'OLD' ROOKIE

Aged Clark Griffith, normally an advocate of youth, has come up with a 20-year-old rookie named Forrest Thompson, a Mooresville boy. He's the subject of Dick's Dish in today's sports section.

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U. S. May Be Asked To Support European Currencies

GOP DRIVES TO SLASH BUDGET, TAXES

THE GENERAL GOES SLEDDING—Gen. Omar N. Bradley, who will become U. S. Army Chief of Staff soon, poses on a sled with children at the request of a photographer while visiting a New York East Side settlement house on hilly E. 76th St. A moment later the sled unexpectedly began moving down the hill. The General let 'er go, and had a surprise ride with Carol Van Overberche (left), 9, and William Carpenter, 6. (AP Wirephoto.)

Snyder Says Additional Help May Be Needed

Testifies On Marshall Plan

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of the Treasury Snyder said today Congress may be asked to provide funds to support the value of European moneys. This would be in addition to the billions asked for the Marshall Plan.

He did not say how much, but told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that the time will be "possible" this year and "probably" next.

It will come, he said, when the European countries are showing progress toward steadying their currencies by balancing their budgets, increasing production and expanding trade.

The committee is holding hearings on the so-called Marshall Plan for four years of general economic aid to sixteen Western European countries. President Truman has asked $6,800,000,000 to finance the first fifteen months of the program.

Snyder indicated that the proposed funds to support European currencies would be loaned in the form of gold and dollars provided by this Government's stabilization fund to the central banks of European countries.

This, he said in a statement prepared for the committee, "would give greater assurance to the people of the participating countries," that the correction of their current money troubles "will be permanent."

"There is greater confidence in the stability of money if there is a pool of dollars in the hands of the central bank," he said.

Snyder suggested that the U. S. might undertake to help those countries desiring to get control of some assets their citizens have in the United States.

Republican Chairman Taber, who is under study by a Government committee

But the Treasury chief opposed "forcing" European countries to use the dollars and gold their citizens own in the United States to help pay part of the Marshall Plan costs. He said it would be "folly" to do so.

He estimated that the Marshall Plan countries had $4,000,000,000 in gold and dollar assets in this country last June 30, but said some of these assets are already pledged for loans and many others would be "difficult to liquidate."

Snyder suggested that 5 per cent of the Marshall program funds should be set aside to guarantee private American firms that foreign currencies earned through investing abroad can be exchanged for U. S. dollars."

Marine Corps Building Burns

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A number of families were evacuated from their homes early today when a five-alarm fire broke out in a Marine Corps warehouse here.

Two Marines were sleeping in the two-story brick building but an hour after the blaze was reported fire officials said they believed there had been no deaths or injuries.

An adjacent concrete building, used as a storehouse and garage by the Christian Heurich Brewing Co., also was ablaze.

The two buildings are located on the north shore of the Potomac River, and fireboats joined other equipment battling the flames.

Hospital Head Makes Pledge

Space Will Be Made At Caswell For Ross Child

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Space will be made at overcrowded Caswell Training School for Frances Ross.

Dr. David A. Young of Raleigh, general superintendent of State hospitals, promised County officials in a telephone conversation yesterday afternoon that the eleven-year-old imbecile girl will be admitted to the hospital at Kinston.

Dr. Young, who said that he realized the extreme urgency of the Mecklenburg case, declared nevertheless that conditions at Caswell are such that it may take a few weeks or a month to get the child into the hospital.

PLEDGE MADE

When Welfare Superintendent Wallace Kuralt reminded him that the Calvin Ross family already had been waiting for years to get Frances into a hospital, Dr. Young reiterated his pledge that space will be made for the girl.

The removal of Frances from the little Ross home will give her eight-year-old brother, Calvin Jr., a much greater chance to recover from the serious rheumatic fever which he contracted recently. Calvin's future health has been endangered by the girl's violent "speels."

Sid Y. McAden, County chairman, said that the County and its Welfare Department will see that Mr. and Mrs. Ross and their children have whatever necessities they need.

