



Redfearn Says Funeral Director's Death Was Bad Joke That Misfired

Storm Holds Hope For Needed Rains

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Tropical storm Cindy, not yet a hurricane, hovered off the Carolina coast today.

"It's too early to tell where it's going," the weatherman at Douglas Airport said.

Early this morning Cindy was 140 miles east of Charleston, S.C., moving "slowly and erratically" with a northward drift. Winds were reported 60 to 70 mph at the center, with gales extending 60 miles to the west.

For parched Mecklenburg County crops, the storm holds out the only hope of rain for the next three or four days, the weather bureau reports.

RAIN NEEDED

Assistant County Farm Agent, Glenn Cartner reports rain is needed badly in all areas of the county except around Davidson and Cornelius.

Today's forecast offers one pleasant feature.

The high temperature is predicted to be 87 degrees.

The low reading expected tomorrow morning is a cool 65.

The anticipated high tomorrow is 85 degrees, a full 10-degree drop from yesterday's top temperature of 95.

Winds out of the north-northeast will be from 10 to 20 miles per hour today, and gusts of from 20 to 30 miles per hour are expected.

A cool air mass is perched over Pennsylvania, the weatherman reports. It is expected to bring fair skies as well as pleasant temperatures today and tomorrow.

CINDY HELPS
Cindy is making herself felt here by helping bring Pennsylvania's cool air to the Charlotte area.

The weatherman says if the storm builds up in intensity, as is expected, and if it swings into the coast, as is possible, Charlotte and vicinity might get the rain it needs.

"We could get rain here even if the storm continues in its northerly direction," the weather bureau reports. But that is only a possibility, not a probability.

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Our Weather

Increasing cloudiness today; cloudy tomorrow. Showers and possibly squalls tomorrow.

High yesterday -55
High today -57
High tomorrow -55
Low this morning -45
Low tomorrow morning -49

Sunrise today, 5:15 a.m.; sunset today, 7:41 p.m.

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MOTOR KILLS DRIVER
ROSCOE, N.Y. (AP)—A large motor fell from a truck on Route 12 Tuesday. It was hit by a car, and a piece of it flew through the air, smashed through the windshield of another car, killing the driver.

By increasing by 35 per cent the use of what is known as Section 32 commodities — flour included — the schools could receive

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Just Like A Woman

Cindy Unable To Decide Course

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (AP)—A tropical storm called Cindy fluttered erratically off the Carolina coast today. But the Weather Bureau said she was expected to reach hurricane force 74 miles an hour some time during the day.

Apparently unable to decide which way to go, Cindy had hovered about 140 miles east of Charleston most of the night, but central winds spinning 60 to 70 miles an hour.

The Weather Bureau said her daylight forward movement will continue to be somewhat erratic, but with a general northwest drift.

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Former Judge Tells Jury About Shooting

(A News Special on Trial Sights and Sounds on Page 13-A)

CHESTERFIELD, S. C. (AP)—Former Probate Judge W. E. Redfearn took the witness stand at his murder trial here today to tell a jury that the fatal shooting of Rudolph Hursey was a bad joke that misfired tragically.

Redfearn told of making preparations for a European trip on a bright day last October, punctuating happy business trips into town with occasional highballs.

He said he was planning to attend the funeral of Pope Pius XII and as a gesture of amity toward all Italians was arranging to recover the unburied body of an Italian carnival roustabout.

The body had been lying enshrouded in a Lauenburg, N. C., funeral home, he said, since 1911 because nobody had claimed it and offered to pay the funeral expenses.

VISITED HURSEY
It was for this reason, Redfearn said, he had decided to visit Hursey, a funeral director.

Redfearn said he also wanted to give Hursey a 25 caliber pistol the latter had asked him to obtain through a Columbia gun store.

Redfearn told of entering the funeral parlor, and as a joke, pulling the little pistol from his pocket, pointing it at Hursey and calling out in jest:

"I've been due a killing for a long time and I think I'll let you have it."

As he did, he said, Hursey struck his hand and pulled at the gun.

GUN WENT OFF
Redfearn said he did not have his finger on the trigger, but in the scuffle the gun went off. He said he did not know it was loaded.

There had been previous testimony the gun was delivered to Redfearn unloaded.

The jury former judge theoremed a son, now in the U. S. Navy and not at the trial, had loaded the pistol.

Redfearn said after the gun went off he saw Hursey "flying toward the service station with his hand on his stomach."

He said he went home, called his lawyer and was advised to say nothing.

Redfearn said he told police the shooting was "just one of those things . . . one of those accidents, I mean."

The trial progressed swiftly Tuesday at its outset, highlighted by testimony that the fatally wounded Hursey had said Redfearn shot him and had quoted the jaunty ex-judge as saying:

"I've had it in for you a long time. I'm going to kill you."

