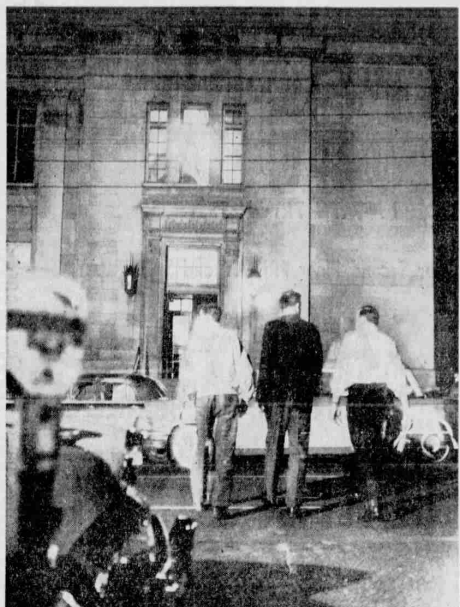




Late Taxpayers Make Dash To Post Office Before Deadline Last Night

Ouch! The Tax Bite Hurt; But '59 May Be Different

BY BOB SLOUGH
Say you had to put the touch on your friend for a few bucks to pay your 1958 North Carolina income tax yesterday?
If you did, you may find it a little easier to pay next year. Two proposals to make important changes in North Carolina's income tax are before the General Assembly. One has a good chance of approval. The other faces almost certain defeat.

The change that stands a good chance of becoming law calls for the payroll deduction or pay-as-you-go plan of collecting income taxes.

Given little chance is a change proposed yesterday by Rep. Thomas Turner of Guilford. Turner's bill would allow state income taxpayers to deduct up to \$500 of the amount they pay in federal income taxes from their state income in computing their state income taxes.

HIGH COURT

But Revenue Commissioner proposal were in effect this year it would add about \$4 million dollar off the state's revenue.

Legislation to put the withholding plan of collecting income taxes in effect was introduced early in the legislative session and is still before the Joint Finance Committee.

The committee apparently is awaiting action by the appropriations committee on State spending for the next biennium before acting on it or a host of other tax proposals.

The withholding plan has the blessings of Gov. Hodges and the advisory budget commission. They recommended it partly because of a so-called "windfall" feature which is expected to produce some 30 million dollars in additional funds to help balance the budget for the next biennium.

The windfall would result from the collection in a single year of income taxes from two years. The windfall would come

the first year the new plan is in effect.

BIG MAIL
The withholding probably would help prevent a deluge of mail like that received today by the State Department of Revenue.

Income tax returns from more than 300,000 Tax Holes arrived at the State Department of Revenue today following last night's tax deadline.

Mr. Currie made this estimate of the number of returns after his assistants reported that more than 100 bulging bags of mail arrived at the department this morning. Each bag contained between 3,000 and 4,000 letters—nearly all of them income tax returns.

Yesterday the department received 66 sacks of mail and another big load is expected tomorrow.

In all, returns are expected from about one million persons, and they are expected to add up to about \$6.5 million dollars.

Ministers' Views

Teen Immorality: What's Answer?

BY BOB SLOUGH
News Staff Writer
(Third in a series)

Last year in the city of Charlotte 97 percent of all births were illegitimate.

While illegitimate births represented 44 percent of all white births, Negro illegitimate births represented 23.4 percent of all Negro births.

The majority of these unwed mothers were young people, many still in their early teens.

WHY SO MANY YOUNG UNWED MOTHERS?
Several Charlotte ministers were asked to comment on the rising number of unwed mothers.

"While the complex nature of this illness (a growing moral decadence) defies any easy analysis, and the forces which combine to produce the situation are legion," said the Rev. Howard Chadwick, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, "religious leaders contend that for the most part the root of the problem is spiritual."

Mr. Chadwick said as Protestants and church people, "We do not lay the blame on anyone in particular, but confess our own failures. We make our church membership easy, requiring little of moral purity of our members. We relax our personal discipline and make instruction of our children superficial."