The story of Frances Ross and her five brothers and sister, as told in The News on Monday, continued to stir the public. Frances has been an imbecile since birth, and she has become more violent. She has been a danger to the younger children in the four-room house on Jones St. When her brother contracted rheumatic fever and could get no rest, it became apparent that his own life was in danger, and the case of Frances Ross became an emergency.

Her family had tried to get her into a hospital for five years, but the State's tragically inadequate mental institutions could not take her.

SPEEDY ACTION

With the revelation that Calvin Jr.'s illness might develop into a chronic heart condition, County officials went into action. They discussed the case in detail, and determined to overcome the familiar obstacles. They conferred with State Hospital officials, and got the promise that space will be made for Frances.

Many men and women called and wrote to The News to offer help in various ways. Despite the fact that the Rosses had never asked for charity, people offered money and clothing for the family, and many people volunteered to take some of the children into their own homes until conditions improved. Some wanted to start a fund for the family.

Many demanded that the State expand its hospital facilities without any further delay.

Dr. Young pointed out in his conversation with County officials yesterday that the State has the money for more hospitals, and that plans are being carried out now for providing more facilities. Camp Butner is expected to be opened for patients in the Spring, and more space is being provided at the Kinston institution for mentally defective children.

But, with the shockingly large number of children and adults still waiting after several years for admittance to hospitals, it was clear that the State would not fill the need unless more action is taken.

Spending Cut Called Basis For Lower Levy

Plan To Axe Truman Figures

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A GOP determination to slash President Truman's budget by "at least $3,000,000,000" was reported by Rep. Knutson (R-Minn) today to have formed the basis of House Republican leadership approval of the $5,600,000,000 tax reduction bill.

Knutson, author of the tax-cutting measure, told reporters both Senator Taft (R-Ohio), chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, and Chairman Taber, (R-N.Y.) of the House Appropriations Committee had agreed that Mr. Truman's $39,700,000,000 spending estimate can be "cut sharply."

The decision was made, he said, at a meeting of top Senate and House Republicans in Speaker Martin's office.

Taber told reporters that when he gets through with the President's budget there will be room for a $5,000,000,000 tax cut and a $5,000,000,000 payment on the nation's debt.

The 102-member House-Senate budget committee has been called to its first session tomorrow to begin the work of whittling down the President's budget.

Meanwhile, the House Ways & Means Committee bogged down in a detailed reading and discussion of the 36-page tax bill, and Knutson, the Ways & Means chairman, said that although committee approval is assured it probably will not come until next Monday or Tuesday.

FACES VETO

The measure, which faces a virtually certain veto, will be brought to a showdown vote in the House on Friday or Saturday of next week, he said, with passage practically assured.

Democrats mobilizing to battle the measure claimed enough votes to block its final enactment, however, unless the Senate trims the size of the tax cut when the legislation reaches that body.

Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) set the House vote for next week, probably Friday.

REFUSE CONCESSIONS

The House Republican Steering Committee, in approving the measure late yesterday, refused flatly to make any concessions that might attract Democratic support. A two-thirds majority is needed in both Houses to overturn a Presidential objection.

Democratic Leader Rayburn of Texas told reporters "the bill as it is will be vetoed by Truman and I think the Republicans know it."

But Knutson shot back that Rayburn is "indulging in wishful thinking" and added: "The bill will become law."

The GOP leaders ignored President Truman's substitute proposal calling for a $40 "cost of living" tax cut for everyone and a compensating $3,200,000,000 excess profits levy on corporations.

On the other side of the Capitol, a leading Republican who asked not to be quoted by name said tax action will be delayed in the Senate "until we have a clearer picture of what the Treasury surplus will be."

Similarly Democratic Senator Byrd (Va.) said "I want to see what the budget cut will be before we make a decision on the tax cut."

Secretary of the Treasury Snyder told the Ways & Means Committee last Friday that the Knutson measure actually would reduce Federal revenues by $6,305,000,000 instead of the $5,600,000,000 claimed by Knutson. He added that it would mean a $2,100,000,000 deficit in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, and would threaten the financial integrity of the Government.

