amount of school bonds voters have okayed in 12 years.

### 14-Point Program Prepared

By ANN SAWYER  
News Staff Writer

The responsibility for feeding needy hungry school children here has been laid on local school officials.

A Social Planning Council committee studying the problem since December has concluded: "Any further action must rest with the responsible school officials."

Flight of the hungry kids was revealed by The News last December.

A 14-point program of recommendations to city and county school officials will be given by the council early next week. It will be part of the final report drawn by the council's committee.

THREE-PART JOB

When appointed, the committee, headed by William K. Van Allen, was charged with a three-part job:

1. To determine whether a need existed for additional free school lunches.

2. To fix responsibility for meeting the need.

3. To get constructive action going.

In a letter to S. Herbert Hinch, planning council chairman, the committee said:

"Our committee is finally of the opinion we have made a fair, complete and objective survey of all relevant factors. We have established the need. We have made specific recommendations to meet the need. Any further action must rest with the responsible school officials."

REQUIREMENT CITED

The committee points out the school systems in receiving federal subsidy for their lunchrooms agree to furnish free and reduced price lunches to those children who cannot pay the full cost of a lunch, the committee reported.

Neither the city nor the county furnishes reduced price meals.

LONG STUDY

The committee worked through December and January establishing the need for more free school lunches and determining the responsibility. It has worked with school officials since February attempting to solve the problem.

At the beginning of its study, the committee was told by the

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### Does Creek Still Make Folks Gasp?

How does Sugar Creek smell these torrid summer days? Or how does it smell at all now that the city has prohibited firms from dumping industrial waste in the stream since 1956?

The News asked around and sent out an expeditionary force to test the air around the once famous leeching hole, running through the city. To find out if Sugar Creek still is unsavory turn to page 1-B.

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### Lighter Side

#### Dogs Get Break To Beat Heat

(From AP reports)

A thief went to the dogs in Christiansburg, Va., last night and the dogs lived every minute of it.

Seems somebody broke into a service station, stole eight pairs of ice cream and fed it all to the dogs at the local pound.

#### GI Forever

For some of you with GI dental plates, here's a benefit you might not have considered. A veteran, otherwise unidentified, walked into the Citizens and Southern National Bank at Savannah and tried to cash a government check. Asked for identification, he took out his dental plate, noted to the astonished teller that the GI number matched the one on the check, got his money.

#### Heat's On

Bluefield, W. Va., which advertises itself as "Nature's Air-Conditioned City," was caught with its Chamber of Commerce down Tuesday.

Anytime the temperature tops 90 the chamber offers free lemonade to all comers. Someone goofed but the lemonade will be on hand today no matter what the reading.

#### Evening Prayer

O God, possess our hearts and minds. Bless our home by the presence of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thus may we and our home reflect Thy loving-kindness today. In the Master's name. Amen.

### Ike's Prediction

#### Inflation To Be Campaign Issue

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today the matter of inflation will be one of the main issues of the 1960 presidential campaign.

The President also told a news conference that he not only looks for a balanced budget in the new fiscal year starting today—he expects a start on paying off the \$26-billion-dollar national debt.

And, he said, he believes the Democratic-controlled Congress also expects the administration to start paying off the debt during the next 12 months.

He noted that Congress has just approved legislation—which he signed Tuesday—providing for a new permanent debt ceiling of \$35 billion dollars.

#### TEMPORARY LIMIT

The legislation also sets a temporary limit of \$25 billion. Final figures have not been released on the government's deficit in the fiscal year which has just closed. But it is in the neighborhood of \$13 billion dollars.

Eisenhower, in reply to a question, said he had no knowledge of any confidential government report predicting a three per cent increase in the consumer's price index in 1960.

Today is the third wedding anniversary of the President and Mrs. Eisenhower. Despite the sweltering heat, Eisenhower turned up for the news conference wearing a vest with his gray business suit.

The first question brought a big smile to his face. It was a request that he set forth his formula for 43 years of successful marriage.

To a round of laughter, Eisenhower replied that he really has no formula. His marriage, he smiled, has been a very happy experience. Then he added that a

### ANOTHER RECORD

In the midst of the city's bout with the heat, another record was established yesterday. The previous high temperature for June 30 was 100.3 degrees.

Today's full forecast calls for a high reading of 90 degrees this afternoon, with a "warm" 72 tomorrow morning. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected late this afternoon and tonight.

Tomorrow is to be partly cloudy and not so hot.

Last night when breezes hit Charlotte signaling the end of the heat, gusts were recorded at up to 25 mph at the weather bureau.

The weather man, in adding up figures for the month of June, tells us that temperatures averaged about normal. Low readings at mid-month and normal temperatures in early June brought the average out to normal.

### Down, Down

Here is a table of temperatures at the top 24 hours ending at midnight:

| Time    | Temperature | Time    | Temperature |
|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| 12 a.m. | 89          | 2 a.m.  | 89          |
| 2 a.m.  | 89          | 4 a.m.  | 89          |
| 4 a.m.  | 89          | 6 a.m.  | 89          |
| 6 a.m.  | 89          | 8 a.m.  | 89          |
| 8 a.m.  | 89          | 10 a.m. | 89          |
| 10 a.m. | 89          | 12 p.m. | 89          |
| 12 p.m. | 89          | 2 p.m.  | 89          |
| 2 p.m.  | 89          | 4 p.m.  | 89          |
| 4 p.m.  | 89          | 6 p.m.  | 89          |
| 6 p.m.  | 89          | 8 p.m.  | 89          |
| 8 p.m.  | 89          | 10 p.m. | 89          |
| 10 p.m. | 89          | 12 a.m. | 89          |

### Our Weather

Hot and humid weather today, with scattered showers or thunderstorms in the afternoon or evening. Warm weather tonight, with showers or thunderstorms. Tomorrow, partly cloudy weather and cooler.

High today... 95  
High yesterday... 92  
High tomorrow... 90  
Low this morning... 73  
Low tomorrow morning... 72  
Sunrise today, 5:12 a.m.; sunset today, 7:41 p.m.

More Weather On 2-A