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Close-Up

THURSDAY THOUGHTS: Or, People, Places And Things . . .

PEOPLE: Local folks are getting nothing but praise for the job done in showing the General Assembly a bigger time. Most praise is being tossed toward C. S. (Chuck) Reed of Duke Power, who gave his great talk on the Piedmont, and Col. Paul Younis, who joined Buell Duncan in masterminding the whole show. Some of the lawmakers want Younis to run for the legislature next time. "Just like to serve with him," one said. . . Current legislative debate: who is richest man in Hoot? Watts Hill Jr., of Durham or Ike Belk of Charlotte?

ARTHUR GODFREY'S right. In current TV Guide — on TV commerce — "The New Yorker Magazine has just upped an interesting story on Coca-Cola which mentions the Tar Heel Sniders. . . AP's Charlie West has an idea: why not a coffee war? They have gas wars, etc. We coffee drinkers need relief. Why can't a couple local stores get into a war over coffee prices.

How Great Thou Art

ARTS: I'll make my contribution to the art fund, but that's my last word. My three-point program for the arts in Mecklenburg County and Charlotte received the most unenthusiastic response I've ever seen. Suggested symphony tickets sold at full price to kids, half price to parents if accompanied by youngsters. Suggested an automobile to carry art objects to schools, etc. Suggested art exhibits from Mint to local supermarkets. Response? I'll keep on trying to save Steve Allen.

PAPERS: The slogan of the Kannapolis Independent is "By Far The Largest Circulation Of Any Newspaper Published In Cabarrus County," and the Concord Tribune says "Serving More Homes In Cabarrus County Than Any Other Newspaper."

City Symphony

SHORT STUFF: The Lawrence & Lee version of "Only In America" is expected to open on Broadway between Christmas and New Years. Lettette Bythe's "Call Down the Storm" has gone into another printing. A recent News survey showed seven days of TV viewing from 7 to 11 p.m., nightly had 83 TV violent deaths to only 37 recorded in both local newspapers. The day the story appeared 17 deaths were recorded in The News—higher than any day of the survey week. It just goes to show . . .

MORE STUFF: Get shivers every time I see a mother pushing a baby carriage down N Laurel Ave. No sidewalks, busy thoroughfare, highly dangerous. Can't we get some sidewalks over there. . . And while the City is at it—what about a peak hour (only) traffic light for Princeton and Park Rd., and a left turn signal on the light at Park Rd., Poindexter, Cambridge intersection. Thank you, Mr. Herman Hoese.

SIDESHOW: Charles C. Martin is with Norfolk & Southern Railroad here and was asked the other day if he was ever mistaken for Charles B. Martin, the builder, or the other Charles Martins, in the industry. Said he was mistaken only once. Seems there must be a Charles Martin with Orkin the exterminator. The telephone rang at midnight one night, an irate gent belted into the phone. "Martin, come out here and kill these d— bugs right now!"

End Of The Line

TAILGATE SPECIAL: It happened at the Manor Theater. . . A woman walked up to manager Evt Suez. . . "Mr. Suez," she said, "there is a fire somewhere in the theater."

He thanked her for calmly walking to the lobby and not getting folks excited. Then he started to investigate. The woman smiled and said, "I'm halfway down the hall. He searched quietly, found nothing, smelled nothing.

He returned to the lobby, puzzled. The woman, slightly tipsy, came up to him again. "I'm so embarrassed," she said.

Then she opened her leather handbag. The inside was burned out. She had smelled smoke all right—!

Occupational Health

Industry Battles Alcohol Problem

By ELIZABETH PRINCE
News Staff Writer
The personal service manager of a national manufacturing firm said here today his company has combated the problem of alcoholism in industry through a two-pronged educational and counseling program.

Henry A. McLeacrae of Milwaukee, Wis., manager of the personnel service section of Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Corp., an industrial relations department spoke this morning at the third annual Charlotte Occupational Health Conference, held at the Esso Building here.

