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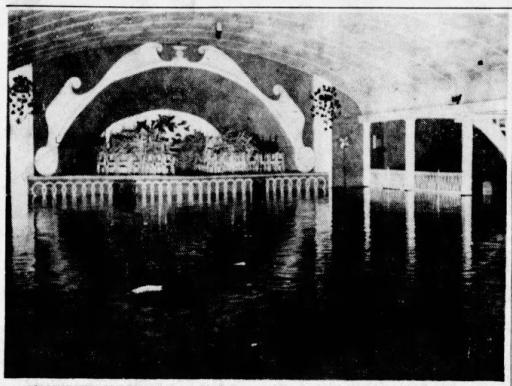

MOONLIGHT GARDEN looks a bit damp on Coney Island in the Ohio River, as the flooding stream covered the pavilion floor with two feet of water. (AP Wirephoto)

Worst In 17 Years

Early Morning Storm Lashes City With Hail, Heavy Rain

By JOHN BORCHERT
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Nugget-sized hailstones pelted the Charlotte area early today as a driving electrical storm struck with lashing fury.

The Weather Bureau said that .68 inches of rain fell between 1:55 and 3 o'clock. The rain resumed briefly shortly after 8 o'clock.

Hailstones, ranging up to three-quarters of an inch in size, according to James M. Howe, chief of the Weather Bureau, hit the Charlotte area midway through the electrical storm, at approximately 2:30 o'clock.

At 7 o'clock stones as large as marbles still lay on the ground in some places. Mr. Howe said that this was the worst hail storm he has seen in the Charlotte area in his 17 years with the bureau here.

MORE ON WAY

More of the same is in store for Charlotte today and tomorrow with the forecast calling for partly cloudy skies and scattered showers and thunderstorms today, tonight and Sunday.

High temperatures will continue in the 70s with yesterday's 78 dropping to a 76 today and to a 72 Sunday. Low readings will be in the 50s with this morning's low of 59 going to a 56 Sunday and a 53 Monday.

Rainfall for the week is now .89 inches and for the month, 1.12 inches.

Midwest and Eastern areas yesterday caused extensive property damage.

Communities in east central Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania suffered heaviest property losses. Winds were clocked at 92 m.p.h. in much of the area.

The property damage in Pennsylvania was estimated at more than a million dollars. It was expected to total more than a million dollars in Ohio and nearly a million dollars in Indiana.

Lightning struck a transformer in Union City, Ind., on the Indiana-Ohio line, starting a fire that caused damages of $500,000 in the heart of the city.

Damage In Millions From U. S. Storms

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Storms which struck devastating blows in wide areas of the country yesterday, causing millions of dollars damage to property and crops, abated today. The stormy weather was blamed for at least eight deaths and injured a score of persons.

The winter season's most severe dust storms in the Southern and Central Great Plains appeared to have caused the heaviest monetary damage. In Colorado alone, the loss of half of the state's three million acres of winter wheat was estimated at 50 million dollars.

The tornadoes, wind storms and thunderstorms which struck across

IS ANOTHER BRITISH EXILE IN THE OFFING?

SYDNEY, Australia — (AP) — The Sydney Sun-Herald today quoted RAF group Capt. Peter Townsend as saying "if a situation should demand my exile and that of a certain lady, we should of course accept it."

Townsend's name has been linked romantically with that of Britain's Princess Margaret in recent newspaper reports. The Princess' uncle, the Duke of Windsor, has lived outside Britain since he gave up the throne in 1936 to marry the former Wallis Warfield Simpson.

In an exclusive interview with Townsend, 40-year-old war hero now serving as British air attache in Belgium, the Sun-Herald quoted him as telling its correspondent:

"You'll understand, though, that I cannot say anything which would embarrass Princess Margaret in any way."

The newspaper says Townsend told its staff correspondent, who flew from London to Brussels yesterday, "You must understand my first loyalty is to the Princess.

"I think my position should be known in the Commonwealth of Nations.

"I want to get this whole position about Princess Margaret and myself straightened out as far as I can. But I refuse to say precisely what my feelings are about this lady.

"I am hopelessly sick and tired of lurking around in my flat as if I am a criminal.

"I have been afraid to move for fear of cross-questioning.

"I kept my mouth shut so long. Now I am opening it just a little."

Fuller Gets Life Term In Phenix City Killing

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — With ex-Chief Deputy Sheriff Albert Fuller sentenced to life in prison, the state moved swiftly today to bring another defendant to trial for the murder of vice foe A. L. Patterson.

Prosecutor Cecil Deason said Arch Ferrell, who was prosecuting attorney at Phenix City during the days when Fuller was chief deputy in the vice-infested town, probably will be tried in about two weeks.

Fuller was held in the Jefferson County Jail atop the courthouse where he was tried.

