

## No Books On Teamster Finances

# FINANCIAL RECORDS DESTROYED

## —4 FIRE DANGERS FOUND— Is Huntersville School Hazard?

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In 1953 the educational consultants told the County School Board in its long-range planning report.

A program for provision of panic bolts should have a high priority in a maintenance and modernization program.

"This is a relatively costly program in view of the deficiencies that were found."

"However, there has been a long experience in this field to prove that lives can be lost if panic bolts are not installed and in good operating condition."

The report said panic bolts are required on all exterior doors, including those that lead from corridors, cafeterias, auditoriums and other places of public assembly; and in particular, for all doors leading to emergency fire exits.

Some panic bolts were installed in the modern new section at Huntersville constructed after the Engelhardt report.

Jack Alexander, chief of the Huntersville Volunteer Fire Dept., yesterday accompanied a News reporter and photographer to the four schools serving the Huntersville area.

"It worries me," he said at the Huntersville high school where the old main building is used by about 330 students in grades four through nine. "I don't think these people ever saw anyone burn to death."

Mr. Alexander said he first inspected the buildings last October during Fire Prevention Week when firemen were asked to check equipment.

His chief complaints now are:

1. Use of pot-bellied stoves in a four-story frame primary building at Torrence-Lytle (Negro) school and in the Agricultural Bldg. at Huntersville Junior High School.
2. Insufficient number of fire extinguishers in the four schools.
3. Lack of fire exits for handicapped children—the junior high school, the primary building of Torrence-Lytle, and North Mecklenburg High School.

NOT ALL DOORS

Although the new high school is completely modern and fire-resistant, Chief Alexander said it does not have panic bolts on all exterior doors.

In new construction, both at Huntersville Junior High and Torrence-Lytle, classroom doors open into the corridors, the chief said. "That's not good," he said, "in case of an emergency."

The 1953 Engelhardt report describes the Huntersville School situation this way:

"The two-story main building has wooden interior stairs. The building is U-shaped with a mezzanine in the middle. Fire exits are provided from the rear of each of the wings. These exits lead down to an intermediate level where the boiler room and the toilets. There is a walkway across this roof leading to a common fire escape from the center of the intermediate level."

CLEAR HAZARD

"This represents an unusually clear and distinct hazard."

The interior auditorium in this non-fireproof building has poor exit facilities. The balcony exits are even worse. The balcony should be closed immediately, and no use of this space should be allowed."

The report further recommends that children be removed from the second floor as soon as possible and the second floor closed off permanently.

Chief Alexander said there is not one fire extinguisher on the second floor.

The Engelhardt firm recommended the main building be replaced over a period of time and that "the first construction should include enough classrooms to remove the children from the second floor of this building."

County School Supt. J. W. Wilson said they thought they could move these second floor children when the new addition was built, but increased enrollment prevented it.

The enrollment at Huntersville School in 1953, according to the report, was 441 children. There are approximately 520 students in the school now, according to the principal.

In addition to the main building and the new unit, Huntersville has a gymnasium and an agricultural building.

The one fire extinguisher in the gymnasium was in the



Potted Stove Needs Sand Box, Fire Extinguisher.

## News' Story Leads To Ban Of Balcony Use At School

After reading today's report in The News of conditions at Huntersville Junior High School, County School Supt. J. W. Wilson announced he had ordered a ban on the use of the balcony at the school.

Mr. Wilson said he called the principal at Huntersville and instructed him not to seat students in the balcony until further notice. He said it would be unwise to close off the balcony because it was built as a passageway from one wing of the building to another.

Mr. Wilson had been shown a copy of The News' report of a fire at the school building by reporter Ann Sawyer and the Huntersville fire chief.

Mr. Wilson said further in commenting on the news that school officials "have been working on the safety program here for 12 years. It's not our problem," he said, "but we solved the majority of problems involving sanitation and safety B.E. — before Engelhardt."

"We had solved, or we were in the midst of solving, problems before the Engelhardt report," he said. "We don't take Engelhardt as comprehensive. He's not the last word and his recommendations are not the only solutions."

"We're glad to have the recommendations, and we use them," Mr. Wilson said he will try to get an architect and an insurance expert study conditions existing at the schools and plan a program for the future.

Mecklenburg County, he said, has come a long way in its entire school program in the last 10 years. In 1943, Dr. N. L. Engelhardt and school committee recommended the use of panic bolts to assure that doors would open in an emergency.

