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## Strictly Political

### Legislators Can Expect Useless Gift

By JULIAN SCHEER  
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Frank Sims, the ABC man, has a full supply of those once-wide pads marked "Scratch Pad For Marrow-Minded People."

Lobbyist Sims says he's going to hand 'em out to his friends at the General Assembly next month.

Probably would be better if Frank handed out pro-tem spirits instead, for a report has 87 men running for office told constituents they'd favor a state-wide liquor referendum.

Of course, that's the oldest vote-getting gag of all.

Mrs. Evans: Report has Martha Evans, our councilwoman, seeking the mayor pro tem position . . . She's getting up in politics . . . You can sit when a candidate is on the move . . . She's been mentioned for every political job in the district in the past few months.

Jonas: Rep. Jonas says he has a big problem . . . Must be common to men in politics . . . You've got a wall covered with autographed pictures . . . Then you get more . . . Later you run out of wall space . . . He has . . . Now he's wondering which ones to take down.

Highway: Harold Makepeace, the Sanford campaign manager for Gov. Hodges, has been talked about as the successor to A. H. Sandy Graham, Highway Commission chairman stepping down. But word is out now — it WILL NOT be Makepeace.

What?: Cousin Weyland Sprull, the orator from Bertie County, isn't going to be sergeant-at-arms of the House this session . . . The bad news was learned this week.

Cousin Sprull, the toast of Raleigh, is going to stay home on his beam feet.

He'll come to Raleigh, however, long enough to get the inaugural business underway — but then sneak off to the flat country with his pocket full of adjectives.

Hollywood: The state went Hollywood this week . . . Gov. Hodges and Johnny Sue George, billed as Hollywood stars anyway, as visitors this week.

Edwin Gill, the rotund state treasurer, was in Greensboro with Thomas Mitchell, a real Hollywood-type pro, for the dedication of the O. Henry highway.

Thurmond: South Carolina's Sen. Thurmond had himself a busy day the first day the Senate coffers were open for bills. He offered seven bills, including a bill which would prevent the serving of alcoholic drinks on commercial airplanes and military airplanes.

Evening Prayer

Help us, dear Father, to remember that every prayer, every act of mercy, every little gift in the name of our Lord is a messenger of love. Use us to strengthen the love of Christ and bind together men and nations and races in a worldwide brotherhood. In the name of our Lord and Master, Amen.

—'BIG DAY' NOW FADED—

## Jan. 19? Hockey? Inaugural?

By DICK BAYER  
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Today is the 150th anniversary of the birth of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

The inaugurating report went in search of anyone on the streets of the Queen City of the South who could remember the birthdate of the man who led the armies of the Confederacy.

Out of 13 people approached only six tried to answer the question the best absolutely refused to make an attempt, especially after being told it was a memorable date in Southern history.

The question was simply stated: "Next Saturday is a big day in Southern history. Can you tell me why?"

The sidewalk contestants came up with a variety of answers.

One man, who turned out to be more than a rabid hockey fan, said, "That's the day the hockey arena burned down and Baltimore and ice hockey headed south."

Another female office worker, who appeared to be in her early thirties, deliberated awhile then ex-



INGRID BERGMAN

## Bergman Returns For Quickie Visit

NEW YORK (AP)—Ingrid Bergman came back to the United States today. She stepped off a plane at Idlewild Airport with a big smile and was greeted by a score of fans waving "welcome" placards.

"I feel fine," were the actress' first words upon her return for a quick 24-hour visit after an absence of nearly eight years.

Including messengers, about 100 persons who present as a Trans World airliner brought Miss Bergman from Paris. She peered from a window as the plane rolled up to the airport terminal.

Thirty-seven other passengers left the plane before the Swedish born actress appeared in the doorway. She wore a full length milk coat and a white print kerchief.

Smiling, she stepped down the ramp, then waved in response to pleas from photographers.

