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Gator Report

Sports Editor Bob Quincy will be on hand tomorrow when the pore 'Pi Clemson Tigers tangle with Miami in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla. His column today on Page 2-B gives a pre-game report.

JOHN F. WATLINGTON JR.

Charlotte's Man Of The Year

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The Charlotte News' Man Of The Year for 1951 is John F. Watlington Jr.

He was selected by a committee composed of past Men Of The Years.

The Man of the Year Award was established by The Charlotte News in 1944 to honor the citizen who had made an outstanding contribution to the community in that year.

Seven Men of the Year have been chosen since that time and this group of seven selected the Man of the Year for 1951.

WIDE CIVIC SERVICE

The 40-year-old banker, who won't know about this honor until he reads this edition, was chosen on the basis of his varied civic and social service to Charlotte over a period of several years.

It was mainly his work in directing Community Chest activities, and in doing much as a sort of good-will ambassador for Charlotte over a large region, which prompted the selection board to pick Mr. Watlington.

He is the current president of the Chest, which includes 21 social agencies. But he's no mere presiding officer.

Back in the Spring he took off from his duties as senior vice-president of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., in charge of the Charlotte office, and went to Edgewater Park, Miss. There he was the main speaker at the Southeastern Conference of Community Chests & Councils.

Then he got back up to North Carolina, went over to Durham to address the annual Chest meeting there. He came back to Charlotte and took charge of a series of 25 to 30 tough planning meetings, getting set for the Charlotte Chest campaign.

MOBILE SPEAKER

Still serving as a Charlotte ambassador whenever he could, Mr. Watlington went down to Mobile, Ala., on Oct. 15 and addressed a joint civic club meeting arranged by the Chest.

He flew back to Charlotte the following day to open the Chest campaign here, then flew down to Spartanburg, S. C., to open the Chest drive there that same evening.

That's the way he's been operating as a civic worker since he became active in Chest work about three years ago.

Mr. Watlington

He was general chairman of the Chest campaign here in 1950, at a time when most of the city's social workers were frankly admitting that times were indeed tough for the money-raising drive.

The Chest had failed to reach its goal in the three previous years, and some of the leaders were beginning to sense a developing complex about the big social agency.

TEAMED WITH MOODY

John Watlington and his friend Stowe Moody, who was president of the Chest last year, decided they'd start with some good groundwork. They went to Cincinnati to pick up some ideas at the National Community Chest & Council conference. Mr. Watlington asked a lot of questions, brought back a lot of answers.

And he directed dozens of meetings to get ready for the effort to raise $334,600.

That was a pretty large order. The year before, the Chest had

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UN DECLARES COMMIES NOT SEEKING PEACE

Turner Lashes At Tactics Displayed At Truce Talks

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — In final Korean truce talks of 1951, the United Nations today accused the Reds of planning war while negotiating a truce and of trying to squirm out of an agreement to tell what happened to more than 50,000 unaccounted for prisoners of war.

Subcommittee wound up the year still deadlocked on the issues of policing an armistice and exchanging prisoners of war. Both groups scheduled meetings in Panmunjon for 11 a.m. Tuesday—New Year's Day (9 p.m. Monday, EST).

"By your assumed attitude of a victor and your insistence on developing a military air capability (airfields) you have served clear notice to the world that what you have in mind is not peace but war," said a U.N. negotiator. "You have said Maj. Gen. Howard M. Turner, U. N. negotiator. "You have cast an ominous shadow over these negotiations. . . ."

Rear Adm. R. E. Libby said the Communists refused to provide data of prisoners the U.N. says were not listed on the official Red roster until the Allies supply further information on prisoners in U. N. camps. Most of the 50,000 the U.N. claims were listed as prisoners by the Reds in official radio broadcasts were South Koreans.

The Communists insisted Monday that they already had turned over all basis data on war prisoners and only "minutiae" was left. Libby declared it was not "minutiae" but "a grave matter."

An official U. N. spokesman, Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols said it appeared to him that the Reds were "just going through the motions. They had nothing new to say. They appeared to be merely waiting for instructions from higher up."

