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THE CAROLINAS — Cloudy and cooler. Highs in the 50s.

CHARLOTTE AREA—Cloudy and cool. High today 50, low tonight 42.

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Year Ago High 66; Low 37

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Aerial Photo Shows How Much Of Block Belk Store Will Cover After Absorbing Elford's

Efird's—Store Name To Disappear In City

By ROSE NEILL
Observer Staff Writer

Elford's, a merchandising name here since the presidential days of Teddy Roosevelt, will disappear this summer.

The Tryon Street department store will be merged with Belk's and operated as a single store under the Belk name. Belk's bought the 50-story Elford chain in September, 1956, but continued the two local units under separate names.

After the changeover, Belk's will occupy about four-fifths of the entire block bounded by Tryon, Trade, N. College and E. Fifth Streets. Its property will adjoin every side of the block.

A service alley separates the rear of the Elford building from the west wall of Belk's.

Construction plans are on the drawing boards to tie the two five-story buildings together with enclosed catwalks over the alley.

Extensive rearrangement of departments will take place. The work will be done this summer during the slack retailing season, probably in August.

George W. Dowdy, who as Belk's general manager heads the Carolina's largest department store, will manage the combined operation. Meeting of employees is scheduled this morning to relate details of the program.

Belk's has gradually pruned the number of Elford's stores. Less than 30 of the 50 remain open. In each town where there is an Elford's, there is also a Belk's, as the two compete for shoppers.

The parent company has about 255 stores, nearly 200 of them in the Carolinas. Elford's store managers, while vying with Belk's, use

Highest Milk Radioactivity In St. Louis

WASHINGTON—(UPI)—Milk samples from St. Louis contained more deadly radioactive strontium-90 last year than any other tested. The U. S. Public Health Service (PHS) reported Sunday. But the service said average radiation in milk at its 10 testing points around the country was below the maximum safe lifetime level recommended by the National Committee on Radiation Protection and Measurements.

St. Louis milk contained an average of 18.6 microcuries of strontium-90 in January. If consumed for a lifetime, this would be about one-fourth of the 80 microcurie level regarded by the committee as permissible for lifetime exposure.

The average strontium-90 level in St. Louis milk during 1958 was 14.1 microcuries per liter, the PHS said. An earlier report showed that the radioactivity hit 18.7 last June.

A curie is a measurement of radioactivity equal to that given off by one gram of radium. A microcurie is one-millionth of a curie. The health service survey showed that the radioactivity in milk increased in some cities and decreased in others in recent months.

the Belk buying services in Charlotte and New York.

J. B. Elford was the moving force in the Elford's stores development, although other founders were his brothers, E. L. Elford, P. H. Elford, J. W. Elford and J. R. Elford.

He and his brother Hugh Martin Elford came here in 1902 from

their native Union County and went to work in The Racket Store, later called The Beehive. That actually was the start of the Elford group.

Belk's was begun by another Union County man, the late W. H. Belk. His first store was in Monroe in 1888 and in 1895 he opened a store in Charlotte.

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Union Head Condemns Article

By ROY COVINGTON
Observer Staff Writer

A Sunday Observer story concerning the TWA's strike against the Harriet-Henderson Cotton Mills in Henderson brought strong objections from a TWA official.

Boyd Payton, Carolina regional TWA director, charged that the story was "one of the most favorable to the company of any yet written and places the union in a bad light."

The story attempted to show the widespread implications of the lengthy strike and explain what the major issues were.

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Ga. Honors Late FDR

WARM SPRINGS, Ga.—Ground was broken Sunday for a memorial fountain honoring the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt who died in the little White House here 14 years ago Sunday.

Uninvited guests for the ceremony included Mrs. Elizabeth Shoumatoff of New York who was painting a portrait of Roosevelt who died in the little White House here 14 years ago Sunday.

Her work, "Unfinished Portrait," is now owned by the state of Georgia and stands on its easel near the spot where Mrs. Shoumatoff was working when Roosevelt suffered a cerebral hemorrhage.

The fountain is a gift of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. (Clay) Robert of Atlanta, close friends of the President.

Ivan Allen Sr. of Atlanta, former state senator and first chairman of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Warm Springs Memorial Commission, turned the first spadeful of earth.

Cards in his wallet gave the name, August Juergens, Farmington, N. J. Deputy Sheriff R. L. Wade of Kane County said he believed Juergens was a resident of a European country until recently. The man was described as about 34, powerfully built, and wearing an artificial leg.

Wade said the person began a roadblock set up by Princeton police and officers chased the speeding vehicle down the community's main street.

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Allies Plan To Settle Differences

Upcoming Talks Policy Is Topic

LONDON—(AP)—A diplomatic tug-of-war within the Western family is expected to come to a head in London Tuesday.