MIR. CHADWICK said leaders in the Protestant church, along with students of history, agree that one of the first signs of the decline of a nation or civilization is a growing moral decadence.

"The mounting tide of illegitimate births and cases of venereal disease, evidenced not only in the nation in general but in our community in particular, is therefore appalling and of serious con-

cern," Mr. Chadwick continued.

Mr. Chadwick suggested that religious education has been overly concerned that "this is my Father's world" and not enough concern with the Biblical teachings regarding "thou shalt not."

"THE SITUATION is alarming and precarious," Mr. Chadwick said. "It calls for the combined efforts of all agencies—medical, social, religious—for a serious diagnosis of and prescription for this cancer, which, unarrested, will consume us."

Rev. Bernard Hurley, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church, sees a moral failure on the part of young people due to the lack of constructive activities.

"Their spare time is not consumed in wholesome work," he said. "If young people are given something constructive to do they will accomplish something worthwhile."

Mr. Hurley said another reason for the moral lethargy is the fact that parents today do not seem sufficiently interested in their children.

"PERHAPS PARENTS are too busy with meetings, social activities and appointments," he said.

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TO THE PUBLIC
News and circulation departments of The Charlotte News are continuing to operate from The News building, 608 S. Tilton St. The News' switchboard—EDITION 3-0003—is also in operation.

Advertising and business office functions are being carried on from The Observer building, 608 S. Tilton St., telephone EDISON 5-7121.

Airliner Rerouted To North

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Four gunmen—three of them fugitives—got the firing squads of the Cuban revolutionary government—captured a Cuban airliner in flight today and forced the pilot at gunpoint to fly to Miami.

Seventeen startled but unharmed American and Cuban passengers were aboard the four-engine airliner when it landed. U.S. border patrolmen immediately surrounded the plane and took the four hijackers into custody.

Three gunmen said they were members of the hated secret police force of the fallen Cuban dictator, Fulgencio Batista. The other was a former Batista air force mechanic.

Fidel Castro's rebels overthrew Batista last Jan. 1 after a 25-month war and forced him to take refuge in the Dominican Republic.

The border patrol said the gunmen would be held for a special investigation by the U.S. Immigration Service.

Capt. Candelario Delgado, 40, the plane's pilot from Havana, said one of the men pulled a pistol against his neck and ordered him to fly to the Dominican Republic. The plane was en route from Havana to the Isle of Pines, 100 miles south of Havana.

NOT ENOUGH GAS
"I told them, 'We do not have enough gas for such a trip,'" Delgado said. "Then they told me, 'Fly to Miami.'"

Guns also were held at the heads of co-pilot, Faustino Valdes, 35, and the steward, Jose Leon, 37, throughout the 225-mile hop to Miami.

The passengers said no one was hurt or roughly treated after the gunmen took over the plane shortly after it left Havana.

Peter Kissel, 32, a Far Hills, N. J., stockbroker, told reporters four men in civilian clothes took up stations in the front and rear of the plane and one pointed a pistol at the head of the pilot.

A Castro leader on vacation, Antonio Guevara, 18, of Bayamo in Oriente Province, grappled with the gunmen but was disarmed.

Three of the hijackers were brothers. They said they escaped separately from La Cabana fortress while awaiting trial after execution by Castro's firing squads.

Their companion a former secret police corporal, said he had been imprisoned.

Castro Given Noisy Welcome

WASHINGTON—Fidel Castro, welcomed with a noisy reception he said he found delightful, begins a two-week tour today to "promote Cuba" among Americans and Canadians.

The bearded Cuban Prime Minister was greeted with cries of "Viva Castro"—Long live Castro—from a crowd of flag-waving Cuban supporters when he arrived Wednesday night by plane.

Wearing a familiar combat uniform, the small revolutionary leader told the airport crowd, "I hope in some way I can bring a better understanding of our program in Cuba to the people of the United States and that they will have a better understanding of our situation."

Then, ignoring his waiting limousine, he headed for a wire fence behind which most of the spectators had been kept waiting. There he hugged many of his admirers, shook their hands and patted them on the head.

