

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS ***** FINAL

Largest Evening Newspaper In The Two Carolinas Charlotte, North Carolina, Monday, February 4, 1957 24 Pages — Price Five Cents

STATE TAX STRUCTURE BIG ISSUE

Inauguration Of Gov. Hodges Slated Thursday

RALEIGH (AP) — Faced with a host of perplexing problems, Tar Heel legislators began arriving in the capital city today to make ready for the start of their biennial session Wednesday and the Governor's inauguration Thursday.

Traditional pomp and ceremony will mark the two days as Gov. Luther H. Hodges is sworn in for four more years in the office he inherited 27 months ago upon the death of Gov. William B. Umstead.

Bands will play, troops will march and cannon will boom a 19-gun salute as Hodges, who was elected governor in his own right last November, becomes the first governor to succeed himself in modern times.

Following party caucuses tomorrow night, the legislators will begin their session on Wednesday, the Senate at 11 a.m. and the House at noon. The members will take their oath of office, the house will elect its speaker, and the Senate a president pro tem.

MOST IMPORTANT

The legislators probably would agree with Gov. Hodges in his estimate that proposals to give the state's tax structure a thorough going over will be the most important single problem facing the General Assembly this session.

But there are other problems. Appropriations always cause plenty of debate. In connection with this, teachers and state employees are expecting pay raises, but how much and how it is to apply—on a merit basis or across the board—will be a big problem.

Others include a long list of government reorganization proposals including separation of the Prisons Department from the Highway Commission and reorganization of the Highway Commission itself.

Then there is the thorny problem of reapportionment to bring legislative representation in line with population statistics. Highway safety proposals including mechanical inspection of motor vehicles, blood tests for drunk drivers and driver education, and the perennial demand of dry forces for a statewide liquor referendum.

IN BACKGROUND

The special session of the Legislature last summer which adopted the "Fearful" plan with the school segregation problem being a major problem in this session, but the issue lurks in the background, laden with dynamite and liable to explode at any time.

Major changes in the state's tax structure were proposed by the State Tax Study Commission after a long study. They have received the governor's all-out support. But tax changes always create controversy, and the issue may make Gov. Hodges' prediction of a short, harmonious legislative session go glimmering.

At the Democratic party caucuses tomorrow night, the party's Rep. J. K. Doughton of Allegheny is expected to be nominated for speaker. Sen. Claude Currie of Durham has been mentioned as likely choice for Senate president pro tem. Mrs. Annie Cooper of Raleigh is expected to be named as principal clerk of the House and Ray Byerly of Sanford as principal clerk of the Senate.

JOKE WASN'T SO FUNNY AFTER ALL

WHITTIER, Calif. (AP)—It seemed like one of those typical, time-honored, harmless wedding gags.

After Allen and Diane Watts were married, the bride's party were married to the bride's mother for a reception.

One of the family friends, Dan Dinkerson, who happens to be a Sheriff's deputy, asked the newlyweds to close their eyes for a surprise. They did and he snapped handkerchiefs on them.

Everyone laughed, even the bride couple thought it was funny for awhile. Alas, Dinkerson discovered he didn't have the handkerchiefs with him.

That's why the boys at the Newark sheriff's station were surprised to have the entire wedding party descend upon them. The embarrassed Dinkerson led the way, to free his friends.

Evening Prayer

Almighty God, by whose Providence we have been brought to another week; assist us to enter this week in such companionship with Thee that nothing unforeseen shall sever us from Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

37 MINERS DIED IN EXPLOSION



Dr. Schulten in Moscow

Remains Mystery Soviet 1st Deputy Not The Sick Man

MOSCOW (AP)—Soviet officials and diplomatic sources today discounted a report that a mysterious patient in a Moscow hospital is Soviet First Deputy Premier Lazar M. Kaganovich. But there still was no disclosure of the sick man's identity.

It was pointed out that Kaganovich, a member of the Soviet Presidium, has been on a "grass roots" tour of Siberian cement plants recently. The German doctor reported that the unidentified patient had been ill for at least two weeks.

The opening tomorrow of the Supreme Soviet, Russia's Parliament, was speculation the patient might be Foreign Minister Dmitri Shepilov, ailing for nearly two weeks. High Soviet officials said the sick man was not Shepilov or any member of the Communist party's powerful Presidium, successor to the old Politburo.