Nuckols emphasized, however, that he was not "implying in any way that a conciliatory move (on the part of the Reds) is in the offing."

The question of whether the Com-

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3 Planes Missing With 69 Aboard

Civilian Airliner, Military Craft Lost

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Search planes roared through murky skies in the East and West today hunting three aircraft which vanished in flight over the week-end with a total of 69 persons aboard.

The bizarre sequence of aerial disappearances sent scores of military planes, from this country and Canada, into the hunt.

The missing planes:

1. A non-scheduled airliner carrying 40 persons which disappeared on a 190-mile Pittsburgh to Buffalo flight. It took off Saturday night for the normally one-hour hop with a three-hour gasoline supply.

2. A C-47 military transport, last heard from yesterday afternoon near Phoenix, Ariz. It was carrying 28 persons, including 19 West Point cadets, on a flight from Hamilton Air Force Base, Calif., to Goodfellow Air Base, Texas.

3. An Air Force F-51 Mustang fighter, which vanished after its pilot, believed the only person aboard, radioed for landing instructions at Tucson.

In addition, searchers believed today they had located the wreckage of a C-47 Air Force plane, missing since Wednesday with eight men aboard on a flight from Spokane, Wash., to Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

A search plane reported sighting what appeared to be a wrecked plane about 25 miles north of Oroville, Calif.

A ground party was on the way to the scene.

There was a black area around the plane, as if a fire had occurred.

SEARCH HAMPERED

Bad weather hampered search efforts.

But despite thickening skies, 45 Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, Civil Air Patrol and Royal Canadian Air Force planes joined in the hunt for the airliner.

The search concentrated over the mountains of Western Pennsylvania and the Great Lakes, where Coast Guard cutters scanned the water from below.

In Arizona, rain, clouds and high winds kept all but heavy search planes grounded. These roamed over the rugged mountain area northeast of Phoenix.

Detention Camps For Subversive Elements Seen

Former POW Camps Will Be Utilized

WASHINGTON (AP)— Attorney General McGrath is quietly taking the first steps toward setting up detention camps for dangerous subversives in this country, should the need arise.

It is a big-scale operation, providing for a possible roundup of many thousand potential spies and saboteurs.

Federal prison labor is already at work—or soon will be—on three major installations with a combined capacity for housing more than 3,000 persons.

One of these is the former military airport at Wickenburg, Ariz. The others are World War II prisoner-of-war camps at Florence, Ariz., and El Reno, Okla.

Surveys of other similar unused Government properties are being made, including Tule Lake, Calif., where some 20,000 West Coast Japanese were held during the last war.

BENNETT IN CHARGE

The entire project is under the supervision of James V. Bennett, director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, a division of the Attorney General's office.

Bennett, in response to a reporter's inquiries, says only that his division is at work on a series of standby prison camps, for use in event of emergency. He says he is not authorized to say more at this time.

It is known, however, that McGrath is proceeding under the last and most drastic section of the 1950 Internal Security Act, popularly known as the McCarran Act.

That section charges the Attorney General with the responsibility for rounding up and holding all persons likely to commit sabotage or espionage should there be (1) an invasion of the United States or its possessions; (2) a declaration of war by Congress; or (3) an insurrection within this country in aid of a foreign enemy.

The law provides that should any of these things occur, the President may proclaim an "internal security emergency", and thus set in motion a roundup of "each person as to whom there is reasonable ground to believe that such person probably will engage in, or probably will conspire with others to engage in, acts of espionage or of sabotage."

The McCarran Act suggests that membership in the U. S. Communist party anytime during the last three years be considered as one item in arriving at the "reasonable ground" for detention.

An elaborate procedure for hearings and appeals is provided for persons picked up, but meanwhile the Attorney General must keep them in "places of detention", which may not be ordinary criminal prisons.

The detentions would continue until the end of the emergency.

DISCUSS HOOVER REPORT

Sen. Clyde R. Hoey (left) and Dave Clark of Lincolnton, co-chairman of the North Carolina Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report, talk over the prospects of Congressional action on Hoover Commission proposals which have not yet been adopted. (Photo by The Ellis Studio).