## Oregon Labor Official Tells Of Space Lack

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reginald (Reg) Mickless, secretary-treasurer of Portland Ore. Joint Teamsters Council No. 37, testified today that most of the council's financial records wanted by Senate racketeers investigators have been destroyed.

Mickless was the first witness called on the 10th hearing day of investigations into an alleged plot by some Teamsters Union bosses, public officials, a n.d. underworld elements to control Portland vice profits.

Mickless said that most financial records of Council No. 37 for the period from mid-1954 to mid-1956 have been destroyed — "to make more office space."

He said financial records for the period from 1937 to 1954 were intact.

The committee expected to put William M. Lauchey, Multnomah County (Portland) district attorney on the witness stand later as the day's major witness. Lauchey has been linked to the alleged plot in testimony from earlier witnesses.

Mickless also said most of the union's correspondence files have been destroyed.

GOSE TO ASIA

He said all of the discarding was done at his orders by a woman employee, a Dorothy O'Brien, who now is "some place in Asia."

A burst of laughter came from the spectators in the crowded hearing room at that testimony.

"Well that's true," Mickless explained.

The alleged attempt by teamster officials to "muscle in" on Portland racketeers embraced the period from mid-1954 to mid-1956.

James B. (Big Jim) Elkins, described by the committee as the Portland "underworld king," has testified that two Seattle gamblers, Tom Maloney and Joe McLaughlin, were sent to Portland in connection with the alleged effort.

One reason the committee wanted the financial records was to check on any payments to Maloney and McLaughlin.

Elkins, who says he is talking arranged for secret recordings of conversations.

Mickless appeared before the committee accompanied by Warren Magee, Washington, D. C. attorney. Magee also was counsel for Clyde Crosby, Teamsters Union Oregon boss, during Crosby's testimony Friday and yesterday.

## Ike Leaves Budget Cuts To Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said today he will do as much as possible but tie up Congress to determine how and whether the administration's \$71,600,000,000 budget can be reduced.

The president also told a news conference he has abandoned tentative plans to go to Florida for his beach vacation.

He said that instead he plans to leave probably tomorrow night for Bermuda by Navy cruiser.

Eisenhower will spend four days at talks in Bermuda with British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan March 21. The president said he plans a leisurely cruise to Bermuda.

Barring any last minute change in plans, Eisenhower will sail from the Navy Yard at Norfolk, Va., tomorrow night.

Eisenhower's remarks regarding budget cutting were in reply to a request for comment on House passage yesterday of a resolution asking the president to cut out where the administration's budget can be cut substantially.

The resolution, merely a statement of the House's position, has no force of law. The vote was 317-107, with 107 Republicans dissenting.

Asked what he plans to do about that House call for advice, Eisenhower said he knew that he would have no objection to re-examining the budget, and added he will be just as happy as the case in trying to find ways to cut spending.

But he went on to say it is Congress which authorizes specific projects and provides the money to finance them and for that reason it is up to Congress to decide where any cuts should be made.

Eisenhower made one suggestion — that Congress move to eliminate the Post Office Department's deficit by providing for greater mail revenue.

## Van Doren Gets Salary Increase

NEW YORK (AP) — Charles Van Doren, winner of \$129,000 in television quiz show appearances, is getting a \$109-a-year salary increase as a Columbia University instructor.

The pay boost, effective July 1, will make his salary \$41,500 a year. But tax authorities estimate that he will be able to keep only about \$28,750 of his combined winnings and old salary.

Computations indicated the Federal Government would collect \$95,622 and the New York State Government, \$8,983 in income taxes for 1957, for a total of \$104,605.

As a bachelor, the English literature teacher is entitled to a Federal Government single person exemption of \$600. He can also deduct a lump sum of \$1,000 in lieu of contributions, interest and such items.

Against the first \$100,000, the federal tax levy would be \$67,228. From the rest, 89 per cent, or \$28,302, would be due.

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## Favors Council Plan Chamber Directors Get Annex Report

By JULIAN SCHEER  
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The board of directors of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce was scheduled to receive a report today from a special committee which suggests adoption of the City Council's recommendations on city limits extension.

Directors, meeting at 12.30 at the Barringer Hotel, were expected to act on the recommendations today.

The special committee submitted its report to the executive committee of the Chamber yesterday and it was passed on to the board of directors today for consideration.

BOARD HAS SAY

Only the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce could express the Chamber's official position on the non-annexation issue.

The report of the special committee suggests the Chamber of Commerce should approve the act to amend the charter of the City of Charlotte—as to provide for the extension of the boundaries of the city.

It also adds that the Chamber should recommend to the qualified voters of the city and the territory to be added that they vote for the extension of city limits on Apr. 29, 1957.