Political Outlook

Democrats Hopeful Despite Breach In Southern Ranks

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON (AP)— Democrats pointed hopefully to fresh evidences of party unity today despite a harsh breach in their Southern contingent, while members of the Republican National Committee headed homeward confident that they can elect their Presidential nominee.

The Democrats were cheered by the decision of A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, to go along with the campaign to keep President Truman in the White House.

They were somewhat depressed, however, although few of them would acknowledge it publicly, by a party "revolt" threat from Fielding L. Wright, taking office for a full term as Governor of Mississippi.

PROPOSALS HIT

Wright declared in his inaugural address yesterday that the time has come for Southern Democrats to leave a party that insists upon pressing Congress to enact such "anti-Southern" legislation as a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission, anti-lynch, and anti-poll tax bills and similar proposals.

While Wright's protest followed recent objections in the Senate by Senator Eastland (D-Miss.) to what Eastland said was a campaign to pick Justice William O. Douglas for the Vice Presidential nomination, party leaders insisted they are not particularly worried.

One of these, who declined to be quoted by name, said the recalcitrant Democrats have no place else to go. He contended that Wright and Eastland both were speaking primarily for "local consumption" and forecast that these speeches would have no effect on the party's plans.

Those evidences of Democratic differences were matched by the Republicans, who ended a two-day meeting of their national committee by approving a $4,000,000 budget for their 1948 campaign expenditures.

Senator Wherry of Nebraska, the assistant GOP leader, made it plain that all Republicans do not agree on pending issues, particularly the proposal of Senator Flanders (Vt.) and Rep. Javits (R.-N. Y.) to set up standby machinery for meat rationing.

The Democrats publicly ignored both these Republican differences and their own woes in Mississippi. But they were happy to announce that Whitney and his railroad men are back in the fold after months of bitter recriminations since the dramatic moment when President Truman appeared before Congress in May, 1946, and asked for power to draft workers into the armed forces to prevent a threatened railroad strike.

Whitney, who promised undying opposition then to Mr. Truman but who more recently has had a change of heart, said at a news conference arranged

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Commission Ruling

Banks Authorized To Extend Service

The North Carolina Banking Commission at Raleigh granted today authority for the American Trust Co. of Charlotte to establish two branches, for the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. to establish a branch, and for the Industrial Loan & Investment Bank to change its name to The Bank of Commerce, accepting deposits subject to check.

These applications were heard by Gurney P. Hood, state banking commissioner, in a hearing here several weeks ago.

None of these applications was opposed. The information accumulated at that time was presented today to the full commission for its guidance in reaching decisions, which were favorable, as Commissioner Hood had indicated they would be.

The American Trust Co. applied for authority to open a branch in the Law Building, on E. Trade St., and another en a recently obtained site at the intersection of E. Morehead and S. College Sts. A branch bank building will be constructed on the E. Morehead St. site.

The Wachovia Company's Charlotte office applied for authority to construct and operate a branch bank on a recently purchased site on E. Morehead St. near the intersection of S. Boulevard and S. College St.

During the years since the Industrial Loan & Investment Bank has operated, it has engaged in an industrial banking business. Under the newly granted authority, this bank will be permitted to accept accounts subject to check. This bank has announced that it will provide a drive-in facility on the parking lot adjacent to the bank building on S. Church St.

Many Idle In Germany

FRANKFURT, Germany — (AP) — About 300,000 workers left their jobs in Nuremberg and Cologne today, protesting food shortages.

Union speakers, addressing a throng of 30,000 strikers in the Nuernberg Square formerly known as Adolf Hitler Platz, assailed the British and American administrations and the German Government. Workers carried banners bearing such slogans as: "We want a united Germany"; "Death to Black Marketeers"; and "We are Hungry."

The walkouts all but paralyzed the great industrial city of Cologne, which is in the British occupation zone.

In Nuernberg, in the U. S. zone, where about 100,000 are idle, Union Leader Karl Horn told a crowd of strikers assembled in the square that "the Allies have brought no peace up to now." By dismantling factories, he said, the Allies had hampered Germany's chances of exporting to pay for food imports.