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Hoey Expects Action On Hoover Proposals

By VIC REINEMER
Associate Editor, The News

SHELBY — Clyde R. Hoey, North Carolina's senior Senator, favors "the general program of the Hoover Commission," which recommended to Congress ways of increasing the efficiency and economy of the Federal Government.

But, in an interview in his office here, the 74-year-old legislator gracefully parried questions as to his specific stand on unadopted Hoover Commission proposals still before Congress.

Rather, he referred to them in general, calling them "a good basis for operation."

"They head," he said, "in the right direction."

The main reason why more of the proposals have not been enacted, according to the Senator, is that "the Congressional committees just haven't been able to reach any conclusions as to what should be done."

ACTION EXPECTED

He believes "we can expect some action" from the forthcoming second session of the 82nd Congress on the Commission proposals regarding the Veterans Administration and the Department of Agriculture.

Main Commission recommendations affecting the VA would consolidate various veteran services, abolishing what the Commission called "too many organizational units . . . an excessive number of staff officers."

Regarding the Department of Agriculture, the Commission recommended consolidation of the present 28 Department bureaus into eight divisions, and other organizational changes from national down to local level.

Dave Clark, Lincolnton lawyer and legislator who is co-chairman of the North Carolina Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report, participated in the interview.

Mr. Clark believes the recently formed Independent Veterans Committee may be able to bring pressure on Congress which will result in adoption of some of the VA changes advocated by the Hoover Commission.

The Senator said that, when the matter came before Congress, he opposed the removal of civilian river and harbor supervision from the jurisdiction of the Army Corps of Engineers.

"The Army Engineers have been more efficient than the Bureau of Reclamation has," he said.

But, he ventured, "something may be worked out" so river and harbor work will be improved and the Engineers won't get hurt.

The Hoover Commission found "glaring defects" in Federal wa-

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GOING TO WRITE LETTERS TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN?

SHELBY — Senator Hoey has a few words of advice for persons who write their Congressmen.

"The volume of the mail makes little difference," he said. "It's the content."

In other words, letters which give the writer's reasons for advocating certain legislation, and are written in his own words, count more with Senator Hoey than form letters, or letters just asking him to vote for a certain bill.

Reds Holding Hill Under Fire

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — Communist troops clung stubbornly to an Allied hill position on the Western Front today in the face of a U.N. counter-attack now in its fourth day.

The battle for the snow-covered position west of Korangpo was hand-to-hand at times, in temperatures as low as 20 degrees below zero.

U.N. forces were driven off the hill Friday by a battalion of Chinese Reds supported by 10 tanks or self-propelled heavy guns.

An Eighth Army briefing officer said Allied troops backed by four tanks and low-flying planes failed to knock the dug-in Reds off the hill in a week-end attack.

U.N. forces moved out again Monday, the Eighth Army communique said, out a new snow storm curtailed aerial operations.

The Reds hit Allied lines at four points in the same general area near midnight Sunday, the Eighth Army said. The largest attack was by a Communist company. All were beaten back.

Elsewhere along the frigid battle front there were only light contacts as patrols moved between the lines.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warm tonight and Tuesday. Scattered showers Tuesday afternoon or night. Expected high today 68 degrees. Low tonight 55 degrees.

Highest yesterday 64 degrees.

Lowest this morning, 51 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:13 A. M.; sunset, 5:21 P. M.

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TOO MUCH HEAT

Do you often feel too warm indoors in the Winter? Most men do, because temperatures have to be kept comfortable for women—who are more sensitive to cold, yet wear less clothing. For this reason most homes and offices are overheated. Scientists say that for both comfort and health, temperatures in the home should not exceed 72 degrees. In offices the most efficiency is obtained at 64 degrees—which would be comfortable if all the office workers of both sexes dressed warmly. Furthermore, there would be less contrast with outdoor temperatures in cold weather.

17 Others Missing

54 Dead In European Storms

LONDON —(AP)— At least 54 persons were dead and seventeen missing as raging winds swept the coasts and waters of Western Europe today for the fourth day running.