Foreign Ministry spokesman said Shepilov had recovered and was resting near Moscow.

The New York Daily News said in a dispatch from Washington that the mysterious patient was Soviet First Deputy Premier Lazar M. Kaganovich and that he was shot in a behind-the-scenes struggle for power in the Kremlin.

The sheriff said Arndt admitted taking the whiskey over a period of 8 months. The sheriff said Arndt sold whiskey from the shelves, pocketed the money and replaced the whiskey by removing bottles from cases stacked in the storeroom. The sheriff also quoted Arndt as saying he took a few bottles for his personal use.

The ABC store reopened this morning after being closed during the investigation which began Saturday.

Our Weather

Considerable cloudiness and rain with scattered showers this afternoon. Partly cloudy and turning colder tonight and Tuesday, with a chance of occasional light rain.

Low this morning — 51
Low tomorrow morning — 50
High today — 65
High yesterday — 64
High tomorrow — 58
Sunset today — 8:20 a.m.
Sunset today — 5:35 p.m.

More Weather Data On Page 2-A See 37 on page 2-A

—'WE DECIDED TO DRAW A LINE'— 69-Cent Theft Brings Friends

proportions," had become so bad that he had hired two private detectives. Theodore Edlow said he made up his mind the next case would be prosecuted "no matter who it was," said the storekeeper talking interrupted.

"Usually, when you make a hard and fast rule, the wrong case comes along." The storekeeper replied: "We decided we had to draw a line, whether it was a 12-year-old or an 82-year-old." He recited the facts calmly, speaking with an air of justification.

9 Bodies Recovered In Virginia

BISHOP, Va. (AP) — A rumbling gas explosion trapped and killed 37 miners to-day in the cavernous Bishop Coal Mine that straddles the mountainous Virginia - West Virginia line.

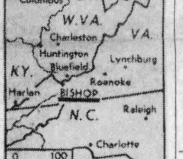
The blast touched off a point mine in the miles of catcombs that straddle the Virginia-West Virginia line. It jammed an elevator in the shaft on the Virginia side requiring rescue operations to a second entrance two and a half miles away in West Virginia.

Word of the disaster brought anxious friends and relatives of the miners to entrances on both sides of the state line. And before their vigil was eight hours old a joint company from West Virginia Mines Dept. statement dashed most hopes.

NO SURVIVORS

"Less than 40 (of the total 184 underground) were involved in the explosion, and of this number there are no survivors," the joint statement said.

A spokesman for Peconahs Fuel Co. owner of the mine, said



(AP PHOTO) SITE OF MINE BLAST

He thought the explosion occurred in one of the mine's three sections where 42 men were at work. At the time the blast sent dust laden air whirling through the tunnels, 184 men were underground.

First aid and temporary morgue facilities were set up at the West Virginia entrance.

A dispatcher, R. P. Meade, said the rescuers had heard no cries from any of the missing nor had they been able to make any contact.

The last company officials talking from the miners by telephone called at 4:30 a.m. when Raymond Owensby called with the information his section was all right providing the smoke and fumes ceased.

The mine is located in Tazewell County, one of six mountainous southwest Virginia counties declared a disaster area by President Eisenhower last week after a winter called. Trail quoted the mine, however, was not flooded.

He was at the mine's tipple after taking two hauls of miners to their underground workings when a miner called. Trail quoted the

There was a pause. Edlow said: "Forgive me for being so cold-blooded, but something has to be done."

The policemen, who had offered earlier to pay the ransom, turned their eyes back to Magistrate Talkin. With difficulty, he tried to get the old woman's side of the story.

DOESN'T EAT MEAT

Mrs. Canoles broke down. She admitted taking the meat. She said she didn't know why that she didn't even eat meat. She was a widow living alone, she said, and wanted to pay a fine and go home.

"I treat an old youngster the same as I do a young youngster," said Magistrate Talkin. His ruling, probation before a verdict, which meant that the woman would not have a conviction on her record.

Teacher Strike Closes N. H. Schools

MANCHESTER, N. H. (AP)—The 409 public school teachers in this largest New Hampshire city went on strike in a wage dispute today and the city's 24 school buildings were closed.

"No classes are in session; they have been cancelled until this problem is settled," said school Supt. Dr. Augusta M. Nichols.

