

Charlotte

By JULIAN SCHERER

Close-Up

LAURINBURG — A few notes left over from this city's gala All-America celebration: Standing in Bill Adams service station, in walked of Lying Pres McLaughlin.

Just about everybody in standard County knows Lying Pres.

Asked Pres for a lie and he said: "Well, I tell you 'bout the time I went to church a little high."

"The preacher was up there talkin' and he looked at me and he said, 'Pres, you hearing this sermon well?' I told him I was."

"You hearin it well enough to give the Lord a dollar?"

"I said I was and I got up and reached down in my pocket and there wasn't nothin' there. So I looked up at the preacher and said, 'Pastor, I'll tell you what, I figure I'll be seeing the Lord just about the same time you will, I'll just give him the money personal.'"

Pres said he was walking down the road one day and of toe Stanton yelled to him, "Preston, tell me a lie."

"I yelled to him, 'Pres said, 'Doe, ain't got time to no lie. Your gin house is on fire.'"

Well, said Pres, everyone around there started running down the road toward the gin house. They got about half way there when Doe Stanton said, "Stop! No use of running. Lying Pres told us it was on fire."

"He pitched me a half dollar for that lie," Pres said. "He said it was one of my best ones."

Bishop W. W. Peale, beloved by folks in this part of the country, was on hand for the All-America City celebration Friday.

Someone asked him if anyone ever came up and asked if he was THE Bishop Peale.

"No," he said, "they just come up and say, 'Waiter, how are you?'"

Dr. George Creed and his family looked right smart on horseback in the parade, but the doctor must have cut his hip short.

He was prancing down the street with a police officer bailed him.

"You're wanted at the hospital," he said.

The official title won by Laurinburg is "All-America City" and the folks who came to town to decorate had nailed all the signs and banners with "All-American."

Miss America, Marian McKnight, was late arriving here because of airline flight delays. Her fee \$775.

For the amount of time spent in Laurinburg, it came to more than \$100 an hour. Nice earnings — but wonder how much she received of it?

And a note for Earl Wilson, our professional gossip: Word is out that Miss America Johnny Gramling is a USC star, no longer that way — if you know what I mean.

I Remember When...

By DICK YOUNG

Dick Torrence operated a milk refreshment stand on S. Davidson St. across from headquarters fire station and it was the happy gathering place for city employees during coffee breaks.

TV STATION CONSTRUCTION CONTINUING

Work of constructing WSOCTV transmitter building on the Plaza Rd. is continuing, Earl J. Gluck, WSO president, said today.

A story in Saturday afternoon Charlotte News that the station had halted work on the building until the Federal Communications Commission acted on petitions for rebroadcast by the two losing applicants for Channel 9. Each applicant, Piedmont Electronics Corp. and Capital City Television, asked the FCC to rescind the decision and award it the channel.

Mr. Gluck said work on the building was halted by bad weather last week but said the project is being carried forward as rapidly as possible. The station, he said, hopes to be on the air by mid-summer.

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Foreign Correspondent Cook With Grandmother

By EMERY WISTER

Correspondent's View

Patchwork Is Not Macmillan's Aim

By EMERY WISTER

Appointment of Harold Macmillan as Prime Minister of Great Britain probably means a great deal more than just an attempt at "patching things up" with the United States.

That is the opinion of Don Cook, chief of the London Bureau of the New York Herald-Tribune who spent a few days last week visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Laura F. Cook, in the Methodist Home here.

"It's too early to tell exactly what Mr. Macmillan's appointment does mean," said Mr. Cook. "But I wouldn't be surprised if it means Britain is seeking closer ties with Europe."

"Mr. Eden (Mr. Macmillan's predecessor Anthony Eden) never so unfriendly to the United States. There's nothing new about that. And that's why I think there's more to the Macmillan appointment than just an attempt at patching things up with the United States."

"The overall effect of the appointment may be an expansion of trade within European countries."

"Britain seems to be moving from the Imperial preference tariffs," Mr. Cook said.