Miss Bergman made the flying trip here to receive the New York Film Critics Award as the best actress of 1956 for her performance in Anastasia. She returns to Paris tomorrow night to continue her role in a smash stage hit there.

While she doesn't have much time to spend here, she has a busy schedule mapped out.

"She'll attend a matinee of the Broadway hit musical, 'My Fair Lady,' do a little shopping and visit with a few friends."

In response to questions from newsmen at the airport, Miss Bergman said she had no regrets concerning past actions in her life.

She had drawn considerable criticism in this country when a son was born to her and an Italian film director while Miss Bergman still was married to another man.

## Protruding Hand Was Death Clue

An unidentified man's report of seeing a hand protruding from the basement of an Elizabeth Ave. home led police early this morning to the crude common grave of two Negro women.

The bodies of Mrs. Ruth Nelson Jackson, 37, and her 15-year-old daughter, Bernice Nelson, were found with their arms crossed over their chests in shallow excavations under mounds of earth, rags and other refuse.

Police say Mrs. Jackson's husband, James Thomas Jackson, 33, admitted killing them before dawn Jan. 10 as the climax to a long series of arguments of the disciplinarian's stepdaughter.

## CHARGES PENDING

Jackson, held pending charges of two murders, was quoted by Detective L. A. J. Gilleland as saying he beat the victims with an iron mallet weighing about three pounds after his wife struck him with a piece of iron and his stepdaughter advanced on him with a knife.

Police say they found no marks of violence on the body of the murder suspect.

Jackson told police he went to a hardware store the following morning and bought a spade. Returning to his street level apartment at 1029 Elizabeth Ave., he dragged the bodies into an adjoining basement room and prepared for the burial.

He said that he was unable to dig deep holes because he struck a sheet of concrete about eight inches under the top level of soil.

## BODIES FOUND

The bodies were found about 1:30 a. m. today when the report was investigated by L. S. M. Harkey and patrolmen P. Brown and R. B. Wood. The unidentified rigger said he was unhelping Jackson move some furniture when he heard the noise.

Detectives C. V. Ross and W. O. Holmberg said that Jackson had the rest of the bodies lying in quarters for a day or two after the burial.

Police say bloodstains marked the walls, floor and furniture of the apartment.

The bodies were found, disconnected, in a decomposed state after 10 days in the crates. An autopsy is scheduled for today.

## Wind Heps To Book Cold's Sunday Punch



SLIPPERY GOING made this trio over frozen Lake Louise near Weaverville in near-zero weather.

## Wind Shift Stalls Freeze North Of Florida's Citrus

WINTER'S coldest blast spread into northern Florida today but a shift in the wind stalled the cold wave before it reached the citrus central and south Florida fruit and vegetable croplands.

Ocala and Tampa reported overnight lows of 38. Miami's minimum was 48. Today's forecast was for rising temperatures.

Were spared a disastrous freeze when the wind shifted from the north to the northeast. Winds from the northeast are warmed in their passage over the waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

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## WSOC-TV Halts Work On Building

Chances for spring inauguration of channel 9 television service has received another setback.

WSOC-TV has halted work on its transmitter building.

"We'll have to wait to see what the Federal Communications Commission does about the request for a rehearing on its decision giving us the channel," said WSOC president Earl J. Gluck.

The FCC granted WSOC the construction permit in mid-December. No new estimated time of beginning of operations can be set until the FCC makes its decision on the rehearing decision.

## Kidnap-Death Plot Foiled

DENVER 3—An ex-bookkeeper who talked to much was arrested last night by an investigator posing as his partner and charged with kidnap-murder plot against a wealthy businessman.

Police said the abortive plan was quickly admitted by Lyle Terry, 29. And another man, who first told a Denver newspaper of the scheme helped fill in the details.

The intended victim was George F. Robinson, vice president of the Robinson Brick & Tile Co. here.