In an effort to halt the first teacher strike in the city's history, city officials prepared to ask for a temporary Superior Court restraining order forcing the teachers to return to work. The mayor said teachers are

violating their contracts with the city.

Some of the city's 9,200 public school students reported to the two high schools and 22 elementary schools this morning but they were sent home when no teachers appeared.

"Dr. Nichols said classes had been scheduled today despite a warning by the Manchester Teachers Guild that no teachers would report."

By an 8 to 5 vote, the school board issued a last-minute order that the teachers would be placing their contracts in jeopardy if they failed to appear. In several elementary schools,

officials organized special safety patrols in an effort to make sure that youngsters returned to their homes safely.

The Manchester Teachers Guild said the teachers would not report to the city's two high schools and 22 elementary schools after last minute attempts to negotiate a wage increase collapsed last night.

However, John Conway, vice chairman of the school board, said there would be school for Manchester's 9,200 pupils whether there are teachers present or not.

About two weeks ago the mayor and Board of Aldermen

Anti-Trust Violations Charged To 12

By JOHN BORCHERT Charlotte News Staff Writer

A federal grand jury here today indicted 12 manufacturers and distributors of automatic sprinkler systems on charges of violating anti-trust laws in the sale and installation of sprinkler systems.

The indictment named as defendants the following firms listing their headquarters offices: Crawford Sprinkler Co., General Automatic Sprinkler Co., and Industrial Fire Protection Co., all of Charlotte; Viking Sprinkler Co. and High Point Sprinkler Co., both of High Point; Nash Automatic Sprinkler Co. of Graham; and McCray Automatic Sprinkler Co. of Greenville, S. C.

Also Blaw-Knox Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Grinnell Co. Inc. of Providence, R. I.; Automatic Sprinkler Corp. of America of Youngstown, Ohio; Rockwood Sprinkler Co. and Globe Automatic Sprinkler Co., both of Philadelphia, Pa.

Blaw-Knox, Automatic Sprinkler Corp., Globe and Grinnell all have branch offices in Charlotte. The indictment charges that the defendant sprinkler companies have engaged in a conspiracy to allocate customers for sprinkler systems in the states of North Carolina and South Carolina.

And the indictment alleges that

What's Inside

- Business 11A-9B Classified 9-11B Comics 8B Crossword Puzzle 4A Earl Wilson 7A Editorials 6A Everyday Counselor 9B Obituaries 10A Radio-TV 10A Serial 10B Sports 2-9B Theaters 10A To Your Good Health 4A Women 4-9B Worry Clinic 7A Buy only Vat-Bye Blue Jeans! They're colorfast—the color lasts. At your favorite store.—Adv.

9 BODIES RECOVERED IN VIRGINIA



JOHN MANTON, 3-year-old hunter, went looking for rabbits late Saturday and got lost. Over 1,000 persons scoured the area in Marietta, Ga., where he was last seen. He was found 15 hours later and returned to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Manton. A doctor said John was in good condition except for a slight cold.

Teacher Strike Closes N. H. Schools

MANCHESTER, N. H. (AP)—The 409 public school teachers in this largest New Hampshire city went on strike in a wage dispute today and the city's 24 school buildings were closed.

"No classes are in session; they have been cancelled until this problem is settled," said school Supt. Dr. Augusta M. Nichols.

In an effort to halt the first teacher strike in the city's history, city officials prepared to ask for a temporary Superior Court restraining order forcing the teachers to return to work. The mayor said teachers are

violating their contracts with the city.

Some of the city's 9,200 public school students reported to the two high schools and 22 elementary schools this morning but they were sent home when no teachers appeared.

"Dr. Nichols said classes had been scheduled today despite a warning by the Manchester Teachers Guild that no teachers would report."

By an 8 to 5 vote, the school board issued a last-minute order that the teachers would be placing their contracts in jeopardy if they failed to appear. In several elementary schools,

officials organized special safety patrols in an effort to make sure that youngsters returned to their homes safely.

The Manchester Teachers Guild said the teachers would not report to the city's two high schools and 22 elementary schools after last minute attempts to negotiate a wage increase collapsed last night.

However, John Conway, vice chairman of the school board, said there would be school for Manchester's 9,200 pupils whether there are teachers present or not.

About two weeks ago the mayor and Board of Aldermen

Officials Say Ike Supporting Guard

WASHINGTON (AP)—National Guard officials quoted President Eisenhower as saying today he will "not permit the Guard to be destroyed or materially reduced in strength."

