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White Carrier Boys Enjoy 24th Annual News Efficiency Contest Banquet Last Night

Prizes Awarded In Efficiency Contest

News Carriers Honored At Banquet

Harry Stroud last night was honored as the first prize winner in The Charlotte News' 24th Annual Efficiency Contest.

He was presented a $150 check for winning the contest among the city's carrier boys.

Second prize of $75 went to James Knight and third prize of $60 was awarded to Allison Wilson.

The leading News carriers of the year were among several hundred junior businessmen present last night at the ballroom of the Selwyn Hotel to wind up a successful News' Efficiency Contest. Competition for the prizes lasted six weeks.

Top officials of The News circulation staff under Circulation manager Jim McDowell awarded the prizes to the 10 top carriers in the Efficiency contest.

Main speaker at the banquet was Thomas L. Robinson, publisher.

WORKING HARD

"I am sure that most of you boys are working hard to improve your business, increase your earnings and do the right thing by all your subscribers," Mr. Robinson told the carriers.

Citing a long list of former carrier boys who have distinguished themselves in the business and sports world, Mr. Robinson told the carriers, "You are all fine boys and I'm proud of you. Just remember that by good work on this, your first business venture, you may become like Cleo F. Craig, president of AT&T, or like Benjamin Fairless, chairman of United States Steel, or even like Dwight Eisenhower, president of the United States."

All three of the men mentioned by Mr. Robinson were former carrier boys.

Mr. Robinson ended his talk by quoting Walt Disney, a former carrier, as saying training as a carrier "gives a boy a good foundation for his responsibilities as a citizen later on."

OTHER AWARDS

In addition to the three top prizes, other cash awards went to James Shields, $45; Benny Tadlock, $30; Mattie Boulware, $25; Tommy Sellers, $20; Ernie Perry, $16; Calvin Cowart, $13; George Jenkins, $14.

Charlotte News personnel attending the banquet included Mr. McDowell, Mr. Robinson, B. S. Griffith, general manager; Al Guin, city circulation manager; Tom Moore, assistant city circulation manager; Ivan Parker, state circulation manager; Ray Cyr, state supervisor; Richard Rozzelle, county supervisor; and Ellis Marshall, Rickery distributor.

News carrier Norman Davis asked the blessing.

PART OF REWARD

Last night's banquet also served as part of the reward to 63 outof-town carriers for their efforts during the 24th annual Trip To Charlotte contest. Sixty other carriers took cash prizes in lieu of the trip here.

Negro carriers were feted at a banquet at the McCrorey YMCA where Tony Speed was presented a $75 check as winner in the Negro division of the efficiency contest.

Other winners included Rickald Brown, second, $35, and Johnny Montgomery, third, $15.

Speaker at the banquet was O'Dell W. Robinson, boys work secretary, McCrorey Branch YMCA.

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Carrier boys are congratulated at last night's Efficiency Contest banquet here. Jim McDowell, circulation manager (third from left) congratulates Alison Wilson (second from left), third prize winner, and James Knight (second from right), second prize winner. Others shown are Jack Aycoth, district advisor (left), and Boyce Smith, district advisor (right). The boys were honored at a banquet at Selwyn Hotel.

Glove Bandit Shuns Money

A bandit wearing a large glove looked inside a cash register at the Advance Store in the Park Road Shopping Center last night and told store manager J. K. Downey, "That's not enough to even bother with."

With that, the bandit walked out the back door and vanished.

The holdup attempt took place minutes after the store closed at 9 p.m.

Downey said he answered the ring of a bell at the back door and was confronted by a man wearing a large glove.

"This is a stickup," Downey quoted the bandit as saying.

The bandit pointed the glove at Downey and announced, "There's a gun in here. If you don't believe me just try something."

Downey said he told the bandit, "Be my guest."

When the bandit looked inside the cash register and saw the couple of dollars he walked out.

The glove technique was used in a holdup last Saturday night at the Yorc Alamo Restaurant where $150 was stolen.

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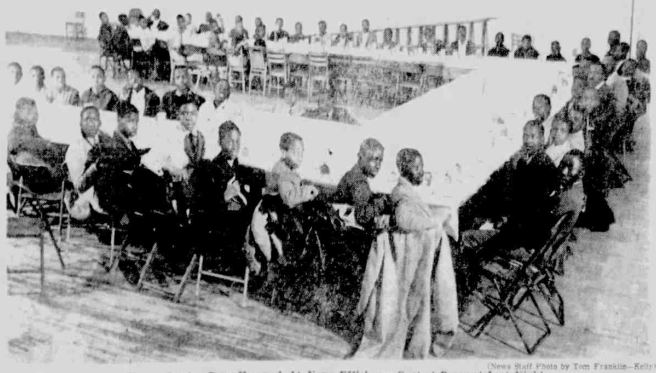
Thomas L. Robinson (left) congratulates Harry Stroud (right), winner of the 24th annual Charlotte News Carriers Efficiency Contest. Mr. Robinson presented young Stroud with a check for $150 for winning the contest. Looking on is Larry Presley, district advisor.