Chief Defense Atty. Roderick Beddow said he will appeal to the State Supreme Court and at the same time file a motion for a new trial.

"DUMBFOUNDED"

The 35-year-old 200-pound Fuller took the life imprisonment verdict calmly but his attorney said the veteran law officer was "dumbfounded" at the outcome of the 25-day trial.

Fuller's pretty blonde wife, Avon was "heartbroken and in a state of shock," Beddow said. The Fullers have no children.

More than 40 sheriff's officer and Birmingham City policemen guarded the courtroom against any demonstration when the jury gave its verdict 22 hours 11 minutes after it had received the case.

Fuller is the first of three defendants to be tried for the slaying of the Democratic nominee for attorney general who had sworn to rid Phoenix City of racketeering that had flourished there for decades.

Patterson, a former member of the State Senate, won the nomination in the Democratic primary runoff June 1. He was shot to death outside his Phenix City law office 17 days later.

Telephone Management, Union Continue Talks

ATLANTA (AP)—An all but final round of negotiations began today in an effort to reach a new contract agreement and avert a threatened walkout of 50,000 Southern Bell Telephone Co. employes in nine states.

Spokesmen for the CIO Communications Workers of America reiterated that its members will strike if an agreement is not reached before the old contract goes out at midnight Sunday.

Both sides expressed hope, however, that a settlement may be reached at sessions today and throughout tomorrow if necessary. Last night's get-together between union and company negotiators lasted into the morning hours—until 2:30 a.m.

The company maintained that the major bar to an agreement is refusal of the union to sign a no-strike clause. CWA spokesmen countered that while this is a "real issue," wages remain the big point of difference.

The company during the week made a wage proposal which it calculated would carry aggregate raises of six million dollars annually. The union has had no direct comment on this offer, but it had censured an earlier offer as mainly benefiting a few better paid employes and leaving the mass little or no better off.

Phone Staff Forms Group

By HARRY SHUFORD
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A committee of telephone company workers has been set up to provide emergency service in the

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Absenteeism Is Watched In Tax Balloting

Close Voting Seen On Income Showdown

WASHINGTON (AP)—The outcome of the Senate battle over an income tax cut appeared so close today that both Democratic and Republican leaders took steps to guard against absentees.

With the showdown vote set for next Tuesday or Wednesday, word went out to all senators to cancel any engagements which might take them away from Washington for those days.

The New York Times in a dispatch from Washington by William S. White, said President Eisenhower "was determined to veto any Democratic income tax-cutting legislation."

If the Democrats should bring off an income tax cut, the Times said, the President's course would be as follows:

He would veto that reduction embodied in a bill to extend corporation and excise taxes) and would then send to Congress a message demanding immediate legislation to extend the excise and corporate levies unchanged.

Sen. Byrd (D-Va) and Republican Senate leaders continued to express confidence they had the votes to turn back any tax cut plan by a slim margin.

But Democratic leaders still were trying to build up steam for their proposal to give a 908 million dollar annual income tax reduction to lower-income families.

Both sides agreed yesterday to limit debate starting Tuesday. The agreement calls for four hours of discussion of the tax cut plan, two hours for any other proposed amendment, and two hours of general debate preceding the final vote.

MAIN ITEM

Other than the tax cut, there was little controversy over the bill, which would extend for one year corporation and excise tax rates now scheduled to drop on April 1.

In the second day of floor debate yesterday, Sens. Long (D - La), Humphrey (D-Minn), Neuberger (D-Ore), Barkley (D-Ky) and Gore (D-Tenn) among others spoke out for the tax cut.

It appeared likely the absentee situation would be a stand-off with each side lacking one of its votes.

Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine) is traveling in the Far East while Sen. Kennedy (D-Mass) is in Florida convalescing from a serious operation last fall.

Humphrey in his floor speech gave an indication of how close the outcome might be. Addressing Sen. Langer (R-ND), the only Republican who has announced for the income tax reduction, the Minnesotan said:

"You just get us two more Republicans to go along with you, and we'll do business on our amendment."

Langer answered with a smile, "I'm lucky to have my own vote."

Some Democratic sources were hinting they had some hope of picking up the vote of Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis). But McCarthy told a reporter he was not taking any position as yet.

Evening Prayer

Thanks be unto Thee, O God, that wherever Christ is truly proclaimed there Thy gift of salvation is waiting for any who will accept it. Thanks be unto Thee, Father, that in Christ Thou has given us the Light by which we see and the Way by which to go that will bring us home to Thee. Amen.

JOSEPH BARONCINI manages to smile in a New York police station as he looks over a dummy fire hydrant which was the cause of his auto being tagged for a violation. For solution of his dilemma, see story below. (AP Wirephoto)

Disappearing Hydrant Mystery Cleared Up

NEW YORK (AP)—The mystery of the disappearing fire plug has been cleared up.