No violence was reported in either the Nuernberg or Cologne strikes, both of which are expected to end today.

Sheriff's Proposal

Padded Cells In Jail Recommended

By TOM WATKINS
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Sheriff J. Clyde Hunter today proposed the building of padded cells in the County Jail for violent cases of mental illness confined there sometimes for weeks before they can be received at the State's mental institutions.

Some of the inmates, he said, have done themselves severe bodily harm by smashing their heads against cell bars or the concrete floors.

On numerous occasions inmates, both men and women, have stripped off their clothing, climbed up the steel bars and hurled themselves head first to the floor.

It is not infrequently that Dr. C. S. McLaughlin, county physician, is called upon by prison attendants to sew up wounds that the mentally ill have inflicted upon themselves.

The only alternative, at present, is to take these violent persons from their cells and place them in straightjackets. Confinement by this means is torturous—arms, legs and body rigidly held by heavy canvas. When released such prisoners are drenched with perspiration and, more often than not, weak and exhausted.

The regularity with which mentally ill persons of both races are brought to the County Jail has prompted the Sheriff to call for modern methods for handling them.

The Sheriff said he intended to discuss the matter with the Board of County Commissioners and to ask them to finance the construction of at least four such cells. He pointed out that different cells are required for men and women, and that the races should be segregated.

SHORTAGE OF SPACE

Great difficulty is encountered in getting the victims into the mental institutions because of existing crowded conditions and lack of facilities, Hunter said.

S. C. McGinnis, County Jailer, said today that four mentally ill persons—two white men and one woman and one Negro man—are now in the jail.

Sheriff Hunter said one recent prisoner thought himself a bird, perched his cell bars, and leaped down, arms extended, to hit the floor with a sickening thud.

Only a day or two ago another inmate stood in his cell quietly munching on an apple. A jail trusty passed by. With a sudden movement the patient hurled the apple through the bars and it struck the trusty in the eye inflicting a painful and dangerous injury.

It is not uncommon, Hunter said, for prisoners, men and women, to charge head-first into the bars, or to butt their heads on steel supports and concrete floor.

The construction of the proposed cells, which would be the first in Mecklenburg's history—should be left to experts in that field, the Sheriff said.

The prisoners improvise all kinds of ways to injure themselves. Padded cells, in which they would fling themselves without injury, would, said the Sheriff, "be a humane thing" until they could be turned over to mental experts and institutions where facilities are provided for their care.

Pants For Sale Cheap

LOS ANGELES —(AP)— Anybody want to buy 10,000 pairs of Uncle Sam's pants?

The War Assets Administration has 'em, cotton and wool. They have identifying marking that'll never come off—"PW" for prisoner of war, on the seats. Seems the wartime chemists doped out a paint for cloth that couldn't be removed, even by the peacetime chemists.

So WAA is putting the pants up for sale Jan. 29, and advertising that they make very fine wiping rags.

Petrillo In Denial

WASHINGTON—(AP)— James C. Petrillo denied today there is any conspiracy between his American Federation of Musicians and the long-established radio networks to hold back the growth of FM (frequency modulation) broadcasting.

Petrillo told the House Labor Committee he met with representatives of the fledgling FM industry a month ago and tentatively agreed to "make a deal" with them on use of musicians but said he told them:

"I have got to talk to the regular (AM) networks first."

Petrillo has banned "live" music on FM networks and the duplication of music programs on AM and FM networks. He also has prohibited union musicians from making phonograph records.

As Rep. Owens (R-Ill) questioned him about his relations with the old-line radio networks in connection with FM, Petrillo screwed his chubby face into a grimace and broke in:

"Please, Mr. Congressman, if there's anything in your mind about a conspiracy between the American Federation of Musicians and the AM networks, please dismiss it. It's not so."

He explained that he wanted to consult the old-line networks first because they pay his union members $23,000,000 a year "and it wouldn't be good business" not to consult them.

He also said he would be willing to "make a deal"—his favorite expression—with small radio stations so that they could play records "if they would come to us and tell us they could afford to hire maybe only two or three musicians—and if they were telling the truth."

