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Close-Up

TUESDAY TOPICS: Or, Time - out For Nothingness . . .

CITY BEAT: Harry Golden, author and Carolina Israeli boss, substituted for Harry Truman at the University of Missouri's School of Journalism 50th anniversary celebration. Golden started off with a laugh that brought the house down—Since the Knights purchased the Charlotte News, he said, "there are now only two publishers in Charlotte—the Knights and Harry Golden."

REMEMBER: Barbara Bender. She's the wife of ex-WBTV Owen Spann. Barbara, who was always pleasant to look at, did some modeling recently in NYC for Playtex, the living bra and girdle people. Barbara and Playtex make an understandable combination for Charlotteans who knew her — but Barbara models Playtex living GLOVES! Of all things, The Spans live on the West Coast now where Spann is the hottest thing in San Francisco radio-TV.

A Cat In A Hurry

LIFE'S Like That Dept: Frank Ridehour, who runs the good Lake Lynn Lodge near Concord, reports a birth. A cat had kittens on the roof of his establishment. Now that was a cat on a hot tin roof, or vice versa.

WHO SAID: Travel is educational. It teaches appreciation of the home. **SOMEONE** said, in the Cleveland Courier, that the way some people treasure a dollar you'd think it was worth the paper it is printed on.

THE REPORTS that Burke Davis' (the author, former Newsman and Greensboro News writer) illness is attributed to a back strain (while carrying his money to the bank) is not true. It is something else. We're sorry.

A Good Neighbor

IT HAPPENED IN Charlotte: A man bought a power saw, the kind you operate by hand.

He promptly went to work in his yard and before the day was over took a nice slice out of his finger. A neighbor rushed over and carried him to the hospital.

While his pal was recovering from the finger slicing, the neighbor borrowed the power saw.

Well, there's no use carrying on the suspense. Of course it happened: The neighbor sliced his finger, too.

They Got Shot Anyway

AND SO DID THIS: Robert and Ken Jackson live on Hoover Dr. They were scheduled to get measles shots. A neighbor-nurse would administer the shots at home.

Robert said he'd be home, he'd go first. Ken said okay, if Robert goes first, he'd follow.

Well, Robert chickened out. He climbed 40 feet up in a tree. Ken said he wasn't going to take his shot until after Robert had his — as planned.

There was some scrambling around, but still another kid climbed up and got Robert's share.

They took the shots — but it is the first time we've heard of a kid going 40-feet up in a tree to avoid one.

A. C. JOLLY sez: Adult TV westerns are for people who have grown tall, but not up.

Debt Would Climb

Commission Gets School Bond Data

By JERRY BEACE
News Staff Writer

If the proposed \$8 million school bond issue is approved by Mecklenburg voters, the total school indebtedness figure will hit \$8,566 per cent of the last certified property valuation figure.

This information was presented by County Auditor Walker to yesterday by County Commissioners as they considered presenting the bond issue to the people.

Mr. Busby's report showed:

(1) The last total property valuation figure used \$99,418,280.

(2) Outstanding school bonds \$29,650,000.

(3) Bonds authorized on March 19, 1958 but as yet unissued \$2 million.

UNISSUED BONDS

(4) Charlotte Community College bonds authorized Sept. 29, 1958 but still unissued \$975,000.

(5) School building bond order introduced yesterday \$8 million.

(6) Not school debt \$40,825,000. The school debt compared to

the property valuation gives for last year's budget used the percentage.

State law says the percentage of bond indebtedness cannot rise higher than 8 per cent of the total valuation.

Just after commissioners had received Mr. Busby's report and had informally passed the proposed \$8 million bond issue setting May 25 as the date for a public hearing, City Treasurer L. Leebetter appeared before them with a warning.

RATING IN DANGER

"I would like to suggest you gentlemen put the county on a limited pay-as-you-go basis before we lose our credit rating," Mr. Leebetter said.

He outlined Mecklenburg's rising rate of indebtedness as a danger to the county and city's credit rating.

"I have talked to credit rating bureaus in New York," Mr. Leebetter said, "and I explained to them our fantastic rate of growth in Charlotte and Mecklenburg."

"I told them the bonds we have been issuing have been a danger to the county and city's credit rating."