Explaining, he said the Imperial preference tariffs, developed in 1932, give goods produced in British colonies and commonwealths preference over those produced in other lands.

"Now," he said, "Britain may reduce its tariff and expand its trade with Europe more than ever before."

STILL GOOD

Mr. Cook said "personal" relations with Americans in Great Britain are still good, but pointed out that many U. S. Citizens are deeply concerned with this country's actions in the recent Swiss crisis.

Many, he pointed out, are openly critical of U. S. Policy in the crisis.

City-County Traffic Toll

Weekend injuries 10
..... 187 1956
Injured to date 78 65
Fatalities to date 0 1

Negro Man Must Stand Trial For Double Slaying Jan. 10

A Negro warehouse worker charged with killing his wife and teenage stepdaughter and keeping their bodies in shallow graves in the basement of his apartment had his story told in City Recorder's Court today before being bound over for trial.

Detective C. Y. Ross gave details of the double killing and read portions of a statement given by James Thomas Jackson, the 33-year-old defendant who is held on two charges of murder.

Jackson, Detective Ross said, admitted killing the two females but said he did so in self defense as the two "came at him" with weapons.

HAD ARGUED

After striking the stepdaughter, Jackson claims he "blacked out" but he told police, according to Detective Ross that he went to a hardware store and bought a

small shovel, burying the bodies at opposite ends of the basement.

PARTIALLY COVERED

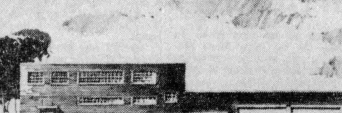
Jackson, Ross explained, piled about eight inches of dirt on each of the bodies, only partially covering them.

Police discovered the badly decomposed bodies Saturday after an acquaintance of Jackson's said Jackson asked him where he could "bury two bodies."

The short, slightly built Negro lived with his wife and stepdaughter at 1029 Elizabeth Ave., at the intersection of Morrow St.

Judge Basil M. Boyd found probable cause and ordered Jackson held for Superior Court trial on two charges of murder. Judge Boyd allowed no bond.

Jackson will be represented by Attorney William Gist.



Architect's Sketch of A&P's New Meat Processing Warehouse.

A Problem: The School Is Rotting

By CHARLES KURALT

County School Supt. J. W. Wilson and the county School Board have all sorts of problems and not all of them are concerned with such things as rising enrollment and the teacher shortage.

Today, for example, there was the problem of the rotting school.

It seems there is a water pipe main under Matthews School which carries virtually all water drainage from the town of Matthews.

Except it doesn't.

The water line was built years ago, when drainage was not so heavy. Now, water forces its way out of the small pipe, seeps to the surface of the ground, and rots the timbers of the venerable school building.

"Our maintenance man has been under there a number of times and he says the water is going to rot the building down," Mr. Wilson told the board. "It is a serious problem."

Negotiations began with the town of Matthews to pipe part of the water in a different direction, before it reaches the school building.

NEW CLASSROOMS

The County School Board today approved a \$106,000 bid for eight new classrooms at Stateways Road Elementary School.

The money is another slice of this month's \$5 million school bond issue.

The Board also talked over problems which will come with an extension of Charlotte's city limits.

Supt. Wilson noted, "There is an elementary school full of children in the new Sherwood Forest development of Sardis Rd."

DECISION DELAYED

Parents in that area, he said, have asked that a school be built for their children. But whether the city limits will be extended that far — and when they will be extended — must decide a decision.

Mr. Wilson said he hopes many of the questions surrounding the extension problem will be answered soon in order to make school planning easier.

Body Found In Catawba

HICKORY — The body of Horace Heister, 31, a furniture factory upholsterer from Lincolnton, was recovered from the Catawba River yesterday. That was a week after he fell from a motorboat while fishing with two companions.

Funerary services were arranged for this afternoon at the Maiden Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Maiden Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

The body was in good condition, probably because of the icy water.

It was recovered from 60 feet of water from what is known as the Iron Bridge near here. That's a mile downstream from where he fell while fishing with his father-in-law, Houston Caldwell, and a friend, David Bold, both of Maiden.