"Everyone is very nice," he said on his arrival at the Cuban Embassy. "The American people are very nice. The Cubans are very nice. Even the reporters are very nice." He added with a laugh.

Indications were strong that the economic phase of his "Sell Cuba" campaign—as he has labeled it in frequent speeches in Havana—would get top priority on his tour. Accompanying the Prime Minister were some of the leading economic figures of the provisional government.

Batista Gunmen Grab Plane, Fly To Miami

—OH, YES, A GAME, TOO— Lessee... Hot Dogs... Peanuts... Popcorn...

By JULIAN SCHERER
News Staff Writer

At 7:45 p.m. a glass-armed right-hander named Jim (The Mayor) Smith will throw a slow curve (that's up to down) toward home-plate of Griffith Park.

After a couple of bounces, a drum and bugle corps will strike up with music and a (blind, of course) umpire will yell, "Play ball!"

"I lived," Phil Howerer will say.

THEN HE'LL light the cigar he's been gnawing on all day and the boss man of the Charlotte Hornets will start complaining right off when the first three Hornet batters fail to hit home runs out of the park and inquire, "How can

we get the fans with that kind of hitting?"

This is opening day for Charlotte baseball, circa 1959.

And this is the 17th opener for the Hornets under Phil Howerer.

"I just hope I can live through it," he mutters today.

IT HAS BEEN a little hectic for Phil. Seats had to be painted and cleaned, the diamond itself made ready, fence signs painted, programs made ready, tickets distributed and a hundred other details cleared.

"I just hope I live through it," he mutters.

"It looks pretty good," he says. "This opener, though—I just hope I live through it."

They had to be stocked, too.

Peanuts—1,400 bags.
Popcorn—2,000 boxes.
Crackerjacks—1,000 boxes.

Soft drinks—3,000 bottles for tonight.

Beer—1,000 cans for tonight.

"I just hope I live through it," he mutters.

After 28 years in baseball (since 1938 in Charlotte), Howerer has managed to live all right. He's gotten fat and sassy—and even more worried.

And what about the team? Oh, that—

"I just hope I live through it," he mutters.



Groundskeeper Buster Sloan Gives Son Charles A Ride On Base-Line Marker.

Ike, Dulles Talk About Successor

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower today conferred with hospitalized John Foster Dulles regarding selection of a new Secretary of State.

Dulles, who resigned from the top State Department job yesterday because of cancer, also talked by telephone with Eisenhower last night about a successor.

The President continued to defer announcement of his successor, but Under Secretary of State Christian Herter was reported after the Eisenhower-Dulles talks to still have the inside track.

Dulles talked to Eisenhower from his room at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington. Eisenhower was at his vacation cottage at the Augusta National Golf Club.

After today's talk the White House announced, Eisenhower's formal acceptance of Dulles' resignation. It made public an exchange of letters between the President and the retiring secretary.

Reiterating his warm affection for the 71-year-old Dulles, Eisenhower wrote him: "You have been a staunch bulwark of our nation against the machinations of imperialism and communism. You have won to the side of the free world countless friends, and inspired in them renewed courage and determination to fight for freedom and rights."

"As a statesman of world stature you have set a record in the stewardship of our foreign relations that stands clear and strong for all to see."

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Teachers Guild last night called off a one-day strike scheduled for today to emphasize demands for pay increases.

—WOODPECKERS LOVE, TOO— In The Spring A Young...

RYE, N. Y. (AP)—Ten days ago a starcrazed knocking and banging awakened the Richard Spath household at 5 a. m.

"Good heavens," said Mr. Spath, "what-ever can that be?"

"Must be the plumbing," said her husband.

No, it wasn't the plumbing, said the plumber.

Second day: same time, same noise. Spath called in a heating engineer. Not the heating, said the engineer.

Third day: ditto time and racket. Gas man called in. No defect, the man said.

Fourth day: same old time and tribulation. Spath donned a robe and hurried outside. There, in the dawn, he saw the culprit: a downy woodpecker hammering like mad on the television aerial.