"Oh you mean you'd make the stations hire standbys," Rep. Kersten (R-Wisc) demanded.

"No, no, no more standbys," Petrillo said. "That's been taken care of."

Kersten wanted to know whether the union's "forever ban" on recording-making is the only solution to the musicians' plight.

"Up to this moment it's the only solution we know," Petrillo said. "It's unsound, I agree, but what are we going to do about it? All

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Communist Sword-rattling In Balkans

Tito Quoted As Boasting Slavs To Have Atomic Bombs

By JUDSON O'QUINN
TRIESTE, Free Territory—(AP) —Premier Marshal Tito was quoted by La Voce Libera today as telling Yugoslav Communist leaders that "we shall use our own atomic bomb" in any future conflict for "the final annihilation of reaction."

(A version published by the pro-DeGaulle French weekly "Dissidence 40" quoted Tito as saying: "War against the Anglo-Americans is inevitable. It is perhaps even a question of weeks.")

La Voce Libera, a pro-Italian newspaper, said Tito had delivered the speech to his party executive in Zagreb last Nov. 18. It said he had reported Russian arsenals are turning out 30,000 vehicles a month and "our jet-propelled fighters and our artillery will eliminate from the enemy aviation any desire to come and see us."

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

But domestic problems were cited also in the purported text.

Tito was quoted as saying hundreds of thousands who "live in our midst spy on us and inform London and Washington through yet undiscovered channels."

He was said to have warned that "the people are not on our side."

"When the priests toll alarm bells," he was quoted, "there will be wholesale insurrection, and it must not be overlooked that the farmers are very well armed."

("Dissidence 40" quoted Tito as saying "our soldiers are equipped with the most modern arms and a material whose destructive force is superior to that of the atom bomb."

CLAIMS 150 DIVISIONS

("Russian General Headquarters dispposes of 150 divisions which can be on the march in 48 hours and destroy all obstacles in its path and reach Paris," the weekly's account said.)

The paper said it had had the text of the speech for a month, but delayed publication, until it learned it was authentic and had been published in "Dissidence 40."

La Voce Libera quoted Tito as saying that reactionary forces, with the aid of American and British capital, were working against the "Yugoslav proletariat," but that he had a "very strong, well organized army which can do not long obstacle and sweets but which stands in readiness, not only to protect our frontiers, but also to oust the divisions of gangsters concentrated in Italy and Austria." The quotations went on:

"We are ready to sink their fleet in the Adriatic; against their atomic bombs we shall use our own. We do not stand alone this time.

"Our jet propelled fighter planes and our artillery will efficaciously discourage visits by enemy aviation. Our materiel comes from an inexhaustible source. Our lines of transport will never be cut.

"Russian workshops turn out 30,000 cars a month. Headquarters have at their disposal 150 divisions ready to march on 48 hours notice and capable of wiping out all obstacles obstructing their advance up to Paris."

'BANDITS' VEXING

Tito was quoted as saying a few thousand "bandits" were in the Yugoslav mountains and were vexing, but of no consequence. (Balkan government spokesmen regularly use the term "bandit" for opposition forces).

"Hundreds of thousands of their companions who live in our midst spy on us from London and Washington through yet undiscovered channels," Tito was quoted as saying. "Comrades, these doings must be stopped at all costs."

The report then quoted Tito as saying:

"Comrades, you know well that the people are not on our side, Tito is proved unequivocally by the lack of extra quantities of wheat which the farmers have been called upon to deliver voluntarily. The farmers are perfidious and obstinate and it is impossible to clear their brains of belief in priests and saints.

"I have no wish to interfere in matters of religion, but when priests will toll alarm bells, there will be wholesale insurrection and it must not be overlooked that the farmers are very well armed."

What Am I Saying?

By FRANK MORGAN

Mind . . .

Many a man says he has an open mind when it's merely vacant. Which leads me to observe that it's hard for a man to get any peace of mind when his wife is giving him a piece of hers.

WEATHER

Little change in temperature. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday.

Temperature at 2 P. M. today.....39
High and low last 24 hours.....39-22
Sunset today 5:40
Sunrise tomorrow 7:38