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Negro Carrier Boys Honored At News Efficiency Contest Banquet Last Night

Charlottean Will Perform

A program of folk songs, many of them North Carolina songs, will be given Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the Main Gallery, Mint Museum of Art, by Phil Kennedy.

One of the songs, "Civil War Tar Heel," was written by Mr. Kennedy, and he wrote the music for another, "White Was the Sheet," a traditional New England verse.

Mr. Kennedy is a native of Charlotte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Kennedy. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, where he became interested in folk music.

He has studied with Richard Chase, folklorist of Boone, Dr. Jan Schinhan and Fletcher Collins, and also has done his own research on North Carolina folk songs.

His program Sunday will be primarily North Carolina and Southern songs, including "Sweet Jane," "The Hung of the Wild Ashe Deer," "In the Spring of the year," "Geordie," "The Shuttering Lovers," "Epitaph," "William Taylor," "Who Killed Cock Robin?", "Po' Little Jesus," "The Jolly Plowboy," and "Circus Song."

Rotary Program

Junior Achievement and Easter music will share the spotlight Monday at the 12:30 p.m. luncheon meeting of the North Charlotte Rotary Club at Johnston Memorial YMCA. Miss Linda White, a junior at Harding High School, and Reggie Kiser, a senior at East Mecklenburg High School, will talk about JA. John Rolen will direct an octet from the Charlotte Girls Choir singing Easter music. Al Guillet will be in charge of the program.

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This Was The Scene Of Freight Train Derailment Early This Morning

No Injuries In Big Crash

32 Railroad Cars Derailed

By BOB SLOUGH
News Staff Writer

Thirty-two cars of a 109-car Southern Railway freight train left the tracks about seven miles north of Charlotte early this morning in what one policeman described as the "worst I've seen in Mecklenburg County."

Nobody was hurt in the 4:15 a.m. derailment at Croft.

No damage estimate was available.

County Policeman L. E. Robinson, one of the first to arrive on the scene, said box cars and flat cars were scattered up and down a stretch of the Southern Railway track.

The train was en route from Asheville to Charlotte when the derailment occurred.

BURIED IN MUD

Robinson said some of the flat cars were buried in mud. Other cars lost their wheels in the tangle of wreckage. Some of the cars were ripped open by the impact, Robinson said.

The police officer said he was told that a journal (wheel) on the 40th car came off, sending the car crunching into the track. This set off a chain reaction that threw the other 31 cars off the tracks.

The derailment happened just a few feet south of Wash Davis' store on Highway 117 North, Robinson said.

"The first car that ran off missed a stack of bricks by about a foot," Robinson added.

Robinson said he saw coal, dog food, produce and farm equipment among the wrecked cars. He said most of the cars were loaded.

CARS SLICED

Some of the cars were sliced in two by the wreck, Robinson said.

Three cars were hunched up in the space where one would normally fit.

"It looked like an accordion," Robinson said.

The engine and 40 cars continued on to Charlotte after the derailment. The 37 cars that remained on the track were picked up by another engine.

Robinson said several trainmen predicted it would take several days to completely clear the wreckage. Crews began working shortly after the derailment.

Growing Disrespect Of Law Said Mecklenburg Problem

By BILL HUGHES
News Staff Writer

"Growing disrespect for the law is an alarming problem in Mecklenburg, Solicitor Grady B. Stott told the Masonic Fellowship Club Friday.

KNIFE & FORK BEAT

Members at the club's regular luncheon session at the Masonic Temple heard Stott cite these facts as evidence of growing disrespect.

Growing juvenile crime rate—an increase of 6.5 per cent in the year ending June 30, 1958.

More groups that try to take the law into their own hands—for example a group of so-called Ku Klux Klansmen who engineered an abortive school blasting scheme here.

A large number of people who try to shirk their duty to serve on juries.

A growth in the crime rate. Solicitor Stott noted that all types of crime except murder increased in the year ending June 30.

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GREATER LOAD

Solicitor Stott's subject was "Problems and Views of a Prosecuting Attorney." Among the problems in Mecklenburg, he said, is that the 14th Solicitorial District has a greater case load than any in the state. The district includes Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties.

Mecklenburg alone had more criminal cases between July, 1957 and July, 1958, than any other entire district except one, he said.

He said he blamed the growing juvenile crime rate primarily on parents of children involved. He said the parents failed to instill respect for the law, and in many cases, respect for God and the church, in youngsters.

He urged club members to consider "this great tragedy facing us in our own back yard."

"I don't know what the solution is," he continued, "but we've got to find a solution. If we don't, I don't know what will happen. The crime rate will go much higher than 6.5 per cent."

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Solicitor Stott said he wasn't doing it just because Capt. Bill McCall was a club guest when he put in a plug for good conscientious law enforcement officers in Charlotte and Mecklenburg." He said law enforcement officers are the most "underpaid public servants we have today."

The club could, if it chose, claim the largest membership of local civic clubs. Technically, every mason in Charlotte is a member. There are no dues, only a small charge for receiving the club's weekly bulletin. The club's purpose is to provide a fellowship organization for all masons, including members of all eight local lodges and those unaffiliated with a local group. The club was founded in 1935.