The latest known victims of perhaps this area's worst storm of the Twentieth Century were thirteen sailors whose bodies were reported washed ashore near Borkum, in West Germany.

In Britain, where winds hit 100 miles an hour, at least twelve persons were dead and damage was counted into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Flooding streams added to the havoc today.

Another ten persons, most of them fishermen, were dead in Irish coastal areas and at least fifteen Spanish fishermen gave up their lives in the mountainous seas.

Two Norwegian sailors went overboard to their deaths when a huge sea in the Bay of Biscay washed the bridge off their tanker. The body of one seaman was recovered and seventeen other persons were missing in the wrecking of a Dutch tanker and a Norwegian steamer in the same storm-whipped area.

One seaman was killed in the disabling of the 6,711-ton American steamer Flying Enterprise. Rescue vessels took 40 crewmen—including the dead man—and ten passengers off the crippled ship as she wallowed with a 60 degree-list 250 miles southwest of Ireland.

Captain Kurt Carlsen grimly stuck to his bridge alone while two U. S. Navy ships—a destroyer and a troop transport—raced to his aid.

The biggest single shipwreck death toll reported came from Borkum, in West Germany. Sea police there said thirteen bodies had been washed ashore from the 1,494-ton German cargo ship Irene Oldendorff, which left Emden only this morning with a cargo of coke for Sweden.

The police were unable to say immediately whether this was her entire crew.

The seventeen missing persons were aboard the Dutch tanker Gemma and the Norwegian steamer Oesthav, broken in two in the wild Bay of Biscay. Nine members of the Oesthav's crew, including a woman, were reported by rescue vessels to have drifted away in the stern half. Eight were missing from the Gemma and a rescue vessel reported it had taken aboard the lifeless body of a ninth crewman.

The Spanish schooner Mina Entegro radioed its home port of Santander it had picked up and was towing the forward half of the Norwegian ship.

Latest deaths reported were three men who died of exposure after losing their way on the bleek Inverness moors. Searchers are hunting for the body of a fourth member of the party.

Two deckhands were blown off their vessel near Hull and drowned. At Dysart a 13-year-old boy was killed when a light pole fell on his hut. A man who tried to rescue him, collapsed and died.

Explosion Kills Mother, Child

WILMINGTON —(AP)— An explosion wrecked a house here today, killing a mother and her son and injuring three others.

Police were unable to determine the cause of the explosion. They said they believed it resulted from "an accumulation of gas" but they were unable to determine the origin of the gas.

Killed by the blast was Mrs. Mary Hayes. Her three-year-old son, William, died about two hours later in a hospital.

Another member of the Hayes family, a one - year - old daughter, Marcia, was seriously injured. The father, W. J. Hayes, a power company employee, was at work at the time.

Two neighbors, Mrs. Doris Starkey and her daughter, Patsy, were injured by flying debris from the demolished house. Their house was damaged by the blast.

The explosion wrecked the Hayes' home and only the front steps were left standing.

The blast was heard for about 15 miles. The Hayes home was located in a thickly settled residential area. Debris from the explosion was scattered over an entire block.

REDS EXECUTE 24

HONG KONG — (AP) — Chinese newspapers today reported the execution of 24 persons in South China for "counter-revolutionary" activity. An additional 260 were reported sentenced to prison labor camps for terms ranging from six months to life.

SHIP'S CREW HOLDS FIRST CELEBRATION

SAN FRANCISCO —(AP)— The crew of the American freighter Paul Revere filed a claim today for the first 1952 New Year's celebration on earth.

The New Year reached the ship when it was only 7 A. M. Dec. 31, 1951, in New York.

The crew's boast was radioed to Associated Press in San Francisco by Capt. Philip Mohun as his freighter neared the international dateline southwest of Midway Island.

Weather Holds Down Death Toll

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Weather apparently was holding down the New Year's week-end carnage. But death's big night—New Year's Eve—was still to come.

An Associated Press count from 6 P. M. (local time) Friday showed 236 persons lost their lives in accidents. It included 157 in mishaps on the highways and streets, 34 in fires and 45 in a variety of accidents.

