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2 Schools Listed As Fire Traps

By JOHN KILGO
News Staff Writer
County Schools in Matthews and Pineville are fire traps and both are in violation of the North Carolina building code.

A-Weapons In Works For Allies

WASHINGTON (P)—President Eisenhower advised Congress formally today of plans to help Britain and France develop atomic weapons and submarines.

The President submitted agreements this country signed with the two nations May 7. The pact will go into effect automatically in 60 days unless vetoed by both the Senate and the House.

The agreement with Britain, the only other Western nation now producing atomic weapons, provides for U.S. assistance in the military application of atomic energy.

Details are not being made public. The United States agrees to sell France a quantity of enriched nuclear fuel for use in development of an atomic-powered submarine.

At present that project has not progressed beyond plans for a land-based prototype propulsion plant.

The pact with Britain provides for transfer of nonnuclear parts of atomic weapons and atomic weapons systems provisions of special materials for research, development and production of military facilities and furnishing certain other atomic materials and byproducts.

In a brief message to Congress, Eisenhower noted that under the Anglo-American agreement of last July 3 there was provision for certain exchange of nuclear information between the two countries.

The new agreement, Eisenhower said, "has been developed to further the goal of our mutual defense."

The President said it is gratifying to note that the new pact also will result in conservation of scientific and technical manpower and effort and capital which would otherwise be required to meet our own needs.

The decision to sell France nuclear fuel for development of atomic-powered submarines recognizes, Eisenhower said, "the relationship of this assistance to the mutual security of the nations and the contribution to joint defense arrangements which transfer of this material will make."

In line with provisions of the Atomic Energy Act, the agreement with France does not call for transfer of any secret information dealing with the construction of atomic weapons.

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County Fire Marshal Sigbee Tadlock said today the situation at both schools is "extremely dangerous."

"If fires started in either of these two schools the buildings would go up like kindling," he said.

The Matthews school building has an old wooden stairway in the middle of the building.

The stairway — which is used more than any other in the two-story building — is not enclosed.

WOODEN FLOORS
The floors in the building which houses 15 classrooms are also made of wood.

At the Pineville School, which also is wooden, the floors are made of pine.

The Matthews School building is 32 years old and the Pineville building was built 46 years ago.

"I've been holding my breath about these two schools ever since I've been in office," Tadlock said.

"Those wooden, unenclosed stairways are nothing but fire traps."

NO STOPPING
"If a fire ever got started in either of the schools they would have nothing to block it off."

The stairways would actually serve as a chimney or a draft and help the fire to spread. It's dangerous situation and I've recommended that they be corrected immediately."

County School Supt. J. W. Wilson said today officials recognize the fire hazards in the schools last year but didn't have the money to correct them.

"We didn't want to tackle our most expensive operations last year because we had too many other improvements to make," he said.

Although the amount of money needed to correct the fire hazards at the two schools wasn't immediately available today, Wilson said these corrections are to be made this summer.

STAIRS TO GO
At Matthews the wooden stairway in the middle of the building will be torn down and replaced by two fire-proof stairways.

At Pineville both hazardous stairways will be torn down and replaced by fire-proof structures.

Yesterday, Wilson said he hopes the County Commissioners will not cut the county school budget requests for this year so the corrections can be made.

The State Building Code has this to say about stairways in school buildings:

"All stairways in school buildings over one story in height of fireproof or semiretardant construction shall be enclosed with noncombustible partitions having a fire resistance of not less than one hour."



South Mecklenburg High School, now under construction, definitely will not be a fire trap. Here, a construction employee works on a fireproof concrete slab floor in one of the new buildings, expected to be completed when school opens in the fall.

Or No Summit

Ike Tells Nikita: Hands Off Berlin

GENEVA (P)—The United States has warned Russia that President Eisenhower will refuse to attend a summit conference if Premier Khrushchev sets some new deadline for a Communist squeeze play on West Berlin.

Informants said the American warning was prompted by a suspicion that Khrushchev would try such a move if the Big Four foreign ministers' conference turns out to be what he considers a failure.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter told Soviet foreign minister Andrei Gromyko in plain words at a dinner party a few nights ago what the U. S. plan would be.