Here's the story as told today in a copyrighted article in the Rocky Mountain News:

Terry was released Dec. 29 from the Colorado Penitentiary after serving the minimum two years of a sentence for embezzling \$13,000 from the Robinson firm while working as a bookkeeper.

He was released Dec. 29 from the Rocky Mountain News.

"He wants to kidnap Mr. Robinson and force him to sign \$50,000 in payroll checks that he will in turn trade to the bank for a payroll and pocket the money," Jackson said.

"Then he's going to take Mr. Robinson out and shoot him."

## Laurinburg Gets All-America Plaque, Well-Earned Kudos

By JULIAN SCHEER  
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LAURINBURG — A city gingerly standing on cold, cold feet was lauded for its warm, typically American spirit yesterday.

Laurinburg, the All-America City, celebrated its national award in a big way yesterday and a leading industrialist described the spirit here as "typically the American way of getting things done through individual initiative and with decentralized planning and decision making."

It was the spirit of the "New South," according to Roy W. Johnson, executive vice president of General Electric Co., last year's Maid of Cotton, Joyce Ann Lee, Miss Laurinburg, and the day-long celebration here and the presentation of the plaque awarded Laurinburg by the National Municipal League and Look Magazine, C. E. Commander Jr., regional vice president of NML, handed the framed award to Mayor W. D. Lynch.

But the big event was the parade which saw thousands line the main streets for an impressive show of bands, floats, comedy acts and beauties.

The bitter cold failed to chill the spirits of those who came here for the big show.

Marian Ann McKnight, Miss America of 1956, was the unofficial queen of the parade, but had plenty of beautiful support.

Martha Dean Chestnut, Miss



(News Staff Photo—Scheer) Cold Miss America

greetings to the city in its finest hour by Edwin Gill, State Treasurer and a Scotland County native. The Governor called the tribute a "challenge."

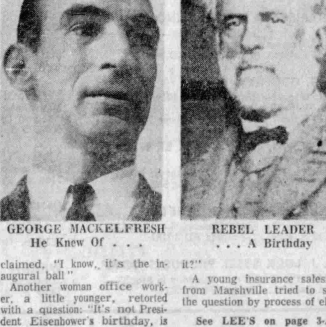
"Such recognition constitutes a challenge which I am sure Laurinburg will not fail to meet," he said.

Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. and Rep. Paul Kitchin came from Washington to take part in the activities.

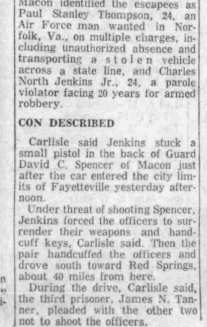
Local folk also got a look at some well known personalities.

Among those here were Dr. J. W. R. Norton, chairman of the State Board of Health; W. P. Saunders, director Dept. of Conservation and Development; James Harrison of Wadesboro and C. A. Hasty of Maxton. State Highway Commissioner, H. F. Ledford, president American Trust Co. of Charlotte; Joseph H. Robinson, president, Wachovia Bank & Trust of Charlotte; H. Y. Alexander, Southern Bell Telephone; Emmet Kerr, senior vice president American Trust Co.; Millard Gamble, E. L. du Pont Co.; Louis Brooks, Charlotte, president N. C. Bankers Association; W. G. Chitty, Look Magazine; Dr. Watson S. Rankin, Charlotte; and scores of others.

Gov. Luther H. Hodges sent



GEORGE MACKELFRESH He Knew Of . . . REBEL LEADER . . . A Birthday



CON DESCRIBED Carlisle said Jenkins stuck a small pistol in the back of George David C. Spencer of Macon just after the car entered the city limits of Fayetteville yesterday afternoon.

Under threat of shooting Spencer, Jenkins forced the officers to surrender their weapons and hand cuff keys, Carlisle said. Then the pair handcuffed the officers and drove south toward Lee Springs, about 40 miles from here.

During the drive, Carlisle said, the third prisoner, James N. Tanner, pleaded with the other two not to shoot the officers.

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