The Weather Bureau predicted an 88-degree high today, and tomorrow, and said scattered afternoon thunderstorms are likely tomorrow.

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MERCURY STAYS IN HIGH 80s

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My name—ah . . .



Is—ahhhh . . .



Mary—ahhhh . . .

Chooooooooo—Bass

Commencement Plans Announced

Over 2,000 Will Graduate In City, County Schools

Central Plans Final Event Before Moving

By ANN SAWYER
News Education Writer

Over 2,000 seniors in Charlotte and Mecklenburg are going into their final weeks of classes before graduation activities in late May and early June.

Four Colleges To Graduate 427 Students

By BOB SLOUGH
News Staff Writer

Four colleges in Mecklenburg County will graduate 427 students in commencement exercises next month.

Davidson College will confer degrees upon 175 students, the largest college graduating class in the county. Johnson C. Smith University will award 165 arts and sciences degrees. In the county system, 906 students — 784 white and 142 Negro — are expected to receive diplomas.

Catholic High will graduate 24 students. Central High School, holding graduation exercises for the last time before moving its students and faculty to the new Garner High School, has the largest graduating class of 440.

Dr. Elmer H. Garinger, long-time central principal and now superintendent of city schools, will speak at the 8 p. m. June 1 graduation exercises in Owens Auditorium.

BROCKHOFF SPEAKER
Dr. John R. Brockhoff, pastor of St. Marks Lutheran Church, will deliver the commencement sermon May 31 at 4:30 p. m. at Central High School.

Myers Park, with 345 graduates, will hold graduation exercises June 2 at 8 p. m. in Owens Auditorium. Harry Golden, editor and publisher of The Carolina Israelite and author of "Only in America," will speak.

Dr. William H. Cartwright, chairman of the Department of Education, Duke University, will address the 165 Harding High School graduates June 1 at 8 p. m. in First Methodist Church.

Dr. E. Lee Stofel, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will deliver the commencement sermon May 31 at 8 p. m. in First Methodist Church.

SENIOR PAGEANT
Seniors at Second Ward High School will present a pageant, "Second Ward High School Looks to the Future" at commencement exercises May 29 at 8:15 p. m. in the school gymnasium.

Eighty-six students will be graduates.

It will join with the two other city Negro schools — York Road and West Charlotte — for the commencement ceremony May 24 at 5 p. m. in Owens Auditorium.

The speaker will be the Rev. J. W. Smith Jr., pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Durham. He was graduated from Second Ward High School and Johnson C. Smith University, where he also did his work in theology.

York Road's 38 graduates will hear six of their seniors speak on "The Tree — The Strength of America" at commencement exercises May 28 at 8 p. m. in the school gymnasium.

Student speakers are Lemar Foster, Queen Greer, Carolyn Keenan, Mary Hazel Roseboro, Mildred Young, O'Donald Garrett.

PANEL PLANNED
Commencement exercises for the 185 graduates of West Charlotte High will be held June 1 at 8:15 p. m. in the school gymnasium. Seniors will participate in a panel, "Let's We Forget."

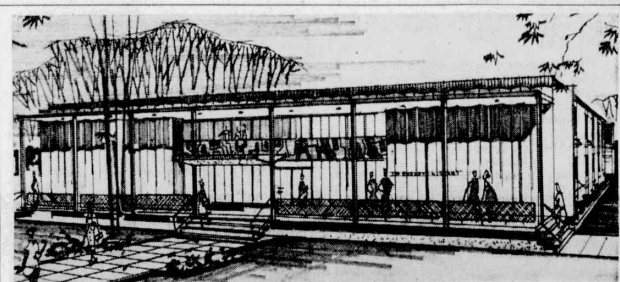
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This Is The New Everett Library To Be Built On The Queens College Campus This Summer

Queens Plans New Library To Be Named For Everett

By BOB SLOUGH
News Staff Writer

MR. CURRIE

Currie Wins Teaching Prize

Stuart Dickson Currie, head of the Queens College Department of Bible, Religion and Philosophy today was named 1959 winner of the Queens College Distinguished Teaching Award.

Professor Currie is the first winner of the teaching award created last year by the Queens College Board of Trustees "to emphasize the fact that quality of teaching is the most important single concern of Queens College."