"In 1945," he said, "we had a total of 621 employees referred to the discipline control board. In 1955, we had only 171."

Chiefly responsible, Mr. McLeacrae feels, is the company's counseling service — established to take advantage of the company's resources in medical, psychological, social work and family welfare, housing, and legal fields. He estimated there are about 4 million alcoholics in the United States, about half of whom are active in business and industry. He pointed out that alcoholism

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The Story Of A Bench: The Past . . . Present . . . And Future



The Old Settlers' Cemetery on N. Church St. in the heart of Charlotte is a stage where the life and hopes of a city are portrayed almost daily. You find at the cemetery the past, present and future. In the morning, as the sun pops up over downtown buildings and turns



the grassy yard into a glistening sea of tiny bubbles you're apt to find a couple of old gentlemen sitting on a bench later. They talk about what they know best—the past. Later, you'll see a young boy scrambling over the bench. He's typical of the present city—vigorously



active and filled with excitement. And in the afternoon, as the sun begins to drop over buildings in the west you find a young couple sitting on the bench, watching long shadows from grave markers spread gracefully over the yard. They dream about what's ahead. They are the city's future.

(New Staff Photos by Tom Franklin-Kelly)

Negro County Home Labeled Fire Trap

Lawing Agrees With Jury Report

*** EXAGGERATED? ***

Jury Report Draws Fire

By JERRY REECE
News Staff Writer
Less than 10 per cent of all guardians on file with the Clerk of Superior Court's office are delinquent in their reports.

Here's That Mecklenburg Grand Jury

There are several unusual factors about the 18-member Grand Jury and the lengthy report it delivered to Criminal Superior Court here yesterday.

First, the report itself was unusual as it made several recommendations and then ended by questioning the validity of the Grand Jury system.

The report said in referring to the panel's duties, "it is the unanimous feeling of the grand jury that there has occurred an unnecessary waste of time and a consecutive waste of taxpayers' money in the performance of a function of questionable value or usefulness."

WOMEN MEMBERS
Second, the panel had two women members for the first time in many years according to courthouse historians.

"They were housewives and a 'great help,' according to grand jury foreman R. Z. Thomas Jr.

Other members of the panel represent various walks of life. These include: hospital administrator (Mr. Thomas), insurance salesman, farmer, utility company executive, bulldozer operator, construction foreman, laborer, and other businessmen.

Half of the grand jury is just completing a six-month term but while the other nine still have three months to serve.

Mr. Thomas, who has been foreman for the past three terms, said the jury today would write the report for the group from verbal reports other members made to him.

SEVERAL VISITS
"We divided ourselves into several committees," he said. "That way we could visit several institutions at once."

The panel which ended its term yesterday worked two and one-half days for each of three terms.

Its report was divided into five sections: (1) proving of warrants, (2) inspection of public building, (3) justices of the peace, (4) report of legal guardian and (5) remarks.

Here are the members of the

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Church Crusade

Dr. Price To Head Baptist Meet Here

By JOHN BORCHERT
News Religion Editor
Dr. Edmund Wesley Price Jr. of High Point will come here this weekend to lead a two-week Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade for churches of the Mecklenburg Baptist Association.

The crusade is a Southern Baptist Convention program with all 9.5 million Baptists of the Convention either engaged in the crusade or supporting it.

Here Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte, leader of the Convention's "20,000 Movement," is general chairman of the crusade steering committee which has made local arrangements.

PRAYER PERIOD
A 12-hour prayer period for the success of the crusade will begin Saturday at 6 p.m., continuing until Sunday at 6 a.m. Churches have accepted 15 minute prayer periods when members will gather in their own churches and offer prayers. The periods are arranged alphabetically according to the names of the churches. Allen Street Baptist Church will start the prayer chain at 6 p.m.

Forty-one of the more than 60 member churches of the Mecklenburg Baptist Association are holding revivals of one to two weeks in length.

The director of the Association's crusade will be the evangelist also at Allen Street Baptist Church, Dr. Henry B. Anderson, to speak on "Conserving the Results of the Revival."

