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This Job's Easy

A fireman stands idly by as fire destroys a home on the University of Minnesota property in Minneapolis. The building was burned purposely as part of the university's expansion program.

2 Person Hurt Fire Truck Cars In \$10,000 Crash

A car smashed into the side of a Charlotte fire truck answering a fire call early this morning, injuring two people and causing an estimated \$10,000 to the four vehicles involved in the wreck.

Injured in the spectacular crash at Bacon St. and Russell's Ferry Rd. were fireman William Godfrey Stewart of Station No. 4, and Terrence Bernice Jay Jr., 228 Lakeview Ave., an occupant in the car.

Police said the driver of the car fled the scene along with a second passenger in the automobile.

Lighter Side There's No Place Like Home, Ever

(From AP Reports)

She's only a bird in a welded cage, a periscope place to be.

A thrush has three eggs in a nest among the inside grinders of a gas tank under construction in a London suburb.

In a week or so the last plates will be welded into place. Worried workmen are hoping the eggs will hatch first so the fledglings can be hand-raised by a bird expert.

The Answer: No

John Voltz, a loser in a court suit, had just one question to ask of the judge in Columbus, Ohio, after the judge ordered him to pay a gas station operator \$86.31.

The question was Voltz entitled to green trading stamps for the \$86.31? The answer: no.

Hadn't The Heart

A Salt Lake City paravilion spotted four pairs of small feet dangling from the trunk of a small foreign car. He stopped it and found four Cub Scouts in the trunk, nine more in the car plus their den mother.

"I didn't have the heart to issue a citation," he said.

No Needle For Jim

Army Pvt. James Merritt, 23, won't get the needle until further orders from the Dept. of the Army.

Merritt, who objects to pain shots because of religious convictions, hasn't been injected. Sen. Edw. R. Nease of Tennessee intervened after Merritt, a Tennessean, appealed to him. Nease asked that shots be delayed until he could take up the matter with the Secretary of the Army.

Prisoner Is Taken From Jail

POPPLARVILLE, Miss. (P)—Masked and hooded, a mob crashed into the courthouse cell of a Negro accused of raping a white woman, clubbed him into submission and vanished today in the rolling red clay hills of Pearl River County, Miss.

Sheriff W. O. Moody apparently believes the Negro is dead, even while his posse scours the countryside.

"I'm certain he's either been removed from the area or dumped in some water," he told newsmen.

Victim of the mob was a hooded raider.

Only bloodstains haphazardly scattered around the second floor cell, down the stairs and along a tiled corridor indicated the path along which the hooded raiders dragged Parker into the night.

Parker fought viciously at first but gave up the struggle under the bludgeoning of his attackers. C. J. Moody, a prisoner, told what happened.

"Why did you do it?" yelled a hooded raider.

"I didn't do it," screamed Parker.

Parker continued to voice innocence and under continued shouting queries finally began naming others who "did it." Then he pointed to one of the other five Negro prisoners.

"He did it," he cried.

Then his captors dragged Parker out of the building by his heels, his head thumping on the steel stairs of the stairs.

Coal Company Ramp Burns In East Kentucky

HAZARD, Ky. (P)—Fire swept the Ashio Coal Co. ramp today—scene of pickets' clash with state police that brought National Guardsmen into Eastern Kentucky's strikebound coal fields.

By mid-morning the ramp was almost destroyed. Coal cars on the railroad siding under the ramp were also blazing.

No estimate of damage was available. But sources familiar with operations said Ashio's plant for processing coal probably was worth more than \$100,000.

FBI Ordered Into Abduction Probe

WASHINGTON (P)—FBI director J. Edgar Hoover today ordered a special squad of agents into the investigation of the abduction of a Negro from the Poplarville, Miss., jail.

The special agents will gather at Poplarville and "every possible lead will be expeditiously covered," Hoover said.

All facilities of the FBI, including its laboratory and identification division will be put to work on the case, Hoover said.

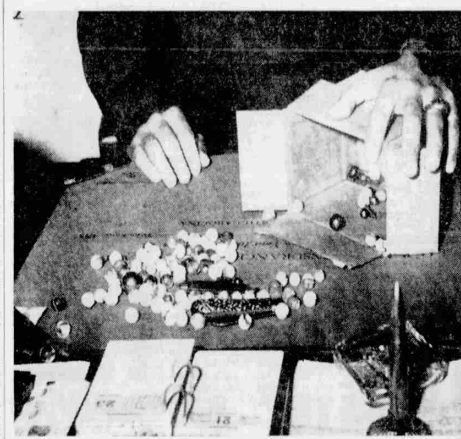
Construction Near On Hospital Wing

Construction of the 350-bed, \$6-million addition to Charlotte Memorial Hospital is scheduled to begin this summer.

Hospital administrator Z. A. Thomas said preliminary plans and specifications for the 10-story and basement wing, plus smaller buildings for laundry and steam plant, are now being made available to contractors for study.