A few nights ago Patrolman Edward van Oostrom ticketed a car parked by a fire hydrant in front of P. J. Moriarty's chop house and tavern on the Avenue of the Americas near Rockefeller Center.

On a later round, the patrolman's eyes bugged out in disbelief. The fire plug had disappeared.

The patrolman decided he had the location confused with another—until he came back the next night and found the hydrant there again.

That's when the officer really came to grips with the puzzling hydrant. And when he took hold he found it to be a fakeroo if there ever was one—wood and plastic.

The awed cop bundled it off to a police station, glad to dump the whole thing—plug, mystery and all—in the laps of his superiors.

Reporters went after Moriarty. Moriarty said he sure thought it all strange, too, but said he was as mystified as anyone.

Finally the reporters got P. J. to tell all.

"I paid $10 for a dummy fire hydrant about a month ago to discourage cars from parking in front of my place. It worked better than a doorman. Of course, we'd try to sneak it out casually but . . the expression on people's faces!"

The cops said they guessed it would be hard to fine a fellow for parking in front of a fire plug that wasn't a fire plug.

Billy's Visit Could Touch Off Big Revival

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP — Two Scottish preachers today suggested American evangelist Billy Graham's visit be used "to touch off a grass roots religious revival in Scotland."

Graham opens a six-week evangelistic campaign in Kelvin Hall here March 21.

The Church of Scotland ministers, the Revs. Tom Allan and D. P. Thomson, said in a joint statement today "such an opportunity may not come again in the lifetime of many of us."

They said, "We have reason to believe that the climate of religious interest throughout the country as a whole will be so great that ministers of all denominations should:

"Hold personal interviews and consultations at manses and vestries, both with churchgoers and non-churchgoers; contact men and women at their daily work in offices, shops, factories, on the farms and down in the pits.

Graham's visit has aroused great interest here. All 11,500 seats available in Kelvin Hall have been booked for the entire six weeks of the crusade. The Charlotte, N. C. man's sermons will be carried by land lines to amplifiers in hundreds of churches throughout the country.

Our Weather

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thundershowers today, tonight and tomorrow.

Low this morning—59.
Low tonight—56.
High yesterday—78.
High today—76.
High tomorrow—72.
Sunrise 6:38 a.m.; sunset 6:28 p.m.

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AGREEMENTS REACHED

NEW DELHI, India —(AP)— A joint communique issued here tonight said agreement has been reached on a "number of outstanding disputes" between India and Pakistan.

PAPER BANNED

TUNIS, Tunisia —(AP)— French authorities banned today the Arab weekly Saout el Aaman (Voice of Labor), which appeared for the first time this week.

VISIT TO PARIS

LONDON (AP — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt left by plane today for Paris after a four-day visit to Britain.

Indian Minister Laughs Off Plot

BOMBAY, India — (AP) — A 32-year-old rickshaw boy wielding a six-inch clasp knife jumped on the running board of Prime Minister Nehru's automobile near Nagpur today. Nehru pushed him off and police, fearing an assassination, arrested him and another man.

The knife - wielder later was identified as Basu Rao, from the Maharashtra area. A Maharashtra man was hanged for the 1948 assassination of Mohandas K. Gandhi. The other man arrested today was not immediately identified. There was no indication of a motive.

Unhurt and seemingly unperturbed, Nehru commented it was "a very small knife and not at all dangerous."

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

In New Delhi, government officials immediately issued statements declaring the incident could not be called an attempt on Nehru's life, that the rickshaw boy might have been angry at some one else in Nehru's car. For instance, they said, Pandit R. S. Shukla, chief minister of Pradesh State, controls rickshaws through a licensing system.

Nehru, now 65 and in good physical condition, said he could have taken the knife away from Rao, "but in the meantime police attacked him and removed the man from the spot."

Nehru dismissed the episode as of "no significance". He said his assailant was "a crank, person."

Nehru was driving from Sonegon airport to the residence of R. S. Shukla, chief minister of Madhya Pradesh state, when the attack occurred. The Prime Minister had arrived at the airport shortly before on a flight from New Delhi.

Police said Nehru pushed Rao as the assailant sprang on the side of the open car. A security guard following the Prime Minister on a motorcycle seized the man as he fell. He reportedly was taken to a hospital after being questioned by police.

Nehru spoke later at a meeting of state legislators in Shukla's house.

Nehru was in joval mood as he called newsmen to a conference to give his version of the incident. He said the whole episode only lasted 10 seconds.

Nehru said he was standing in an open car with the state governor and chief minister when a cycle rickshaw was pushed across the path of the procession.