The traffic accident total was running well below the 350 predicted for the 102-hour period by the National Safety Council. Council spokesmen said snow and ice conditions in widespread sections probably were a factor because they held down the volume of traffic and slowed down the driving.

The traffic toll for the Christmas week-end was 304.

Troubled World Awaits Arrival Of New Year

By The Associated Press

A troubled world greets 1952 tonight with hopes and prayers that it truly will be a "Happy New Year" for everyone of its 366 days, —and not just tomorrow.

Throughout the world there will be merry celebrations to "ring in the new, ring out the old." But for many, the observance will be one of prayer at traditional church ceremonies.

Infant 1952 will inherit the cold and hot war cares of old 1951, and its leap-year calendar will have a few added events of its own, particularly the United States Presidential Election.

New Yorkers will welcome the New Year tonight at theaters, cabarets, and Times Square, where tens of thousands mass annually to cheer at the stroke of midnight. Others will usher in 1952 at the city's churches.

Prices at many night clubs have been boosted for tonight's celebration with a $27.50-per-person charge at the Hotel Pierre's Cotillion Room topping the New York list.

In Philadelphia, the new year will be welcomed with the glittering annual spectacle of 15,000 gayly-costumed Mummers on parade.

Tomorrow the spotlight will turn on the annual "bowl" football games between the nation's top college teams.

At Cuxhaven, Germany, hundreds of Germans are planning a New Year's Eve invasion of the still-forbidden island of Heligoland to light fires of triumph celebrating the British decision to stop using Heligoland as a bombing target.

Other celebrations will be held throughout the world. The British will jam London's Piccadilly Circus. The French will flock to their all-night parties, the traditional "reveillons."

Even behind the Iron Curtain, subdued for Christmas, there were expected to be revels for the new year.

But the merriment will be tempered by the hopes for peace. Soldiers in Korea will pray that 1952 will bring the truce that the last half of the old year only promised.

EVENING PRAYER

O Lord, our God, let our cry come unto thee, and hear the prayer of our hearts. We confess our failures this day—in the great task of showing kindness to others; in manifesting a truly Christian Democratic spirit; and in our failure to bear testimony to our own faith. Grant that the refreshment of a night's rest will inspire us to greater service to Thee tomorrow. In the name of Christ. Amen.

One Released Flier Due To Arrive In U. S.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Capt. John J. Swift, one of four U. S. airmen just out of jail in Hungary, was scheduled to arrive here today en route to the bedside of his ill father in Syracuse, N. Y.

The Air Force said Swift was a passenger on a regular Military Air Transport Service flight from Germany.

California Preacher Is World's Champion Liar

BURLINGTON, Wis. —(AP)— Flabbergasted judges of the Burlington Liars' Club today pinned the title of the world's champion liar on a member of the clergy—the Rev. Arthur R. Kirk of Biggs, Calif.

O. C. Hulett, president of the club, said the club's officers, acting as judges, came to a unanimous decision on the winner of their 1951 contest "and then almost fainted when they looked at the name signed at the bottom of the letter."

Here's what Mr. Kirk, pastor of the Bigger Community Church, wrote:

"A man living west of town tried to raise watermelons this Summer. He had very bad luck. The soil was too rich. The watermelon vines grew so fast that they wore the watermelons out, dragging them along on the ground.

"One of the boys from town went out one night to swipe a melon. He got the melon all right, but the vines were growing so fast that warm night that the boy had to be taken to the hospital. Before he could break the melon off the vine, it had dragged him half a mile and he was in bad shape."

A woman broke into the honorable mention column with a yarn about Minnesota mosquitoes. Mrs. Faith B. Fourre of Minneapolis, Minn. related: "As we were on our way home from berry picking, we took a shortcut through a rough cow pasture, when all of a sudden we heard the loud clanging of a cow-bell. Wondering what was the matter with our old milch cow, I went to investigate, and found that our Minnesota mosquitoes had eaten the cow—and were ringing the bell, trying to coax her calf out of the brush, where they could get at him."

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