Meanwhile the western foreign ministers mapped a counter-attack against Russia's drive to break up their master plan for a German peace settlement.

Khrushchev originally set a May 27 deadline for the western allies to end their occupation of West Berlin and said that on that date he would give the East German Communist control to West Berlin.

DANGER STILL
He later postponed the deadline indefinitely. Should he revive it and hand over traffic control to the East Germans, this would raise the danger of a Berlin blockade. The United States reportedly is determined to reject any summit conference held under a Soviet threat.

Gromyko assured Herter that the Soviet Union had no ulterior motives in proposing a peace settlement now with divided Germany.

Herter reminded Gromyko of the May 27 deadline and said that the existence of any deadline made it difficult to believe that the Soviets did not have hidden purposes.

Gromyko said he was sorry that Herter had mentioned the date of May 27. He himself had not planned to bring it up in Geneva except possibly at the end of the conference. To Herter, that sounded as if it might be a veiled hint of a new threat.

Under rules agreed on last week, Gromyko had the right to call on a German speaker only if there was no objection from any of the Western foreign ministers.

Gromyko had notified British Foreign Secretary Lord R. Selous that he intended to call on R.

Plan Is Drawn To Feed Hungry

Cloudburst Hits City; 1 Drowns

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (P)—A torrent of rain up to 10 feet deep surged through St. Joseph's north side late Monday night after a cloudburst north of the city.

One man drowned. Despite widespread damage, there were no reports of missing persons.

The body of William M. Thomas was found four blocks from where the water swept him from his car.

Property damage was tremendous, but no one would estimate the monetary loss immediately.

Merrill Chute, managing editor of the St. Joseph News-Press, who made a tour of the area, said it's terrible. It's unbelievable so much damage could be inflicted in such a short time. It's a miracle one man was killed.

The downpour on the north slope of St. Joseph, a city of 79,000 population in northwestern Missouri, was measured at four inches — in one hour.

It was one of a series of thunderstorms which produced at least two tornadoes across the Missouri River in northeastern Kansas.

Farm buildings were smashed by twisters near Hiawatha, Everest and Denton, Kan., about 25 miles west of St. Joseph. No one was injured.

CREEKS FLOOD
Flooding creeks blocked U.S. 56 near Highland and Panting in the same Kansas area.

The St. Joseph flood followed the Great Western Railroad track through an older section of the city. The area is a combination business and residential district.

Police estimated the flood zone was two or three blocks wide and about four miles long. There was speculation that clogged sewers contributed to the flood. The water receded rapidly.

St. Joseph Avenue, the main street in the district, roughly paralleled the railroad.

Parked automobiles were "lumped" along the avenue by the rushing water.

The flood smashed the windows of the big Green Hills supermarket as eight clerks were closing the store. Trapped inside, they fled to the roof.

FOUR TRAPPED
Mrs. Glenn Case, wife of one of the clerks, arrived in a car to pick up her husband just as the water came in. She and her three children were trapped in the car.

Alfred Douglas, one of the clerks, reached the car and passed the children out to the other men on the roof.

Firemen took the 12 persons off the supermarket with an extension ladder.



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2 Saved In Canyon

By ROBERT F. ALKIRE
MOAB, Utah (P)—A couple plucked from a rugged river's bank waited today for search efforts to disclose the fate of the man's mother and father. They last saw the older couple bobbing away through dangerous Colorado River rapids after their pleasure boat capsized.

Frank A. Rich, 65, and his wife, 64, of Lakewood Village, Calif., are missing and presumably drowned.

Rescued from awesome cañon canyon were Dr. Delbert F. Rich, 41, Cedar City, Utah, and his 35-year-old wife.

"I managed to get my wife to safety," said the younger Rich, who grabbed her hair and yanked her to shore. "My mother and father were swept down the rapids."

The Riches were in one of more than 400 boats which made an annual 200-mile pleasure cruise down the Green River and up the Colorado in lonely eastern Utah.

The boaters were warned before starting not to get too close to the cañon, a raging funnel of water that hurries through 40 miles of jagged Colorado River canyon walls 800 to 900 feet above the river.