SEVERAL TIMES

The Angus Deel words occur several times throughout, largely as a sopranos solo, a fervent punctuation to the other texts. Eleanor Ritterskamp sang this mostly superbly, her thin, warm voice beautiful and affecting. We worry a bit, though, over her breath support, which did fail her once.

About the largest orchestra the Oratorio Singers have used had two rehearsals and needed probably one more to handle some of the Vaughan Williams' tricky moments with complete comfort. What the composer has written in swirling, brass-horn tutti and also lambent string passages was faithfully reproduced.

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" is surely one of our finest Bachian institutions. It's full of monophonic devices (long, wispy runs on the word "rising"), noble, upsurging ones on "rising". The chorale itself alternates with some of Bach's most brilliant numbers of essay-commentary.

MEN'S VOICES

"This includes a very special tertetto ("If therefore, Christ abide in you") which reminds of vividly in smotheries as well as its 124 meters. No sopranos here; the uncovered alto needed more resonance, and they and the men's voices did quite ring in true tone together.

But amends were made with the following "Fare thee well that

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Commission Offers State But State Has No Money Now To Build It

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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Oratorio Singers at Performance in First Presbyterian Church

Oratorio Group Do Splendid Job Of Singing

By EDWIN S. BERGAMINI

... And you can hear it tonight, too.

Vaughan Williams' "Donna Nobis Parens," sung yesterday along with Bach's "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" by the Oratorio Singers of Charlotte, Earl F. Berg, conductor, at the First Presbyterian Church, is a major effort by a great living composer (Vaughan Williams will be 65 in October).

This is a cantata of size, about 40 minutes long; Vaughan Williams has drawn on Walt Whitman, John Bright, and both the Old and New Testaments for a text of war and after-war.

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46 More Than '55 Charlotte Births Hit Peak In 1956

By DICK YOUNG

All time high in Charlotte births was reported last year with birth registrations of 6,646.

The 1956 births were just 46 more than the previous high of 6,600 in 1955.

Mrs. Louise Young Workman, a vital statistician with the city health department, pointed out today that while the number of births in 1956 exceeded all other previous years, the birth rate which is adjusted to resident births was slightly off.

The 1956 birth rate was 26.6 per 1,000 population as compared to 27.9 in 1955.

Of the 6,646 births registered in Charlotte last year, 4,152 were resident.

In calculating the birth rates, Mrs. Workman used a population estimate of 155,898 as against a population estimate 152,215 in 1955.

SOME IMPROVEMENT

Even though the infant death rate showed some improvement, Mrs. Workman said the record is still too high, and is still of concern health officials.

The 1956 infant death rate was 33.95 per 1,000 live births; the 1955 rate, 34 per 1,000 live births.

Deaths among Negro infants contribute mainly to the city's high infant death rate. Mrs. Workman said. Although there was a decrease in the 1956 rate, it was 55.6 per 1,000 live births as against 59.1 per 1,000 live births in 1955.

Slight increase was shown in the infant mortality rate of whites which was 19.1 per 1,000 live births as compared with 18.8 per 1,000 live births in 1955.

For Relief Support Budapest's Last Mayor May Visit In Charlotte

The last mayor of free Budapest may be coming to Charlotte soon.

The possibility of the visit of Joseph Kovago to Charlotte was pointed out in a telegram from Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York City City Manager Henry A. Yancey.

Mr. Wagner's telegram reads: "Will you join me as a member of the sponsoring committee of American mayors for the visit of the last mayor of free Budapest — Joseph Kovago. He arrives New York Jan. 20 to embark on a two months national tour to discuss with American mayors plan for municipal relief support for revolution-torn Budapest on people-to-people basis."

"Mr. Kovago was secretary general of Small Landholders Party as well as mayor of Budapest after World War II. Following 6 1/2 years Communist imprisonment, he again became Budapest's mayor from October of revolution last October until Red Army invasion Nov. 4, 1956."

"He has just completed tour of European capital cities as guest of mayors there. His tour here sponsored by International Rescue Committee."

