

Special Officer Dies In Duel With Police

Strictly Political

1958 Rumor Factory Already At Courthouse

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Some short stuff to tide you over a dull political week—

They're talking about holding the big Jefferson-Jackson day dinner in March this year. Normally it is set for Raleigh in late January or early February.

But February is going to be a big month, what with the General Assembly opening and the inaugural coming up.

Can't possibly come off in January due to the recovery of National Committeeman B. Everett Jordan. He was back at Duke Hospital for a check up this week following a recent operation.

State Democratic Chairman John D. Larkins Jr. was in Raleigh chatting with Hodges about the matter this week.

Early March looks like a good time.

Manpower: Speaking of Larkins, the Governor is tickled to death over Larkins' Raleigh successor, Joe Branch. . . . The down-easter takes over Larkins' legislative liaison job next month and Mr. Hodges is libulant.

Seen: A. G. Brown, the controversial man about town (and country), was in the tax supervisor's office in the Courthouse this week. Asked what he is building now, he said:

"I ain't building nothing" Period.

ABC: Note to Frank Sims . . . A date comes up next week, you oughta remember . . . On Jan. 16, 1960, prohibition went into effect.

Races: Although the City Council race is the next one up (and looks pretty dull from here), there are more rumors flying about the County Commission race of 1958.

Reports continue—as reported earlier—that Commissioner John McEwen will oppose Chairman Sid Y. McAdams. An addition to the news now say will be Commissioner Sam McNinch. It'll be McNinch—if McEwen decides to run.

The name of former Commissioner Craig Lawing is back in the Courthouse rumor mill. They say he'll come up with his own full ticket in '58 which will include Carl Eaton and Arthur Auten.

Eaton and Auten have both run—and lost—previously.

Change: Last year this time two names frequently in the political news were Arthur Goodman and Ed O'Herron Jr. . . . Times change.

Drugs: The State of North Carolina pulled off a good deal this week for mental institutions. The State will spend about \$100,000 for one of the two tranquilizing drugs which now are used extensively in North Carolina mental institutions.

The State has worked a deal whereby it buys \$25,000 worth of Thorazine each 90 days and sets a 10 per cent discount. Smaller institutions don't buy enough to get a discount, so the lower rate is made available through state central purchases. Thorazine and Reserpine are the two most widely used drugs of this kind in state institutions.

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JOSEPH FACHINI, 26 (left), and his brothers, Anthony, 25, John, 23 (right) and little Michael, 5, of North Adams, Mass., exhibit their catch of 125 raccoons. The pelts which once brought \$15 each now only go for \$3. The dogs are Spot (left) and Smokey.

British 'Lineup' Near Completion

LONDON — Prime Minister Harold Macmillan continued his intense efforts today to line up his new government and predicted confidently his task will be completed this week.

Queen Elizabeth II is interrupting a holiday to be at Buckingham Palace tomorrow, presumably to receive and give formal approval to the list of new ministers.

The new Prime Minister was wished good luck last night by Sir Winston Churchill, whose advice is believed to have influenced the Queen to choose Macmillan as Sir Anthony Eden's successor.

After a three-hour dinner session with Churchill, Macmillan said he had "sipped at the fount of all wisdom."

There were predictions Macmillan would make many changes in the cabinet inherited from Eden.

All day yesterday the Prime Minister interviewed key ministers of the old Eden administration in assembly-line fashion, telling some they are being promoted and others they are being demoted or dropped entirely.

Negro Leaders Continue Fight

ATLANTA — Southern Negro leaders are continuing their integration fight with appeals to President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon and Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell for assistance.

About 60 Negro leaders representing nine-Southern states yesterday telegraphed Eisenhower "to come South immediately to make a major speech in a major Southern city urging all Southerners to abide by the Supreme Court's decision as the law of the land."

The group, concluding a two-day meeting here, asked for a conference with Brownell "at the earliest possible date and said the confused state requires that we talk with you in order to secure a clarification from the highest legal authority of the land."

The vice president has been urged to tour the South and report to Eisenhower on "economic boycotts, and reprisals, and bombing and violence directed against persons and homes of Negroes who assert their rights under the constitution."

A. T. Walden said he and other Negro attorneys are considering a request to federal district court to declare the bus segregation laws unconstitutional.

Youth Watches Battle From Shelter Of Car

DALLAS — A special officer for the Southern Pacific Railroad was shot to death this morning after he shot two officers who were giving him a ticket for speeding. Killed was a man identified by police as Lloyd C. Hoffman, 39, of Dallas.

Police Capt. Will Fritz said Hoffman shot policeman F. O. Mote and B. F. Felham at about 1:20 this morning.

The officers had chased Hoffman when he pulled into a driveway near his home.

Felham, 28, was shot in the chest and was in surgery for about two hours. Mote, 28, was shot in the hip and hand. Both officers are expected to live.

Capt. Fritz said the officers chased Hoffman during the evening and lost him in traffic. Later, while writing a ticket for 15-year-old Edward Eugene Cain of Dallas, who had faulty lights on his car, the officers spotted Hoffman's car.

With the boy in the car the officers chased Hoffman and stopped him.

The boy sat in the back seat of the police car and witnessed the shooting, Fritz said.

In a signed statement to Fritz, the boy said, "The officers told the man they could see he had been drinking. But that he was not drunk enough to be put in jail. They wanted to give him a ticket for speeding."

The boy said, "The man said 'You're not going to give me a ticket.' About that time he leaped back his coat and grabbed his pistol and shot both officers."

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.) said today, "I've heard" three or four congressmen were given copies of a document which the Army says is leaked to "unauthorized persons."

It dealt with limits put on the Army's development and use of new missiles.