BOATERS WARNED
The rapids are a few miles down the Colorado from the point at which it is joined by the Green River. Rich said he and his family were cruising near the river junction early Sunday and noticed an boat which seemed to be in trouble.

"We stopped to give them assistance. While we were working we apparently lost our sense of direction and when we started out again, we went the wrong way."

"Before we realized it, the boat was in the rapids. It was swamped — overturned — capsized."

Planning Body Talks Problem

By ANN SAWYER
News Staff Writer

The path has been charted for city schools to feed the hundreds of needy, hungry children.

This is what the chairman of the "hungry kid" study committee is scheduled to tell the Social Planning Council this afternoon.

Chairman William K. Van Allen said his committee has determined that there is a definite need that the responsibility for feeding the children rests with school authorities, and that a plan for solving the problem is feasible. It has, in part, been drawn.

Mrs. Van Allen said a written report would not be given at the 4 p. m. Social Planning Council meeting, and that he would not go at that time into detail about ways of feeding school children who go hungry because their parents cannot afford school lunches.

STANDARD LUNCH
Although Mr. Van Allen would not discuss the suggestion his committee has made to school authorities for handling the problem, it was understood the committee favors serving of a standard plate lunch in grades one through twelve.

The standard lunch is now served only to children through the sixth grade. Students in the city junior and senior high schools have a choice of food in the lunchrooms and this practice prohibits the schools' receiving subsidies from the Federal school lunchroom program.

Committee members, it was understood, believe at least some of the following:

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Defense Chief To Keep Post

WASHINGTON (P)—Nell H. McElroy said today he will stay on indefinitely as secretary of defense.

McElroy made the announcement to newsmen at the White House with his new deputy, Thomas A. Gates Jr., standing at his side.

They had just conferred with President Eisenhower.

"I have suspended my plans for departure," McElroy said. "I don't know when I will be leaving, if at all."

Asked whether that means he intends to stay in the cabinet indefinitely, McElroy replied that was the best way to put it.

Eisenhower yesterday picked Gates, who is retiring as secretary of the Navy at the end of the month, to succeed the late Donald A. Quarles as deputy secretary of defense.

There had been speculation that Eisenhower had persuaded Gates to stay on at the Pentagon by telling him he is in line to take over behind McElroy.

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Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.), the committee chairman, announced the outcome after a closed meeting that climaxed 16 days of stormy hearings on President Eisenhower's choice of Strauss for the Cabinet post.

The committee division was in doubt until just today's report meeting when Sen. Frank J. Lausche (D-Ohio) announced he would vote for confirmation.

He was the third Democrat to come out in favor of confirmation.

Practice Shell Kills Four Boys

TAIPEI, Formosa (P)—A discarded practice shell exploded on a firing range in Central Formosa yesterday, killing four boys collecting scrap metal in violation of an army ban.

A scrap metal dealer was trying to remove the shell when it blew up. The dealer and three other persons were seriously injured.

Beginning next Monday, one of the world's most respected and comprehensive news services begins in The Charlotte News.

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BRIGHT, BROAD SERVICE—

More News On Way To You

Earl Uehli, Robert Toth, Clementine Paddford, Terry Ferrer, Patrick O'Donovan and Richard Lowenthal.

The first Herald Tribune News Service feature to appear in The News will be "The World of Ivan's Wife," a woman's page story in six parts beginning Monday.

A crack woman reporter has written a fascinating series on the Russian woman. Can the Moscow housewife get domestic help? What are the latest child-care theories? What about beauty hints? How about the female worker?

Dulles Weaker; Given Sedatives

WASHINGTON (P)—Former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was reported today continuing to grow weaker in his fight against cancer and pneumonia.

The State Department said he was being given pain killers and was given sedatives.

The medical bulletin was the third in two weeks to report a weakening of Dulles' condition.

Dulles was reported to be conscious but sleeping much of the time because of the pain-killing drugs which are being administered.

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Our Weather

Considerable cloudiness, warm and humid with scattered afternoon and evening showers or thunderstorms through Wednesday.

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Low tomorrow morning 65
High today 80
High yesterday 86
High tomorrow 91
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