The project will be formally advertised for bids about May 15 with award on contract contemplated in late June.

The wing will be 48 feet wide and 286 feet long and will contain 151,000 square feet. It will be of concrete slab and aluminum strip window construction.



These Marbles And Knives Were Taken From Strikers By Highway Patrolmen

Shift Change Quiet Rifle Fire Breaks Windows In Mill

ENDERSON (P)—Relative calm prevailed last night at quitting time at the strike-torn Harrier-Henderson Cotton Mills.

The worst violence was a steady roll of rifle fire that shattered some mill windows during the night shift. But there were no reports of injuries.

Homebound nonunion workers were greeted with catcalls and minor harassment from about 200 men gathered outside the mill gates. Said Asst. Police Chief Harold Watkins:

"I don't know what the reason was, but it was certainly surprisingly quiet."

It was nothing like the burst of shooting earlier in the week, nor, police said, was it like what was expected following Mills President John D. Cooper Jr.'s announcement Friday that he would start a third shift next Tuesday night.

Cooper, saying he will not yield "to force and violence," rejected pleas of local and state officials to hold off further nonunion hiring in the six-month strike.

MAJOR APPEALS

Cooper's announcement brought an immediate appeal from Mayor Carroll W. Singleton for a delay in the third shift. Singleton said he would enforce the riot act against any troublemakers.

Police said this and an anti-violence statement by the Textile Workers Union of America (AFL-CIO) seemed to have a calming effect.

Gov. Luther H. Hodges had

—MOVE LABELED UNFORTUNATE— Japs Boost Textile Quota

WASHINGTON (AP)—Japan has announced a 5 per cent increase in cotton textile shipments to the United States this year. U.S. textile men have termed the increase extremely unfortunate.

The Japanese voluntary quota program for 1959, as predicted, calls for an increase from 235 million to 247,200,000 square yards of cotton cloth and made-up goods for 1959. The program was announced Friday night.

The present ceiling of 18 million square yards of cloth will remain the same. But the gingham quota, including gingham stripes, will be upped from 35 to 40 million square yards. These increases are being offset by reductions in other types of cotton cloth.

James A. Chapman of Human Resources, president of the American Cotton Manufacturers Institute, said it "points up the need for

Separate Election Possibility Grows

By BOB SLOUGH
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The Mecklenburg County School board has agreed to ask the county commissioners to call an election on the question of consolidation of the city and county school systems at the earliest possible date.

Should commissioners approve this latest proposal, it could put the election on consolidation several weeks ahead of the election in an \$8 million school bond election.

The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Realtors previously have urged that the consolidation vote come before the bond issue is considered.

Both the city and county school boards have expressed concern that there be no delay on the bond issue vote.

Man, Bomb Seized At Castro Rally

NEW YORK (P)—Police seized a young man carrying a home-made bomb Friday night as he tried to climb a barrier only 200 feet from where Fidel Castro was addressing a huge rally in Central Park.

They quoted the young man as saying later that he intended to touch off the bomb "for excitement."

"It was just for kicks, I didn't intend to hurt people," he said.

The police bomb squad estimated the bomb had an effective radius of 300 feet.

TIME ISSUE

But County Attorney Henry A. Dockery expressed the opinion Thursday that it normally takes about 30 days to comply with legal requirements for holding a supplemental tax vote.

Mr. Dockery said that the County Board of Commissioners is free to call for the consolidated supplemental tax vote any time it chooses, now that the legislature has approved the consolidation bill.

Neither election will delay the other if they are held separately, Mr. Dockery explained after checking the election laws.

EXPENSE JUSTIFIED?

"We feel that the extra expense of the two elections will be justified in order to have the election on consolidation while schools are in session," the county board members said in a statement.

The board said today the necessary groundwork for the election could be completed in time to have the election while schools are in session, thus making the greatest possible use of immediate and PTA organizations in getting out the vote.

The County Board of Education has strongly urged an early election on school building bonds in addition to this latest request for an early consolidation vote.

Meanwhile, the Charlotte School Board will meet Monday and petition the City School Board to take the city board under its wing.

RELIGIOUS GRADUATES

HILLSDALE, Mich. (P)—A surprise news item that nearly 70 per cent of the alumni of Hillsdale College here are active church members or leaders, belonging to 23 different denominations.

There was no mention of a two-year agreement in the Japanese textile announcement. U.S. officials said, however, the United States has told the Japanese it could not agree to any quota increases next year unless exceptional circumstances warranted it. The Japanese agreed not to make any new demands for the 1960 quota program.

U.S. textile producers, however, remained adamantly opposed to any increases whatsoever.

Our Weather

Fair and warmer today and tonight. Sunday partly cloudy and continued warm, with a chance of scattered showers or thunderstorms.

Low this morning 44
Low tomorrow morning 52
High today 51
High yesterday 52
High tomorrow 52

Sunrise today 5:39 a.m.; sunset today 7:30 p.m.

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