

Charlotte
By JULIAN SCHERER
Close-Up

Wednesday whims—
Flag: Well, you folks who agreed with me that Liberty Life Bldg. needed a new flag. . . . You can relax. . . . There's one on order already. . . . will be a 10 x 15 foot job as compared to the 9 x 12 flying now. . . . And to those of you sending in quarters (prosperity must, indeed, be here), they're all going to the March of Dimes. . . . Cal Rains of WIST and others chipped in and one nice lady called and offered a flag.

Letters: Received at The News the other day a letter addressed: "Your Sins Irouble, Charlotte News, Charlotte, N. C." . . . It must be meant for Dr. Molner, our medical man.

Mail: Speaking of mail, Dr. Molner and Josephine Lowman, now running another of her diets, are getting it by the truck load.
Mentioned to Donald MacDonald how it must be very satisfying to receive all that mail from readers each day. . . . He said I needed a gimmick to get that mail more than "You've gotta give something away."
Well, for one week only the Close-Up is giving away money. . . . To test his theory . . . gonna give away pennies—money! . . . Send self-addressed, stamped envelope, you'll receive one penny by return mail.

Seen: Several pairs of soft, old shoes around the organ at Covenant Presbyterian Church. . . . They belong to the several organists who play there. . . . Each has his most comfortable, organ-playing shoes. . . . Leaves them between performances.

Recommended Reading: The Holiday Magazine story on North Carolina. . . . With some beautiful photographic art in color.

Job: Most pleasant task this year has been writing staff letters for The News which cheer us a little. . . . My pleasant task has been to write the one about Sports Editor Bob Quincy's Di Mizio Award as state's outstanding sports writer. . . . Next the program to editor and associate editor, respectively, of Cecil Prince and Perry Morgan. . . . Then the Ernie Pyle Award story about Charles Kuralt. . . . And there's more coming to write about, too.

Overheard: Four-year-old talking to parents, "Mother, why don't you and daddy get married so I can have a baby brother?"

Oops!: Harold Booker tells the story about the fellow who was riding on the back of a motorcycle on one winter day. . . . He complained to his pal on the seat with him that he was cold.

The pal had a solution: He stopped the cycle, told him to get off and take his coat off. The man did. Then he helped him put it on backwards, buttoning it up the back. Then they got on the motorcycle and started off again, the guy on the back warm now with a few minutes later.

A few minutes later he turned around and looked back to see how his pal was doing— and he was missing. He quickly turned around and searched the highway. Soon he came upon two men standing over a body. . . . "How is he?" he asked the man about his pal. . . . "Well," one man said, "he seemed to be doing all right until we turned his head around the way it ought to be. Since then he ain't moved a bit."

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—NEGROES TAKE TO COURSE—

Heavy Play At Bonnie Brae

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Negro golfers are flocking to Bonnie Brae municipal course since the lifting of the color ban last week.

Sunday brought the "biggest play" on the municipal course since last September and of the 128 players there, 113 were Negroes.

And on Monday 53 golfers went around and 51 of these were colored.

The restrictions against Negro citizens playing the municipal course were formally lifted by the Park and Recreation Commission Tuesday, Jan. 8, after years of legal maneuvers and a decision in favor of the Negroes by Judge Susie Sharp of Mecklenburg Superior Court.

Mrs. Evans Said Ewing Job Of Mayor Pro Tem

All But One Councilman To Run Again

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer



The Hosaks: Grandma Rosalie, Rosa, Steve And Ivan.

—IN THIS WEATHER, YET—

Hungarian Refugee Worried About Swimming Facilities

By JULIAN SCHERER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
It was cold on the Southern station platform when Istvan Hosak stepped off an isolated Hungarian engineer said, "Like very much to swim. Like to help as trainer or coach."
His face lit up when he learned of Davidson's indoor pool, for a few years back last.