Diplomats of the Western powers meet today to decide on the approach for the coming East-West foreign ministers conference opening in Geneva May 11. The lineup has Britain alone supporting some sort of accommodation with the Communist world without appeasement—a nasty word over here.

On the other side are West Germany and France, both strongly resisting a compromise approach. Both want a tough, stand-fast policy in dealing with the Soviets. Anything else, they suggest, smacks of appeasement.

In the middle, somewhat in the role of a reluctant referee, is the United States, whose views are said to incline more to the German and French stand but who is willing to be swayed.

The British are reported to be thinking of: A new regime for Berlin underwritten by the United Nations; a plan to ease tension by controlled arms limitation in central Europe; and a recognition that Europe and Germany must remain divided for an indefinite time to come.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's aides have spread the impression that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev may be willing to negotiate along these lines.

But West Germany and France are suspicious. The British say Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has suggested privately that Macmillan's recent journey to Moscow was dangerous.

President Eisenhower, by recent accounts here, gave Macmillan little support during their recent Camp David talks.

The Prime Minister is reported to have learned that the Pentagon's assessment is that Khrushchev would not make war, big or small, over Berlin.

'Peace Partisans' Meet In Iraq

BAGHDAD—(AP)—A Soviet African-Asian solidarity committee arrived by plane from Moscow Sunday to attend a congress of Iraqi peace partisans.

The four-member delegation was met by leaders of the Iraqi peace partisan organization which has attracted thousands of followers since the Iraqi revolution.

The Soviet committee chairman described Soviet-Iraq friendship as like "the rivers Tigris and Euphrates. As the rivers join together, so do our friendship join together."

About 1,000 delegates from all parts of Iraq will hold meetings Tuesday and Wednesday.

It took the court, headed by Capt. Oscar N. Alvarado, just 10 minutes of deliberation to reach its verdict. Nye was released in the custody of U. S. Embassy officials who attended his trial.

"Where is the way out," Nye asked after the court pronounced its decision. He brushed aside reporters saying "I have nothing to say."

Nye arrived in New Orleans at 5:12 p.m. CST and 20 minutes later was on his way to Chicago aboard the same plane. He told newsmen he was "tired" and glad to be back in "this country," and still proclaimed his innocence.

The youngest was examined by doctors at a hospital here and put to bed. They said he had suffered slight exposure but would be able to go home tomorrow.

He was wearing only coveralls and a T-shirt when he wandered off with his beagle about midnight Saturday from his home in the Olympic Mountain foothills 21 miles west of here. Temperatures during the night were in the 40's.

Brian was sitting beneath a clump of trees clutching his faithful dog when the search party discovered him. He said he had laid down twice during the day Saturday. When night fell he climbed atop a stump and went to sleep, his dog in his arms.

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Brian, youngest of seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brenneiser, had been left with a 13-year-old brother, Gene, while the mother visited her husband in a Seattle hospital.

Brenneiser has been hospitalized since last Sept. 6, when a tractor crushed one of his legs. He is a camp foreman for the Simpson Logging Co.

BACK IN HOSPITAL Dulles' Condition Is 'Discouraging'



Robert Nye Boards Plane For Chicago

Florida Vacation Is Halted

Aides Are Worried About Secretary

WASHINGTON—(AP)—John Foster Dulles returned to Walter Reed Army Hospital Sunday amid authoritative reports President Eisenhower has received discouraging word on the secretary of state's fight against cancer.

A high Republican official said Eisenhower was informed several days ago that Dulles was not responding as had been hoped to massive radiation treatments he underwent before leaving for Florida two weeks ago.

Looking haggard and underweight, Dulles arrived unexpectedly about the President's private plane, Columbine III, for what his doctors called "a further period of medical observation."

He checked into the hospital immediately. Top aides were plainly worried about the prospects Dulles could ever return to his State Department desk.

Eisenhower was reported to be very concerned about Dulles' condition after having been told the secretary would have to return to Washington for additional medical treatments for abdominal cancer.

The President was quoted as saying that this was very disappointing to him but that he still believed there was a chance Dulles could continue to make himself available as an advisor for the Big Four foreign ministers conference opening at Geneva on May 11.

Dulles has shown an unusual ability to snap back from previous illness, including an operation nearly two years ago in which a cancerous portion of his colon was removed.

In these circumstances, this Republican official predicted Eisenhower will not move in any way to replace Dulles as secretary of state unless Dulles himself tells the President that he feels incapable of carrying on.

If that should happen there seems little doubt that Eisenhower would name Christian A. Herter, now the acting secretary of state, to the top post.

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LOST IN WOODS

'I Didn't Cry,' Boy Tells His Rescuers

SHELTON, Wash.—(AP)—A plucky little 5-year-old boy, lost in the woods for 20 hours, was found Sunday, tired, cold and hungry, but bravely holding back tears.

"I didn't cry," Brian Brenneiser told his rescuers, who had been led to him by three bloodhounds.

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