

Southern voters, misled by President Truman's stand for civil rights, may make the tie that broke and three electoral votes to Governor Dewey this fall, according to the latest Gallup Poll. Turn to Page 1-A.

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Spawning Ground For Epidemics



Chapter 18, Section 10, City Code: "No garbage, or offensive or disease-producing materials shall be dumped for any purpose in or on any lot or space within the City limits." This photograph was taken at Sugaw Creek near the 9th St. bridge. (Photos by Bill Sumner of Tom Franklin Studio.)

Festering Sores On Charlotte's Face

Disease Is Born In Garbage-Ridden Back Alleys, Slime-Covered Privies

By TOM FEFERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

"I wish somebody would dead cat."

The dark woman leaned over the banister of her back porch, three flights up.

Her eyes roamed the back yards.

She stared, unimpressed, at the filth in the pile of food scraps, old cans and watermelon rinds on the bank of Sugaw Creek.

The odor was revolting.

The large dark spots on the ground were places where she and other tenants had dumped filthy water from the upper floors.

WATER DRAINS SLOWLY

The water drained slowly, when it drained, down a tiny ravine. It moved through and under the sprawling collection of garbage on the creek bank.

And then it dumped into Sugaw Creek itself. But that didn't worry her.

"You women are become fixed again on the cat."

"I don't like to see that dead cat," she said.

"Show it them," I said.

The dark woman grimed sheepishly.

"Not me, mister, I'm scared of dead cats."

The body of the gaunt animal lay on its side, at the foot of the steps leading down into the yard from one of the apartments.

YOU WANTED TO LEAVE

It had been there a long time. The sight of it lying in the hot morning sun was enough to make you want to walk away, fast. But that wasn't nearly all. There was more, and nastier, too.

A huge rat, crouched with a large white spot, lay dead three feet from the cat.

Leaning over the railings of the back porches, more than a dozen people of the tall apartment houses stared down at the sickening scene.

On a first-floor porch, a small Negro child, barefooted and tooting, gazed at the sight of the cat.

"You come in here," his mother said.

The apartment houses along this section of Ninth St. overlook the creek as it moves by a laundry.

Eighteen families live in the three tall wooden structures.

DON'T USE THE COMMODES

There is an old commode for each two families. That's pretty good, compared with other neighborhoods.

But lots of people don't use them.

All of the water from the washing of clothes is dumped over the banisters of the back porches. This water has only fifteen feet to move before it reaches the creek.

What it washes into the creek, there are piles of rotting food. The heat of the sun helps make the mess smell even worse.

The rinds, the waste from countless dinner tables, the scraps that the neighborhood pets ignored, mold upon the bank, or drop into the water.

Some of the rot becomes snagged upon rocks in the shallow water. Some of it floats on down the creek, to become snagged farther downstream, or to be washed through other neighborhoods—some "good" neighborhoods—throughout the city.

Flies swarm around the mess on the bank. They hum busily.

THOUSANDS OF FLIES

There are thousands of flies. They can get all the food they want from this open garbage, but they also like to go inside the houses.

There's no trouble. There aren't any screens.

The flies are lively. They sting when they hit you.

This is one of many scenes gazed upon, almost unbelievably, by voluntary military inspectors from the Junior Chamber of Commerce last week-end.

The young ladies had never seen such filth. They hadn't realized such things existed in Charlotte.

And other people who haven't walked down these oversteeped, garbage-ridden back alleys might not realize it, either.

Chapter 18, Section 10, City Code: "No person shall place or leave the carcass of any dead animal or fowl in any street, alley or lot, or allow the same to remain on his lot, in the City of Charlotte." This cat remained at the foot of these back steps for days because the residents "were scared of it."

NOT EXACTLY APPEIZING

This reporter went on an inspection tour, too. A photographer and I visited some of the countless places where "Jaysces" had been almost left in the odor, the dirt, the disease-breeding back-yard messes.

The tour took away any appetite.

Back of the Ninth St. houses, the filth was no worse than in a lot of places in Charlotte.

Sure, the cat and the rat lay dead on the gray ground. Sure, the rotting scraps and waste tumbled into the creek, with a horrible odor bouncing back from the sky.

Sure, dirty water came tumbling down from the upper floors, to splash upon the ground and stand in pools. Yeah, the thin children played and ran and slipped sometimes on slimy hunks of watermelon.

But it was like that in other places I visited.

And I got the idea that, if polio can come from filth, then we got a damned good chance of having much polio.

What do the tenants say about it? They say some things, all right. They talk weakly about it, as if they were tired, or resigned. Maybe the most vivid sound coming from the stretch of it all was heard forth from a small dark boy sitting on the ground back of his N. Alexander St. house.

He had cut his foot on an old can.