Serving as spokesman for four representatives of the National Guard Assn. who met with the president's Secretary of Defense Wilson, Reckord told newsmen Eisenhower "realizes the value of the Guard and will see that it is maintained."

The delegation called at the White House in the wake of a controversy touched off last week when Secretary of Defense Wilson contended some Guard enlistments during the Korean War were "a sort of scandal" a "draft dodging business."

DECISION PROTESTED

The Guard group protested to Eisenhower against a Pentagon decision to make enlistees take six months of basic training. The Guard wants training held to 11 weeks for enlistees below the minimum draft age of 18.

This dispute seemed likely to come up for discussion before a House Armed Services subcommittee which met to question defense officials about the lagging Army reserve program.

Eisenhower last week called

Teacher Strike Closes N. H. Schools

MANCHESTER, N. H. (AP)—The 409 public school teachers in this largest New Hampshire city went on strike in a wage dispute today and the city's 24 school buildings were closed.

"No classes are in session; they have been cancelled until this problem is settled," said school Supt. Dr. Augusta M. Nichols.

In an effort to halt the first teacher strike in the city's history, city officials prepared to ask for a temporary Superior Court restraining order forcing the teachers to return to work. The mayor said teachers are

violating their contracts with the city.

Some of the city's 9,200 public school students reported to the two high schools and 22 elementary schools this morning but they were sent home when no teachers appeared.

"Dr. Nichols said classes had been scheduled today despite a warning by the Manchester Teachers Guild that no teachers would report."

By an 8 to 5 vote, the school board issued a last-minute order that the teachers would be placing their contracts in jeopardy if they failed to appear. In several elementary schools,

officials organized special safety patrols in an effort to make sure that youngsters returned to their homes safely.

The Manchester Teachers Guild said the teachers would not report to the city's two high schools and 22 elementary schools after last minute attempts to negotiate a wage increase collapsed last night.

However, John Conway, vice chairman of the school board, said there would be school for Manchester's 9,200 pupils whether there are teachers present or not.

About two weeks ago the mayor and Board of Aldermen

S. C. Teachers Think About Forming Union

GREENVILLE, S. C. (AP)—The Greenville Piedmont said today that with prospects dim for a sizable increase in pay, some groups of school teachers were talking to the formation of a union.

This became known as the Ways and Means Committee of the State House of Representatives prepared to submit its appropriations bill next week, including an increase equal to about 4 per cent for the teachers themselves, the paper said.

Asked about the reports of a proposed teacher union, Dr. L. P. Hollis of Greenville said, "Yes, there has been a good deal of talk. I feel it should be a last resort, however."

TWO FORMS

The "union" is being discussed in two forms, the paper said: 1. Possible active affiliation with the CIO-AFL. Some inquiries have been made as to how this might be done.

2. A statewide organization of teachers which in effect would be a union. This second course appears the most likely in the event "strike" action is taken, the Piedmont said.

—WITS, GUNS SAVED HIS LIFE— Indian Fighter Dies In Bed

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Harry H. Halsey, 96, trail driver, Indian fighter and author who credited his long life to numerous guns and the ability to use them, died quietly in his home here yesterday.

Halsey, who said he got his first six-shooter when he was 7, was born Oct. 1, 1860, in Clarksville, Tex., and ranched in Texas and New Mexico many years.

Later he became an author and wrote nine books, including an autobiography, about life on the cattle trails in the 19th century.

"I realize now," he wrote in 1941, "that for three decades, from 1870 to 1890, the habit of

being well armed saved my life on several occasions."

By the age of 11, he was a regular hand helping his father drive cattle north from Texas. He once helped drive a herd down Commerce Street here when Fort Worth was a frontier town.

Halsey said one of his closest scrapes came on Christmas Eve, 1880, in southwestern New Mexico.

He had driven his stock into a small valley with only one entrance and bedded them down.

Near midnight he spotted a group of Apaches riding toward him in the moonlight.

Halsey said he mounted his horse, held the reins in his teeth and fired a six-gun in his hands as he charged the group. The Indians, believing a large band was attacking them, scattered a stage coach.

Halsey, who moved here from Labock in 1888, turned to writing when his trail days were over. He had nine books on Western lore published.