Hursey, 36, was shot down at his funeral home last October but lived almost two weeks after the shooting.

The 49-year-old Redfearn, ousted from his probate judgeship last year for misconduct and neglect of duty, claims he accidentally shot Hursey.

Dark-haired Mrs. Redfearn, one of the first defense witnesses, revealed that her marriage to Redfearn was a common-law relationship entered into at a "ceremony" only a few weeks after he received a Mexican divorce from a former husband.

The attractive Mrs. Redfearn said she married Redfearn at a ceremony at his home on Dec. 18, 1949.

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Dep. Sheriff Cleve Poe Reports By Radio The Capture Of Jarrell (Center) And Rector

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Teen-Agers Held For Kidnaping

NEW MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP)—Three teen-age reformitory inmates, charged with kidnaping a young secretary and threatening to kill her if she resisted, get preliminary hearings today.

The trio took Sandra Lynne McKee, 18, for an 80-mile ride Tuesday but were captured less than five hours after their escape, as they tried to get food and money for a trip to Florida. Miss McKee was not harmed.

Larry Anthony Rector and Roger Lee Morse, both 16, and Patrick Jarrell, 17, were charged with kidnaping and grand larceny. The reformitory superintendent, Richard L. Young, said they were given preliminary hearings before Magistrate W. C. Lawson.

The trio escaped from the State Industrial School for Boys at Pruntytown, near Grafton in north-central West Virginia. They captured 10 miles south of this Ohio River town by Sheriff Shannon W. Western and other officers because Western thought to go to Rector's old neighborhood where his mother still lives.

WENT ON DRIVE
Miss McKee is a plain-looking girl with straight blonde hair and glasses. Young and law officers said she told them it was her custom to take a drive after having lunch in the employees' cafeteria.

She had just returned and was parking her car when the three boys sidled up, opened the door and told her to get in.

One of them brandished a knife and another handed her a note which said, "If you don't do what we say or let us get help we'll kill you."

"They all lay down on the seat," Miss McKee was quoted. "They took off their shirts so they wouldn't be recognized."

The boys were wearing the reform school's summer uniform of khaki pants and blue shirts.

"I took them to Clarkburg," the secretary said. "They said they'd let me off at the outskirts but when we got there, I got too scared to drive and one of them took my place."

The boys didn't stop at Clarkburg but went on to New Martinsville on the western border of the state. As they drove along, they told Miss McKee they had been casing her movements for a week and knew the precise moment she returned from the lunch-hour drive.

Rector and Jarrell were taken at a shack near the home of Rector's mother, as they tried to obtain food and money from her. Young said the mother prevented Rector from getting a rifle — "swilled with him and cried" as he tried to take the weapon.

The third fugitive, Moore, had left the others to go on foot through the woods and was captured in an adjoining county.

Ike Upholds Right Of Veto
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower insisted today he is not trying to govern by veto. He said his rejection of the housing bill offered no grounds for any such thought.

Eisenhower told his news conference in response to questions that he has not used the veto lightly. He said he doesn't enjoy saying any legislation is bad and then having to explain to the people why he thinks it is bad.

But the President said he is determined to have legislation that will keep the United States solvent.

He vetoed yesterday a \$1,375,000 housing bill, charging it was inflationary.

There is no validity, Eisenhower said, in the charge that he is conducting government-by-veto.

He said he is part of the legislative process and as a man elected by all the people he has a special responsibility to look out for the interests of the country.

The President also dealt with these other matters in his news conference:

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SANDRA MCKEE

Lighter Side
Some Just Don't Read Very Fast

(From AP Reports)

Somebody slid a book into a San Antonio branch library collection chute Tuesday, and officials were glad to get it back.

It had become overdue Jan. 4, 1960, and would have carried a \$42.50 fine. Title of the volume is "Castle Blair."

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W. E. REDFEARN

Kidnaping May Be Charged
MONROE, Wash. (AP)—Four young inmates who held 39 hostages for 13½ tense hours during an attempted escape from the Washington State Reformatory face the possibility of kidnaping charges.

Ernest Timpani superintendent said three of the four were in the reformatory hospital for treatment of the effects of tear gas, fired at them yesterday when reformatory guards stormed the small room in which the four held their hostages.

The fourth man, David K. Owens of Skagit County, Wash., was in solitary confinement.

Hospitalized were Robert E. Jansin, 22, San Diego, Calif.; Richard E. Murray, 20, Red Oak, Okla., and Donald DeCoursey, 22, Everett, Wash.

Timpani said it would take them a couple of days to recover, explaining "they got it (tear gas) right in the face."

The rebellious inmates seized a guard Monday afternoon while they worked in the kitchen. With a knife at his throat, they forced the guard upstairs to the visiting room where they seized two other guards, 11 inmates and 26 visitors, including 12 women and 8 children. No one was hurt seriously.

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