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"I understand they were all from Alabama."

Nickerson said he has been told that "this colonel" gave the document to the congressmen "on his own volition."

The Army announced Jan. 7 that Col. John C. Nickerson Jr. was one of several officers being questioned after a document which "apparently contained secret information" was found "in the hands of unauthorized persons."

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Lockheed Aircraft Co., of Van Nuys, Calif., is the major contractor in development of the "Polaris," the name assigned to this missile.

The announcement said this missile "joins the United States family of ballistic missiles." Other IRBMs being developed or produced include the 20-mile range Redstone missile of the Army, such intermediate range as the Atlas and the Titan.

Navy On Own

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A CONTRAST in winter weather for the United States is offered in the scenes above. A trail of footprints leads through deep snow at Fort Wayne, Ind., (top photo) but at bottom a Texas farmer near Lubbock mourns the lack of rainfall which has dried out his land and killed his crop.



NAACP Dealt Legal Blows

RALEIGH — The National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People will have to purge its membership in North Carolina. The State Supreme Court said yesterday in a decision in Wake Superior Court by Judge Hamilton Holbrook.

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Reds Apply Pressure To Halt Further Unrest In Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary — The Communist cracked down again today to head off the possibility that renewed labor and student unrest might signal the renewal of open rebellion.

It was apparent the Soviet-posed regime of Premier Janos Kadar feared a new wave of Communist press said only one worker was killed. Accounts varied on the number of wounded.

Police also fired into the air to break up another demonstration by 2,000 workers at the Ganz Railway Car Works in southeast Budapest, the papers said. The trade union organ Nepszavata said the railway car workers were justified in their strike because "the wrong wage list was posted" at the factory. No injuries were reported at Ganz.

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Nike Praised

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Nike guided missiles assure that America cannot be knocked out by air attack," says Lt. Gen. Stanley R. Mickelsen, chief of the Air Force's Nike missile command.

"Any enemy knows that our Nike missile system can destroy his bombers. As these bombers are prevented from reaching their vital targets, the enemy realizes the task of destroying America is beyond his capabilities," he said.

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Gas Chamber For Slayer Of 44

By JAMES D. HARPSTER
CANYON CITY, Colo. — Coolly accepting his fate, John Gilbert Graham was executed last night in Colorado's gas chamber for destroying an airliner that carried his mother and 43 other persons to death.

The 24-year-old father of two children gulped the cyanid fumes and passed into unconsciousness in seconds. He was pronounced dead in 12 minutes.

Graham was convicted of murdering his mother, Mrs. Daisie E. King, 38. She perished with 43 other men, women and children Nov. 1, 1955, when a United Airlines plane was shattered by a dynamite bomb. It crashed in a sugar beet field near Longmont, Colo.

Although he never disclosed a motive for planting a dynamite device in his mother's luggage, Graham named himself beneficiary in a \$75,000 flight insurance policy he took out on his mother's life.

The husky, dark-haired killer went to death "the calmest I've ever seen," said deputy warden William Kinney, who has witnessed all 26 executions in Colorado's gas chamber.

WORDS HOLED
The Rev. Justin McKernan, Roman Catholic chaplain at the prison visited Graham for 40 minutes last night in the death row cell where the young Denver businessman spent his last days. Their exchange of banter was interrupted when Graham saw warden Harry Tinsley mount the ramp of his cell.

"Well, I guess it's time," Graham said with resignation. "God bless you," Father McKernan said. "I hope God will forgive you your sins."

"Okay," Graham nodded. "Not once during his stay in the gray stone-walled prison did Graham allude to the crime. With Tinsley leading the way, Graham walked erect and swiftly from his cell up a long ramp and into the penthouse death cell atop the prison's maximum security building.

He was led blindfolded to the waiting chair in the steel cocoon of death. His arms and legs were shackled by heavy leather straps and a stethoscope was mounted on his bare chest by an elastic band.

Before he left the death chamber, Tinsley patting the blindfolded man's shoulders.

"Thanks, warden," Graham muttered — his last words.

A white whiskey of hydro-cyanide fumes spiraled up.

The pale skin dry under the brilliant lights, Graham started to die. His dark-hatched head bobbed back, then slumped forward as he gulped for breath. His neck

Tax Change Help Asked Of Truckers

WINSTON-SALEM — Gov. Hodges today called on the state's trucking industry to support proposed changes in North Carolina's tax structure even though truckers might find some of them objectionable.

"As a special group," the governor said, "you could, of course, organize and fight this tax study (recommendation) report if you consider it harmful to you and your operations."

"However, I know of no group in North Carolina which stands to gain more from the industrial and commercial expansion of our state than the motor carriers."

The tax recommendations which the 1957 Legislature will be asked to approve include making it possible for every municipality to impose a special tax of \$10 on motor vehicles. The limitation is now \$1.

The recommendations also would make it possible for communities to tax workers as much as \$10 per head for the privilege of working within a city's limits.

The governor, in an address prepared for the decline of the home office of the Pilot Freight Carriers, Inc., said:

"It should be remembered that more and more services are being provided for the state and federal governments and they must be given some reasonable leeway in available tax fields and not conflict with state and federal governments."

"Unless this is done, you may expect more drastic action to be taken by the state and federal governments and you might find efforts to bring in local sales taxes or other such undesirable revenue measures. All of us must be willing to pay our part as we demand more and more services."

The governor also touched on how the federal interstate highway program would affect the state, called on the truckers to support proposed changes in the State Highway Commission's plan of organization and splitting the State Prisons Department of from the commission, and went into the state's need for more industry if its per capita income is to approach the national average.

Select Foremost Milk Products at your favorite store.—Adv.