"Go home," "shoo!" and rocks and hand-

2 To 21 Years

Connie Convicted In Lover's Death

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (AP)—Connie Nicholas was convicted today of voluntary manslaughter—a killing in the heat of passion—in the slaying of her rich, married lover.

The conviction calls for a mandatory 2-to-21-year prison term.

Mrs. Nicholas, 45, clad in black, stood erect and showed no emotion when the verdict was read. She will be sentenced later today.

Defense lawyers said any appeal of the sentence would have to be initiated by Mrs. Nicholas. The tiny prisoner—5 feet 1 and weighing 105 pounds—declined to discuss the verdict.

NO COMMENT
"I have no comment at all to make," was all she would say.

This was a complete about-face from her demeanor during the trial, which started exactly a month ago today. Then, she talked freely and at one time was admonished by her attorneys to keep quiet.

Even while the jury deliberated last night, Mrs. Nicholas told reporters she still loved her 34-year-old playboy paramour, Forrest Teel, 54, a drug firm executive. She quoted a prayer.

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

The jury debated approximately nine hours, with an hour and a half out for dinner, before agreeing on a verdict. Russell Cole, jury foreman, said, "There were more than 10 ballots before we reached the verdict."

He added that at first there were votes ranging from acquittal

to first-degree murder, but at no time did any of the jurors mention sending the poor Mrs. Nicholas to the electric chair.

VERDICT FAIR
The prosecution, which did not ask the death penalty in its summation, termed the manslaughter verdict "fair and just."

The month-long trial reached a dramatic peak when Mrs. Nicholas took the stand to tell of the 15-year-of-limits affair that ended with the fatal shooting of Teel.

On the night of the shooting Mrs. Nicholas found Teel's wife, Cadillac parked near the apartment of suburban-haired Laura Mower, a drug executive's beautiful new girl friend.

She waited three hours until Teel came out of Miss Mower's apartment shortly after midnight. Then in an argument that followed, said Mrs. Nicholas, Teel grabbed her arm and her small pearl-handled revolver went off. She said she took the gun out of her purse to threaten suicide and scare him.

The state contended that the shooting, which occurred in the front seat of the car, was done with premeditation.

"I didn't know Mr. Teel had been hit," the defendant testified. "I would not have left him."

The Lighter Side

The Boom Was Not Real Bomb

(From AP Reports)

Seven Toledo, Ohio, policemen were searching a school after someone phoned a bomb would go off there.

Suddenly a terrific "BOOM!" rattled doors and windows. After a few breathless moments they learned the noise was a sonic boom created by jet planes passing over the city.

Real Rat Race

Rats from miles around gather at an Albuquerque, N. M., high school today for the first international championship rat race.

Science teacher George Fischbeck is the official ratmaster. He said the race developed from a bull session of several teachers.

Students have flocked at least 30 contestants, enough to decide a sure enough champion.

Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!

She didn't think to turn off the switch or to put the car in neutral gear, but it stopped anyway—after a wild ride.

Miss Virginia Hinton of Raleigh was going home when the car's carburetor stuck—wide open. She applied the brakes but the brakes burned out.

She was going so fast the car nearly turned over at a corner. It jumped a sidewalk, hit a brick wall and clipped off a telephone pole.

Then it struck a bus, bounced off, jumped another sidewalk, went up a five-foot bank and stopped.

Our Weather

Mostly fair this afternoon and tonight. Partly cloudy tomorrow with a chance of showers in the late afternoon or night.

Low this morning 45
Low tomorrow morning 48
High today 78
High yesterday 78
High tomorrow 80
Sunrise today 6:05 a.m.; sunset today 6:36 p.m.

More Weather Data on page 2-A

Evening Prayer

O loving God, forgive us for our sins against Thee. Grant that the joy which was in the heart of Jesus may be in our hearts, too. Give us strength and courage necessary to endure all things for His sake. In His blessed name we pray . . . Amen.

Tom's Not Humble As A Director

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