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Are We Fish?



Umbrellaed Pat Hicks Braves Today's Heavy Rains

... Or Fowl?



Billy Helms Makes Like A Bird In Yesterday's Sunshine

S. To Probe State Salk Vaccine Pricing

15 Identical Bids Made To State

By JULIAN SCHIEER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
The Justice Dept. will investigate reports from the North Carolina Division of Purchase and Contract that 15 concerns submitted identical bids on Salk polio vaccine, The News learned today.

Rep. L. H. Fountain said this state appears to be a link in a chain of evidence pointing to a possible widespread conspiracy against the price of the vaccine. An investigation by the Inter-governmental Relations Subcommittee which he heads has resulted in a Justice Dept. investigation and a call for a Federal Grand Jury hearing.

North Carolina entered the spotlight today when David Q. Holt, director of the State Division of Purchase and Contract, revealed that identical bids were received Jan. 17 from 15 bidders on the vaccine.

Federal funds pay for State purchases and evidence of identical bids being received by other states has also been turned over to the Justice Dept.

Rep. Fountain of Tarboro launched subcommittee investigation last September and held public hearings in October.

PRICE DISCREPANCY
He said the investigation revealed the federal government was paying from 63 to 79 cents for one cubic centimeter of vaccine while the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was paying only 35 cents for the same amount.

When Holtson asked for competitive bids for North Carolina vaccine, it bids were received and each set the price at \$5,586 for nine cubic centimeter vials.

The bids came from four manufacturers.

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Pinball Pressure Charged

WASHINGTON (AP)—Stanley W. Earl, Portland city commissioner, testified today that Clyde Crosby, Teamsters Union boss in Oregon opposed his 1956 election because Earl refused to support a pinball licensing ordinance.

"He told me if I didn't support pinball licensing the Teamsters Union would oppose me in the election," Earl said. Earl said the proposed ordinance was never passed.

Earl described himself as a lifelong member of various other unions.

The commissioner testified before the special Senate committee investigating racketeering in labor-management relations.

From James B. Elkins, a Portland gambler, the senators had received two days of testimony that some officials of the Teamsters Union and others tried to "muscle in" on rackets in Portland.

Elkins said this outside group tried to oust the police chief and succeeded in defeating the city's mayor.

Earl related that in the election he was actively opposed by the Oregon joint council of Teamsters, the Teamsters newspaper, and by tavern operators and others who he said were influenced by the Teamsters.

But he said he continued to keep political support from "rank-and-file union members," although opposed by the Teamsters' leadership.

Earl said he had been an active opponent of pinball machines in Portland for a number of years. He said the Teamsters Union displayed no interest in "organizing pinball" until 1953.

Then, he said, Crosby came to him and asked support for a pinball licensing ordinance. He said the request was coupled with a threat of political opposition if he didn't.

I guess he thought since I was from labor, I'd be their champion," Earl said. But he said he continued to oppose pinball licensing.

Earl said he had been a member of the Carpenters and International Wood Workers' Union and now belonged to the State, County and Municipal Workers Union.

He said the Teamsters could have had no interest in pinballs from a membership standpoint because it would take less than 100 employees to service machines throughout Portland.



The body of Adolf Rothman lies beside cash register following shooting.

N. C. Prison Escapee Shoots Man As Bystanders Look On

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Adolf Rothman was shot to death in his restaurant last night while resisting a handoff who witnesses said had robbed him the night before.

Police held a battered man who identified himself as Jess Pait, 28, a North Carolina prison escapee, for investigation of murder and armed robbery.

Rothman was struck in the heart by one of three pistol bullets as he attacked his assailant with a hammer before the eyes of half a dozen patrons. Customers and

bystanders beat and kicked Pait unconscious on a rainy sidewalk just outside Rothman's Miami Restaurant, across South Miami Avenue from the Miami Herald building.

Ray Bandrimer, 56, of the Herald's mailing room, said he was outside the restaurant when he saw Rothman, a close friend, being held up.

Edwards Poirer, a restaurant patron, said Rothman picked up a hammer from under his cushion and charged the holdup man. The

latter fired three shots. Rothman slumped down beside his cash register near the restaurant door.

Bandrimer said he grabbed Pait by the arms.

"I wrestled him out the door and we fell on the sidewalk in the rain," Bandrimer said.

Edward Downs, another Herald employe, joined Bandrimer in kicking and punning Pait and Patrolman P. A. Falsigatore, who happened by on his beat, handcuffed the bleeding man.

"Hey, I didn't do nothing, I didn't shoot nobody," the captive cried.

ILED IN OCTOBER
Police said Pait told them he escaped from North Carolina State Prison last October after serving 11 months of an eight year sentence for forgery.

Rothman was robbed of \$250 Tuesday night. Witnesses said the restaurant man was reluctant then to hand over his receipts until the robber threatened to shoot him.