March 27, First Baptist Church, speaker to be named later.

PREVIOUS CHARGES
Dr. Price is pastor of Green Street Baptist Church in High Point, accepting a call there in 1957. His previous pastoral charges were at Barry Baptist Church, Barry, Tex., 1945-50; Charlie Baptist Church, Charlie, Tex., 1946-50; Weldon Baptist Church, Weldon, N.C.

SPEAKER NAMED
March 17, Enderly Park Baptist Church, Dr. E. L. Spivey, chairman of state mission work for the North Carolina State Baptist

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County Officials Uncertain

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By JOHN KILGO
News Staff Writer
County Commissioner Craig Lawing said today the living conditions for Negroes at the County Home appear to be inadequate and improvements are needed immediately.

"I'm just speaking for myself," Lawing said, "but when budget time comes around next month I'll vote for funds to improve the Negro section of the home."

Lawing's statement followed a Grand Jury report yesterday which labeled the Negro part of the County Home a fire hazard.

The report said the half-million dollar building for white residents is "well kept, well lighted and ventilated."

FIRE HAZARD
But, it said about the Negro buildings, "the old buildings in which the Negro guests are kept are inadequate and appear to be a definite fire hazard."

A Negro delegation appeared before commissioners several weeks ago and complained of the poor living conditions offered Negroes at the home.

"We're definitely going to do something for the Negro folks out there if I have anything to say about it," Lawing said.

BETTER SHAPE
Lawing pointed out, however, that before the new building for the North Carolina State Baptist

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Robert Kennedy Named Speaker

Robert F. Kennedy, chief counsel of the Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field, will speak March 20 to the Charlotte Executives Club.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. A. McKnight, editor of The Charlotte Observer, is president of the Charlotte Executives Club.

This marks the second visit to Charlotte by a member of the Kennedy family this year. Earlier, Sen. John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy's brother, spoke to the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

HOLDS DEGREE
Robert Kennedy is a graduate of Milton Academy and holds a BA degree from Harvard University. Mr. Kennedy received his LL.B. from the University of Virginia Law School and was admitted to the Massachusetts State Bar in 1951. He was admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court in 1955.

In 1954, Mr. Kennedy was selected as "One of the Ten Outstanding Young Men in the United States" by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Society of Professional Investigators Inc., named him "Outstanding Investigator, 1957."

Mr. Kennedy was awarded the Patriotism Award of the Senior Class of the University of Notre Dame and the Laurier Award by the Massachusetts State Council, Knights of Columbus, both in 1958.

SERVED AS COUNSEL
Mr. Kennedy first got into the investigation field when he served as chief counsel and Staff Director of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations in 1953 and 1956.

Early in 1957 he was appointed Chief Counsel of the Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field.

At the present time, Mr. Kennedy is in Washington where the Senate Select Committee is exploring charges of labor extortion racketeers in Chicago's produce market.

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SAFE DRIVING TIPS

Watch For Walkers—They Are Human, Too

(Fourth In A Series)
Drive carefully wherever there are pedestrians.

Motorists who rear into a gas station, a supermarket parking lot, or a private driveway are endangering adults and children alike, the Chicago Motor Club points out. Majority and common sense are of little advantage to pedestrians in such a situation.

In shopping centers with large parking areas, this unsafe driving practice is doubly hazardous.



Services Held For Banker

Special To The News
WINSTON-SALEM — Funeral services for Robert M. Hanes, for 25 years president of the South's largest banking concern, were scheduled for 11:30 a.m. today at Centenary Methodist Church here.

Dr. Mark Depp, pastor, was to officiate. Burial was to be in Salem cemetery.

Friends were sending memorials in Mr. Hanes' name to the Book of Memorials, Winston-Salem Foundation, care of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Hanes, former president of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. and a former president of the American Bankers Assn., died late Tuesday in a Winston-Salem hospital. He had been in poor health for several months. He was 86.

Business and political leaders across the state joined state leaders in mourning Mr. Hanes' death.