The award carries a \$2,000 grant to be used for travel or for further study.

Professor Currie, who joined the Queens College faculty in 1956, was selected by Queens College President Dr. Edwin Walker, and Dean of the College Dr. Currie W. R. Larson, after consultation with individual members of a committee appointed by the president to assist in the selection.

The distinguished teacher is a native of Austin, Tex., and graduated from the University of Texas in 1944 with honors in sociology.

Professor Currie has served as a past president of the Charlotte Chapter of Presbyterian churches in Haskell and Taylor, Tex., and in Pullen, Mo.

Mr. Everett, a prominent Charlotte city leader and retired businessman, was acting president of Queens College in 1953-54, while the college sought a permanent successor to the late Dr. C. C. Jernigan.

Mr. Everett has long been active in Charlotte's city, religious, educational and social life. He is a past president of the Charlotte Chapter of Commerce and was named The Charlotte News "Man of the Year" in 1952.

The game has become fairly common at the Knightdale School, according to information received by Dr. Robert F. Poole Jr., Raleigh pediatrician who treated the boy.

"We consider this an extremely dangerous thing," the doctor added.

Dr. Poole said that when he arrived at the schoolyard, some 14 miles from Raleigh, he found

—HAY FEVER TIME—

Spring Is Nice—Providing You're Not A Sneezer

By JOHN KILGO
News Staff Writer

Spring — to some people — is highly overrated. It might be a time when kids play in the parks and flowers grow out of sidewalks.

But it's also a time when people sneeze their heads off. Like Johnny Culp, 2905 Clover Rd.

"You spring is a good time of year," he says. "But good for what?"

"I've been sneezing for several weeks now."

"This morning I woke up at 6 o'clock sneezing. I couldn't stop so I got up and walked around and sneezed this time of year."

Culp says the sneezing makes him weak and he starts eating. A local allergy expert says spring is always a bad time for hay fever sufferers.

It is a time when hickory, pecan and oak trees start pollinating. To heavy sneezers, this is bad.

And the main enemy of all sneezers is tall grass. You cut it and the pollen gets in the air and in your nose and you sneeze like mad.

County Police Sgt. Bob Hinson says spring is always a bad time of the year for him.

"I take those delayed action pills," he says. "But I'm still sneezing a lot at night."

So what if spring is a time when squirrels run rampant at City Hall and flowers grow in funny places.

It's a time when people sneeze and that's what bothers us.

You can have your spring time.

But we're just about ready to look at some more snow pictures.

No 'Game' Here

By JULIAN SCHEER
News Staff Writer

Elected to the Queens College board of trustees in the fall of 1952, Mr. Everett became chairman of the board in December of that same year.

THEATER INTERESTS
At one time Mr. and Mrs. Everett owned extensive theater stock interest in several corporations and partnerships which owned and operated some 65 theaters in North Carolina and South Carolina.

The interests were sold in January, 1954, to a Charlotte corporation, Mr. and Mrs. Everett retained the name Everett Enterprises, however.

At the time of the sale, Mr. Everett announced that he planned to do some of the things he had been wanting to do for a long time, the most important of which was to devote more time to his duties at Queens College, where he was then acting president.

'Passing Out' Can Prove To Be Fatal

By JULIAN SCHEER
News Staff Writer

A dangerous schoolyard game almost killed a Raleigh youngster yesterday — but the "game" has not reached the Charlotte city schoolyards.

The game is called "passing out" and sometimes may remember when it was a schoolyard fancy here. In the game, a child squeezes the abdomen of another child with the object of "passing out."

A check of local schools today indicates that no cases of school children playing "passing out" have been seen.

"We'll be on the alert now," one principal said. Seven-year old Rhett Ramsey, a second grade student at Knightdale Elementary School near Raleigh, was unconscious some five hours yesterday as a result of the schoolyard prank. He is scheduled for release from Rex Hospital today.

HELPED TREAT BOY
Dr. Leroy Allen, Raleigh surgeon who helped treat young Ramsey, said the condition was due to a temporary circulatory impairment. "It's a very dangerous thing because there is always the possibility of permanent impairment."

Dr. Poole said he learned the youngster had been playing the game from talks with his

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I Remember When . . .

By DICK YOUNG
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