Maria Cole, a waitress, said the same man staged both holdups.

In Raleigh, N.C., the State Prison Department said Jesse C. Pait of Dublin, N.C., escaped prison in March, 1954, to serve sentences totaling five to seven years for forgery. Since that time, he picked up additional sentences of two to four years for forgery and a total of 18 months for escape.

Bus Drivers Guard Late-Duty Fellows

By DICK BAYER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
A city bus driver who was robbed at shotgun point this week said today a group of fellow drivers have organized for protection against night holdups.

Curtis Outen, 344 Richard Dr., said he last night a car of three or four armed off-duty drivers stalked between the end of the Double Oaks route and the Biddleville route, meeting buses at these terminal points.

He said the drivers remained in the auto until the circuit was started again.

Outen was robbed of \$50 about 9:45 p.m. Tuesday as he waited at Newland Ave. and Double Oaks Rd. On Monday night, another driver, L. C. Johnson, 2218 Orion St., was robbed of \$127 by a pair of shotgun handoffs while he was waiting in his bus at the end of the Biddleville route.

Both drivers described two Negroes, believed to be the robbers.

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Wine, Mollet Predict Peace

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower and French Premier Mollet today expressed "common conviction" that a solution in the Middle East "can be achieved by peaceful means, in conformity with the principles of justice and internal law."

Ending three days of talks aimed largely at repair of Franco-African relations, Eisenhower and Mollet in a joint statement reaffirmed a United Nations declaration of last October calling for "free and open transit" through the Suez Canal "without discrimination."

The President and the French Premier made no reference in the communique to mounting hopes for withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Aqaba area without resort to U.N. sanctions against Israel.

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Hutchins Case Reconsidered

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
CAMDEN, S. C.—Six men originally charged in the Guy Hutchins' flogging case will face another Grand Jury indictment on the original charges.

Solicitor T. Pou Taylor has notified the Grand Jury's eight indictments against the men handed down last week. He will ask the Grand Jury to hear the evidence in the case in the June term of Superior Court. In effect, he is asking the jury to indict the men on the original charges or to throw the case out of court altogether.

Last week the six men saw charges greatly reduced against four of their group and charges against two others tossed out.

There has been agitation here for a renewal of the original charges and Solicitor Taylor has submitted the matter for further consideration.

Daughter's Return Asked By Parents

BELLMAWR, N. J. (AP)—Police said today they were working on several leads but that there were no hard developments in their search for little Mary Jane Barker, believed to have been kidnaped.

The four-year-old child disappeared last Monday morning while she was at play in a yard near her home in this southern New Jersey town of about 5,500.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barker, appealed yesterday for her safe return.

CHURCH SUGGESTED
The distraught mother asked neighbors to give the widest circulation to her request that Mary Jane "be let at any church."

"We promise from the bottom of our hearts to do all that we can to keep you from harm," the mother said, addressing herself to the one she feels sure abducted the youngest of her three children.

The father, a department store radio and TV manager, joined in the prayerful appeal.

The chief of the Barkers was especially acute yesterday. It was Mary Jane's birthday—her fourth. Today is the father's birthday. It was to have been a fine week, with a joint celebration.

Mrs. Barker, weeping, emphasized there is still time to get the child home for a celebration.

"Won't you please give us the only birthday present we want?" she pleaded. "Won't you please bring Putzey back?" Putzey is the family nickname for Mary Jane.

Police said they could find no motive for kidnaping.

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Bellmawr police said they knew nothing of the priest's story.

Action Delayed On Driver Bill

RALEIGH (AP)—Action was delayed on proposed laws which would change driver's license revocation provisions. The delay came after Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ed Scheidt told a committee studying the proposals that North Carolina had the best driver's license program in the nation.

The two bills, introduced by Sen. Ed Owens of Washington County, would give the state a law which provides for the suspension of driver's license upon a second conviction of speeding within 12 months. The bill would make the second offense of speeding within a year punishable by a fine of \$25 and a third or subsequent conviction punishable by a minimum of \$50.

The proposed law "would throw out the very wonderful program" the state now has, Scheidt said. Present laws work very well he said.

Scheidt said he felt the issuance and withdrawal of the licenses "should be in the same agency" under one authority. This would provide a uniform and fair standard, Scheidt said.

"The fact that a person's license can be taken away if he is caught speeding twice in a year," provides a good driver attitude" and gives people "the incentive not to violate" the speed law again, he said.

A "tremendous portion of the people get only one conviction," Scheidt said.

WEATHER

Cloudy and mild with rain today and tonight. Rain ending tonight. Cloudy and cool Friday.

Low this morning—56
Low tomorrow morning—40
High today—52
High yesterday—70
High tomorrow—55
Sunrise today: 6:34 a.m.;
sunset today: 6:13 p.m.

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