He wailed, sadly but not loud, as if he'd found out long ago that the wailing doesn't help much.

(First in a series.)

General Says He Doesn't Expect War To Develop

Pays Farewell Call On Truman

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Lucius D. Clay told Congress members today the Americans will stay in Berlin and he doesn't expect anything to happen that will involve the country in war.

In rapid-fire order the American military governor in Germany appeared separately before House and Senate groups and paid a farewell call on President Truman at the White House.

Clay first told a House group, including some members of the Foreign Affairs Committee, that American forces in Germany can and will carry out this Government's intention to remain in Berlin despite the crisis over the Soviet blockade.

Later, he talked privately with a group of Senators, headed by Senator Wherry (R-Neb.), acting majority leader. Wherry told reporters.

SITUATION NO WORSE

Gen. Clay told us the situation is not any worse than it has been. He said they will continue to work it out. He said nothing has happened yet to involve us in war and we can expect that nothing will.

Another Senator represented Clay as being "very optimistic" over finding a satisfactory solution to the Berlin crisis.

Besides Wherry, other Senators who heard Clay included: Green (D-R.I.), Hatch (D-N.H.), Watkins (D-Utah), Ecton (R-Mont.), McClellan (D-Ark.), Hayden (D-Ariz.), Russell (D-Ga.), Tydings (D-Md.), McCarthy (R-Wis.), Cordon (R-Ct.), Connally (D-Tex.) and Eastland (D-Miss.).

Earlier Clay had been closeted with the House group for 15 minutes in a review of the German situation. He had no comment after his appearance there or before the Senators.

Committee Chairman Eaton (R-N.J.) and Army Secretary Kenneth R. Roy said the following joint statement concerning Clay's appearance before the House group:

Gen. Clay presented to the committee the general conditions in Berlin and the action of the American troops and personnel in Berlin.

"Gen. Clay reiterated the determination and the ability of American forces to carry out our stated governmental policy in remaining in Berlin, and supplying them in the American sector."

"Chairman Eaton joined the Secretary of the Army in complimenting Gen. Clay upon the splendid manner in which he and his troops and civilian personnel are carrying out their mission in Berlin and the credit to the American as a whole."

Presidential Secretary Charles C. Ross told newsmen he thought Clay was simply coming to the White House "for a farewell call before returning to Berlin."

Royal and Army Undersecretary William H. Draper went with Clay to the White House.

After seeing the President, Clay told reporters:

"It was just a brief call to pay respects before returning to Germany." He plans to start his trip back tonight.

Clay gave Mr. Truman and his top advisers a report on the German situation yesterday.

Clay told a reporter before the committee met that among things he talked over with the General was a report the Russians had offered to lift their blockade if the U. S. would open its zone freely to the Soviets.

Eaton said he had read "with some interest" a report about Soviet Marshal Vasily D. Sokolovsky on the proposal to lift the blockade.

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Two Ex-Capone Gangsters Seized

CHICAGO (AP)—U. S. marshals today served parole violation warrants on two former Capone gangsters.

One of the parolees was bundled into a rooming house in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. He was Charles "Cherry Nose" O'Leary, who was seized at 4 A. M. (EST) in his near North Side hotel.

The other, Louis "Little New York" Campagna, surrendered to authorities in the courtroom of Federal Judge John C. Barnes as U. S. agents sought him in Berrien Springs, Mich., and Towler, Ind., where he owns farms.

Tragic Accident

Little English Girl Killed By Car Here

A six-year-old lass, just three weeks from England, who had gone to the corner grocery for American candy, was crushed to death beneath the wheel of an automobile on Whiting Ave. near E. 35th St. about 11:45 A. M. today.

The child, who died a few minutes after reaching Memorial Hospital, was identified by city police as Pamela May Stollery, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Thomas Stollery, 1210 Leigh Ave., who came to Charlotte from England just three weeks ago.

Police reported that she dashed into the street in front of an automobile driven by

James E. Dorton, 1715 Bay St. who was on route from the Southern States Fairgrounds where he is employed.

Levey Adams, city police officer, who was off duty, was seated on the front porch of his nearby residence and saw the accident. He placed the injured child in Mr. Dorton's car and drove to the hospital.

The front wheel of Mr. Dorton's car was said to have passed over the child's body. Police said the car was not traveling fast.

A technical charge of manslaughter was lodged against Mr. Dorton, according to Patrolmen George B. Livingston Jr. and J. A. Horton, who investigated.

Accepts 'Peace' Backing

Wallace Won't Repudiate Reds

By JACK BELL

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Henry A. Wallace said today he will not repudiate any support that comes to him "on the basis of peace" in his third party Presidential race.

Wallace told a news conference that if the Communists want to support anyone, they can support him. At the same time, he said no one is going to be able to prove that he is a Communist.