A&P Meat Processing Plant To Be Erected In Charlotte

By EMERY WISTER

Charlotte News Staff Writer

A 7,000-square-foot meat-processing warehouse to serve its stores in the Carolinas will be erected here for the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.

P. M. Bealer Jr., vice president in charge of A&P operations in the Carolinas, said the building will represent an investment of \$1,250,000. It will be constructed and owned by the Piedmont &

Northern Railway and will be erected on a P. & N. industrial tract on Clemway Rd. near the National Car company plant.

The J. A. Jones Construction Co. has been awarded the contract for the building due for completion late this year. It will be of brick, steel and concrete construction, with a frontage of 300 feet and a depth of 240 feet.

The building will be one story except for a two-story mezzanine

But State Has No Money Now To Build It

By ANN SAWYER

Charlotte News Staff Writer

Two acres of County Home property for a second State Highway Patrol office in Mecklenburg will be offered the state by county commissioners.

The board today voted to lease a two-acre tract for \$1 a year with the provision county commissioners will approve the type building erected.

Commissioner Herbert Garrison renewed the subject today and put the commissioners on record favoring a second station.

Approximately six months ago State Highway Patrol officers talked with commissioners about buying or leasing suitable property.

LONG RANGE PLAN

Following today's meeting, Lt. S. Dial Moore, executive officer for Troop D, with headquarters in Salisbury, told The News by telephone the second station is part of a long range program.

As far as he knows, Lt. Moore said, the department has no money appropriated for such a building.

He said there also is some question whether the state will accept the property under conditions specified by commissioners.

Commissioner Garrison today told commissioners drivers are greatly inconvenienced by the cramped Wilkinson Blvd. station.

MINOR SNAGS

Mr. Garrison's proposal today hit several minor snags. Commissioner Sid Y. McAden suggested the state buy its land, and both he and Commissioner McNeinch wanted to be sure a good, attractive building is erected.

Several tax matters were brought to the commission's attention.

Assistant Tax Supervisor Robert N. Williams warned Mecklenburg will not be able to solve its problem if the 1957 General Assembly passes a law requiring property owners list their vehicles for taxation before purchasing licenses.

Mecklenburg is the only county on record opposing the proposal. The reason for the opposition is that a large number of personal property owners list their vehicles for listing must be shown before a license can be bought, it will mean everyone must list in person.

WARM RAIN SOOTHES COLD LAND

Warm, gentle rain, a soothing balm to carter the frozen land, was forecast for the Carolinas today.

The Weather Bureau reported a trace of precipitation last night and said rain should continue in the form of scattered showers through tomorrow.

The low temperature here this morning was a mild 40 and a 58 degree top is seen this afternoon. A low of 45, a high of 60 is expected tomorrow.

POLICE ELECTION

May 15 was set for the County Police election to decide whether their law enforcement benefit and retirement plan should be coordinated with Old Age and Survivors Insurance.

Mr. McAden told the board it was late to decide next Monday whether to sell \$1 million in school bonds approved in 1955 or to issue bond anticipation notes. The market is considered unfavorable at this time, Mr. McAden said.

The suggestion of Ralph T. Fox of the County Auditor's office, the county's payroll will be handled by the Service Bureau for 1957. Later, when IBM equipment is installed for the Tax Supervisor's office the payroll will be handled on that equipment.

Mr. Fox said the change will mean a saving in time and money. Commissioners today had no other action on the revaluation of properties along bypasses or super highways. The problem again was brought up by Mr. Williams, but the board has made no decision.

Nod To Alcorn?

WASHINGTON — A high administration official predicted today President Eisenhower will tip the scales for H. Meade Alcorn Jr. of Connecticut as new Republican national chairman.

If he wishes, Eisenhower can virtually dictate the choice of a chairman. If he does not, either fight could break out for the post being vacated Feb. 1 by Leonard W. Apple.

An eight-member group headed by Harry Darby, Kansas national chairman, said it will support Alcorn tomorrow to get his ideas about a new chairman.

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