The rickshaw-driver ran toward the premier's automobile and tried to reach the footboard and, according to Nehru, was seized by the police and the governor's military secretary before Nehru himself could have caught him.

THOUGHT WAS PETITION

Nehru said he thought at first the man was trying to present a petition.

As Nehru spoke a woman legislator emotionally demanded better security measures for the premier. "We cannot afford to take risks," she said.

"You don't want to take risks?" quipped Nehru. "Then don't take them." He said the security measures were efficient and he sometimes felt there was too much security.

Nehru had come to Nagpur to preside over the convention of Bharat Sevak Samaj, a voluntary organization devoted to India's

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COMPLAINT MADE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. —(AP)— A complaint that a union organizer was escorted out of Haleyville, Ala., by a group of about 30 persons has been referred to the U. S. attorney here by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

NEHRU

Italy Lines Up For Germany's Rearmament

ROME (AP)—Italy lined up today with the nations backing West German rearmament as her Senate decisively approved the Paris accords over bitter Communist opposition.

After two weeks' heated debate climaxed by Red street riots, the Senate okayed the agreements last night by a vote of 139-82, making Italy the eighth of the 15 nations involved to complete parliamentary action. Italy's lower House approved the pacts last December and they now await only the final signing by President Luigi Einaudi.

Riot police broke up one demonstration near the Senate building and headed off others in many parts of the city. More than 500 persons were taken into custody, including Communist Deputy Carla Capponi who had joined one shouting mob. Capponi was released as soon as he established his identity.

SCUFFLE REPORTED

In Milan several policemen and Red demonstrators were injured in a scuffle near the heart of town.

Last night's action was the strongest approval Premier Mario Scelba has won in the Senate on a major bill since he took office 13 months ago.

Tax Argument Claims Made

WASHINGTON (AP — Sen. Fulbright (D-Ark) said today he thinks the Senate's stock market inquiry has pretty well demolished a Wall Street argument that the capital gains tax has a lot to do with keeping stock prices high.

Fulbright heads the Senate Banking Committee, whose "friendly study" of the market and its six-month-old boom is in recess for the weekend. Its witness Monday will be William Mcc Martin Jr., chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

The inquiry has heard conflicting testimony about the capital gains tax.

Several witnesses from the financial community argued that it forces prices up. They contended people don't want to sell stock if they have to pay a tax on their profits. The result, they say, is a smaller amount of stock for sale and hence a higher price. So they called for reduction if not elimination of the tax.

Weight Of Water Shifting Rocks

Washington 'Earthquakes' Laid To Irrigation

OTHELLO, Wash. (AP — Shifting and swaying to the accompaniment of skin-prickling noises, a large farmland area near this eastern Washington community is being pushed around by the unfamiliar weight of irrigation waters.

To the residents, subjected to nearly 200 quakes since Jan. 1, it is at least disconcerting to see farm towers sway, walls crack and household pictures shift on their hangings.

But geologists say the Columbia Basin hula is nothing to be concerned about—this just isn't an earthquake zone.

Fred Jones, with the U.S. Geological Survey Office in Spokane, and other geologists say subterranean rock is shifting because of the weight of new irrigation in the Columbia Basin.

Up to now the quakes and their accompanying rumble have been confined largely to a 10 to 12 mile square wheat growing area.

"They probably will continue for some time," Jones said, however, "and they are apt to develop elsewhere in the basin. There is no danger of anything serious."

EXPLANATION

He explains it all technically as "settlement in underlying basalt or interflows between them because of the increase in volume of ground water to the west."

The ground water volume has been rising steadily since this vast area, formerly an arid desert region, was opened to farming by giant irrigation projects.

Mrs. Iver Dougherty, whose ranch apparently is situated in the center of the quake zone, said she was so frightened at first by the sharp shocks which began about the first of the year that she was "ready to pack up and leave."

She calmed her itching feet, however, and now is keeping a diary of the land's rumbling fidgets for the Geological Survey. She has recorded 94 tremors since Jan. 18. An earlier report to the University of Washington showed about the same number for the period from Jan. 1 to 18.

RECORDS KEPT

A number of other families have reported the quakes but the Dougherty's apparently have kept the best records.

Mrs. Dougherty said the most severe shocks have been comparable to the effect of "dropping a big boulder in the middle of the house."

"The initial shocks generally are very strong," she said, "and you can hear them very plainly."

The four Dougherty children share their mother's disquiet, with three of them once scampering from their bedroom and the fourth, a 1-year-old daughter, clinging anxiously to her mother's lap.

"We thought it was blasting or jets breaking the sound barrier, when the quakes first started," Mrs. Dougherty recalls. "Later they became more violent and frequent. We have had as many as 13 in one hour."

That log she keeps still is growing, with the latest entry at 6:30 p.m. Thursday and little to indicate it will be the last.

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