The third party Presidential candidate, arriving for the opening tonight of a convention which nominates him for President, said he had no quarrel with the Communist movement.

Wallace said that wherever he has gone newspapermen have attempted to pin him down on the Communist question.

"Most of them have been desperately hoping that Mr. Wallace would repudiate the Communist movement in some language or that in some way Mr. Wallace will embrace Communism," he declared.

At this point he repeated a statement he made last May in which he said there is no question that reports of Communist support for his candidacy constitute "a political liability."

He said the Communists were supporting him because they wanted peace so that they could operate in Russia their social experiment.

He wants peace, Wallace said, so that "progressive capitalism" will have a chance to operate in this country.

On his arrival in Philadelphia, Wallace told reporters that he was making word his way.

He got out of New York this morning and was met by several hundred party adherents. Wallace held his news conference about two hours later.

Wallace said he had no present plans to go to the Soviet Union or to dispatch to him another letter such as the one which he brought recently from the Russian Premier.

But he added that if either course were to offer a new hope for peace, he would write a letter to Joseph Stalin if he is invited to Russia.

The convention opens at 8:30 P. M. (EST) tonight. Charles H. Rowley, Des Moines, Iowa, Negro attorney, will make the keynote address.

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General Pays Call

Eisenhower, Dewey Hold Surprise Parley

PAWLING, N. Y. (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower discussed the critical European situation at a surprise conference here today.

Eisenhower, president of Columbia University, came to Pawling at Dewey's request. They discussed European affairs and our military establishment," an aide of Governor Dewey said.

It was understood that Dewey sought Eisenhower's view particularly on the central European situation.

The visit of the World War II hero to the Pawling estate in Dutchess County was scheduled for one day by the Eisenhower administration.

Vanderberg and John Foster Dulles to discuss the European situation in general and the Berlin crisis in detail.

Dewey had made no prior announcement of the Eisenhower conference.

See and Mrs. Eisenhower mentioned from New York City this morning. They had lunch with the

Partner In Crime Wave Captured At Road Block

Pair Charged With 7 Deaths

VAN WERT, Ohio—(AP)—Two youthful ex-convicts reached the end of a four-year-old playing crime career today in a gun battle with police at a road block.

One of the pair, whose bloody trail has terrorized Ohio for two weeks, was dead—shot between the eyes—and the other captured.

Two police officers were wounded in the wild flurry of rifle, pistol and sub-machinegun shots which ended the greatest manhunt Ohio has ever witnessed.

John C. West, 24-year-old, became a pariah in the Midwest for the reformatory, formerly of Parkersburg, W. Va., and described as the "gun happy" member of the duo, was shot to death.

PARTNER GIVES UP

His partner, 22-year-old Robert M. Daniels of Columbus, another ex-convict, pulled up his hands and surrendered after firing a shot, although police said he had a rifle and three revolvers.

Earlier police reports said Daniels had confessed the seven murders which had kept the Midwest in a two-week turmoil, but Daniels later pulled out a gun and he had heard the shots, but West did the shooting.

In a long police patrol, local police FBI and other officials had set up road blocks all over the northern part of the state after two more killings early today, and the road blocks paid off.

Van Wert County and City officials were stationed at a road block six miles northeast of here, where routes 224 and 627 meet.

A driveway truck, with four occupants, was stopped by the routine check.

The driver of the truck came out of the cab, an Army rifle blazing. Van Wert policeman, went down with a bullet in his chest. Frank A. Priemont, county game warden, also fell with a bullet in his breast, the slug lodged in his arm.

Both officers, with Sheriff Roy Shaffer, blazed away with their guns despite the hands raised and Sergeant Conn finally hit the driver between the eyes with a machine gun bullet. The driver was identified as West.

The driving ceased a man crawled from one of the four trucks on the driveway, his hands in the air. He said he was Dan Daniels, and the Highway Patrol said he admitted he had killed the other three victims in seven killings for which they had been sought over 20 states the last year.

Sergeant Conn's condition was reported as critical at Van Wert hospital and another said there were "no signs of life."

West "could not possibly live," said a doctor at the hospital.

At the end of their trail only a few hours after they had killed the three victims, the two men were taken to a car with his wife, and another man tentatively identified as Glenn Beard Gachwald, a 34-year-old Navy veteran of World War I, whose body was found early today in a roadside park.

Premont police said the victim was not Gachwald, as he was reported at his home today. This left open the possibility that the body found in the roadside park was that of the authorized driver of the car which had been stolen from the owner of the truck in which the pair had been traveling.

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Jacobs Remains Critically Ill

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dr. William P. Jacobs, Charlotte, president of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, remains in a "very critical condition," Doctors Hospital said today.

He has been unconscious since 11 o'clock last night.

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