The group selects a "man of the week" at each meeting. Yesterday it was president C. L. (Cliff) Taylor. A member is selected by drawing to introduce the honored guest. Gilbert Foster introduced Mr. Taylor yesterday. Another name is drawn and the selected member is tested on his ability to introduce those at his table. W. W. Finley successfully performed yesterday.

The Piedmont and Northern Railway was well represented at yesterday's meeting. Mr. Taylor is treasurer of the railroad. And L. R. Lawson, vice president, had half as his guests more than a dozen officials from over the state who were attending a traffic conference here.

Ladies of Order of Eastern Star's Mizpah Lodge did an admirable job of coping with the larger-than-expected crowd. Ladies of the lodge, under direction of Mrs. Elsie Steinback, prepare the luncheon each Friday. One of the volunteers yesterday was lodge president Mrs. Ethyl Anthony.

The legal theme set in today's meeting will be renewed May 1 when the group observes Law Day. The local bar association will provide the speaker.

MR. HUNTER

Contracting Firm Formed

James E. Hunter of Charlotte and R. W. Walden of Rock Hill have formed a power and communication contracting firm with offices in the Wilder Building.

Both men formerly were associated with Harrison-Wright contractors here. The new firm will be known as Hunter and Walden Co. A third member is Donald E. Carnahan.

Their respective offices are: Mr. Hunter, president; Mr. Walden, vice president; Mr. Carnahan, secretary.

Mr. Hunter, who lives at 220 Hassell Pl., was a consulting engineer in South Carolina before coming to Charlotte. He is a 1949 graduate of Clemson College with a degree in electrical engineering.

He is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Charlotte Engineers Club, and is a member of the vestry of Christ Episcopal Church. He is married and has two young children.

Mr. Walden, a Montgomery, Ala., native, will continue to live in Rock Hill. He was with Harrison-Wright Co. for many years. Mr. Carnahan, a graduate accountant, has 13 years in the construction industry.

The new firm will handle projects in electrical transmission and distribution, heavy industrial electrical work, and utility company operations.

Kennedy Tells Of Complaints

Since the Senate Rackets Committee was set up two years ago it has received more than 50,000 letters by union members complaining of irregularities in labor or management operations.

This was the declaration Friday night of Robert F. Kennedy, 33-year-old chief counsel for the committee, in a talk to the Charlotte Executives Club.

He said of the 125,000 complaining letters the committee has received 55 per cent have come from organized labor.

Kennedy declared that the committee's ultimate goal is not "Hoffa, the Hoffas and the Becks" but finding ways to change the conditions that allowed them to rise to power. Other there is no law affecting certain union operations, he said.

He said a few union official who is fighting an income tax evasion charge by admitting he embezzled the money and arguing that embezzled funds are not subject to taxation.

In an interview before his talk, Kennedy said the committee will receive a report soon on the mill strike situation at Henderson, and the alleged beating of a union organizer at Franklin.

Music Club To Hear Chorus

The Davidson College Male Chorus will present a concert at the Charlotte Woman's Club Monday at 8 p.m. at the monthly meeting of the Charlotte Music Club.

The chorus will be heard in selections from the pens of such composers as Handel, Victoria, Grieg, Schubert, America's Fenno Heath and others.

Termed by critics as one of the finest choral organizations in the Southeast with 30 selected voices, the chorus was formed more than a half-century ago by student directors.

Mrs. Grady Ross is chairman of the social hour that will follow the concert.

MISS KOHNER

Film Actress Coming Here

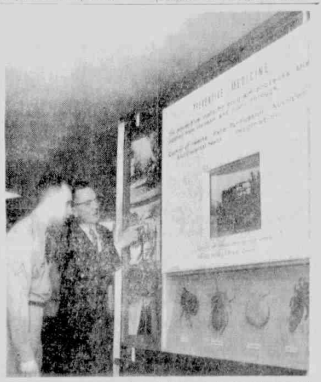
Susan Kohner, a star of the new motion picture "Imitation of Life," will make a personal appearance here Thursday in connection with the Southern premiere of the film at the Manor Theater that day.

Miss Kohner, now on tour, will arrive here from Miami at 10:30 a.m. and will leave at 7 p.m. for New York.

She will be entertained at luncheon at noon and will appear in Belk's Beauty Salon from 3 to 3:30 p.m. She will meet the public on Belk's second floor from 3:30 to 4:30.

She will come here with her mother, the former Mexican film actress Lupita Tovar.

In "Imitation of Life" Miss Kohner plays the light-skinned daughter of a Negro mother.



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There's My Boy

"There's my son, Alvin," says A. V. Elkin (right), divisional merchandise manager of Belk's fourth floor. Mr. Elkin spotted his son, then a paratrooper, in a photograph of soldiers lined up to get shots. The photograph is part of the "This Is Your Army—1959" display at Belk Brothers Co. here. That's PFC R. W. Nickelson (left), on duty at the medical unit display.