N. C. Shriners Here For Business Meeting

Shriners from over Western North Carolina were gathered at Charlotte today to attend preliminary to the annual business meeting and ceremonial of Oasis Temple tomorrow.
The annual election of officers to direct Oasis Temple's affairs through 1937 will be held in the Shrine Temple at 8 p.m. today. Clarence E. Beeson of Charlotte, president, will preside at this meeting.
According to custom within this temple, the chief rabbi is invited to dedicate the annual election of officers. Chief rabbi is Robert I. Presley of Asheville.
The annual meeting of the temple's board of trustees, headed by Potentate Beeson, was held this morning at Charlotte in the Barringer Hotel. A special meeting for officers and past potentates was arranged for 4 p.m. today at the Barringer Hotel.

COLORFUL PARADE
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Remember When . . .

By DICK YOUNG
M. B. Sinclair was president of the Independent Food Dealers Association.
The firm submitted a bid of \$35,521, according to C. F. Falkenberg, president of Charlotte Engineers, Inc.

Traffic Toll

Injured yesterday—4
Fatalities to date . . . 63 56
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Lampe Will Head Round Table Talks

Robert H. Lampe, advertising director of the Charlotte News, is scheduled to head a round table discussion at the 47th annual meeting of the Newspaper Advertising Executives Association opening Sunday in Chicago.

The discussion is a discussion group, composed of advertising executives from daily newspapers in the 45,000-90,000 circulation group. W. E. Scherling, advertising director of the Sioux City, Iowa, Journal is the other co-chairman.

CITY DEFENDANTS



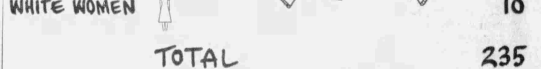
THE NUMBER of defendants does not equal the number of cases (235) because there were two defendants in eight cases, three in four, four in one, five in one, giving 23 extra defendants. The total is reduced by 13 because of four murder-suicides, three unsolved cases, four defendants known but not apprehended, and two persons not held.

TOTAL 245
ONE FIGURE EQUALS 10 DEFENDANTS

CITY VICTIMS



TOTAL 235
ONE FIGURE EQUALS 10 VICTIMS



MURDER IN MECKLENBURG—III

A Killing Every Two Weeks

By ANN SAWYER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
The people of Charlotte and Mecklenburg have been killing each other off at the rate of 23 a year—or one person every two weeks. By pistols, knives, shotguns and assorted deadly weapons, they've reduced the population by 284 in 11 years beginning in 1945.

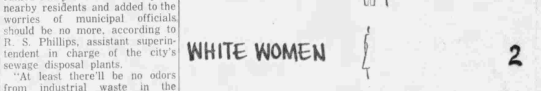
Charlotte's most violent years from 1945 through 1955 were 1946 with 31 homicides, 1948 with 27, 1950 with 28, and 1952 with 25. Top years for the county were 1952 with eight, 1951 with seven, and 1945 and 1950 with six each.

City police found it hard to believe, but 1954 passed without a single killing involving white persons.

NO WHITES
Rural Mecklenburg, with a smaller, more scattered population, enjoyed four years without a white homicide—1946, 1953, 1954 and 1955.

The national trend for more violence in hot months didn't follow through on the local level. During this period, March had 28 homicides and December had 25.

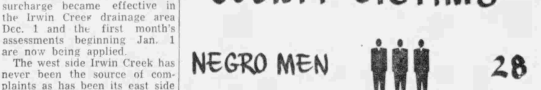
County Defendants



TOTAL 51
ONE FIGURE EQUALS 10 DEFENDANTS

THE NUMBER of defendants does not equal the number of cases (49) because there were two defendants in two cases, three in one, giving four extra defendants. The total is reduced by two because of one unsolved murder and one murder-suicide.

County Victims



TOTAL 49
I FIGURE REPRESENTS 10 VICTIMS

GRADY SIGNS, All kinds, South's Pioneers—Neon Mfrs. Since '27 adv.