20 MILES INVOLVED

The City Council recommended extension of approximately 20 square miles.

The special committee's report states that the committee felt it was not advisable that it recommend exceptions or exclusions.

Other conclusions reached by the special study committee:

That the proposed extension of the city limits leaves for separate and special action matters pertaining to the operation of the schools whether under a consolidated system or under the separate jurisdictions of city and county boards.

That the city of Charlotte has built water and sewer facilities under investigation by a county board.

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## New Police Setup Studied in Horry

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CONWAY, S. C. — The Horry County legislative delegation is considering introducing a bill to set up a county police department. The News learned today.

The police department would take law enforcement duties away from the county sheriff's department, which has been under fire from editor Horace Carter and under investigation by a county grand jury.

State Sen. James Stephens of Conway told The Charlotte News and the three South Carolina House members from Horry County have discussed such a move, but have reached no definite agreement yet.

"I can't tell you for sure whether it will be introduced or not," he said.

Rep. Lloyd B. Bell said the bill was first suggested when the grand jury convened here to probe editor Carter's published accusations of widespread wrong doing in the department of Sheriff John Henry.

The grand jury adjourned yesterday after hearing that a federal grand jury would take up the trail of alleged corruption March 23 in Aiken.

A couple dozen witnesses were left cooling their heels in the hall as the county panel abruptly ended its investigation with no recommendations one way or the other.

In all, some 70 witnesses were subpoenaed. Nearly 50 were heard. Among those who didn't get a chance to talk were Alan Schaefer and H. C. Keels Jr., owners of rival juke box companies to Cecil Bulfinch's Horry Music Co.

Carter's charge that some deputy sheriffs were pressuring Myrtle Beach amusement operators into changing companies set off the grand jury investigation.

PURVIS IN PROBE

Schaefer and Keels hired ex-G. M. Melvin Purvis — the FBI agent who killed gangster John Dillinger — to run a private investigation into just what was going on along the Myrtle Beach strand.

Purvis is now back at his job in Florence, running a TV station.

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## Our Weather

Pretty cloudy today and considerable cloudiness tonight and tomorrow.

High yesterday	75
Low expected today	51
High expected tomorrow	72
Low this morning	51
Low expected tomorrow	53
Sunrise, 6:38 a.m.; sunset, 6:30 p.m.	

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## Revision Of Roads Body Nearing End

RALEIGH (AP) — Legislation to reorganize the State Highway Commission took a big leap toward final passage today when a Senate-passed measure won the blessing of House House Committee.

The bill, providing for a 12-member Highway Commission instead of a 15-member body as at present, probably will come up for House action tomorrow and could be enacted into law Friday if the Senate concurs in minor amendments placed in the bill by the House committee.

Senate Roads Committee, meanwhile, has given its approval to several measures making minor changes in the state's traffic laws.

RAPID MOVE

The highway reorganization measure was recommended by a study commission and has the hearty endorsement of Gov. Hodges. It has moved rapidly through the legislative mill since the administration agreed to compromise amendments last week.

The House Roads group had earlier passed a measure by Representative Dan R. Simpson of Burke to insert in the Senate-passed bill a strict ban on political activity on the part of Highway Commission employees.

When Simpson offered an amendment to this effect, Rep. George Uzell of Rowan won't table the amendment and the majority was adopted. Uzell said he had been impressed by remarks

made by Highway Commission Chairman A. H. Graham, who appeared before the committee last week. Graham said he saw no reason to single out the highway reorganization for a "no politics" ban.

Under the reorganization measure, the seven highway commissioners would come from two distinct sections of the state but they would be instructed to represent the state as a whole. However, the state would be divided into geographic areas with one or more commissioners assigned to each area in order to hear pleas from the public regarding highway matters.

Bills approved by the Senate Roads Committee would: (1) regulate parking on public school grounds; (2) allow the Highway Commission to designate one-way highways with violators subject to a fine of up to \$10 and 30 days imprisonment; (3) make two hearing stations apply to places off the highways where the public generally is permitted to drive; (4) require steering gear on auto to be maintained in good working order; (5) allow the motor vehicle commissioner to prescribe specifications for safety belts installed on cars; (6) allow the installation of more than two headlights on cars; (7) eliminate a \$10 minimum fine for a number of minor traffic violations and (8) make it unlawful to dump trash within 150 yards of paved highways.

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## Evening Prayer

O God, who doth not lead us above a level path but ever upward, may we not be so spiritually content with what we are that we lose Thee as Thou dost beckon us to Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen