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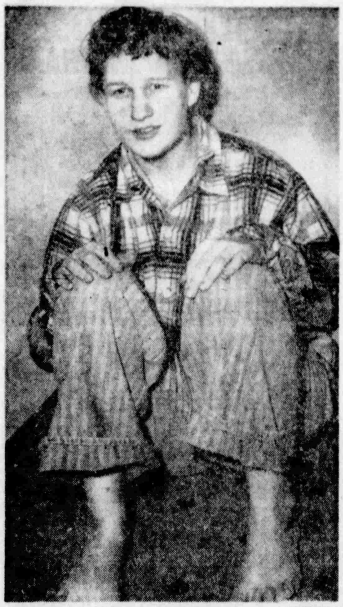

(AP Photofax)

Confessed Michigan Baby Slayer Madeline Allred

Kidnaped Child Found Drowned

DETROIT (AP) — Three-year-old Patricia Tiernan, who was kidnaped from her home in Pontiac yesterday, was found drowned last night in a bathtub at a small hotel in Detroit.

Police said they found the body after following directions given by a teen-age baby sitter who was picked up for loitering near the Southern Michigan Prison at Jackson.

State police in Jackson arrested Madeline Allred, 18, of Pontiac, after a prison guard reported he saw her run out of the prison lobby and hide under a car in the parking lot.

State troopers Roger Rivard and Donald Kirt said Miss Allred was undergoing routine questioning when suddenly she blurted out:

"But I did kill a baby down in Detroit today. I held her under water for two hours."

The troopers quoted her as saying, "I always had an urge to kill people." Then, they said, she gave the room number of a hotel in Detroit where Patricia's body could be found.

As police in Jackson questioned Miss Allred, they heard over the police radio that she was wanted as the baby sitter who had disappeared with Patricia from the home of the child's parents.

Road Commission Revamping Okayed

RALEIGH (AP)—The General Assembly today completed action on the first piece of major legislation of the 1957 session as a measure to reorganize the State Highway Commission was enacted into law.

There was little discussion as the Senate agreed to House amendments to the bill and sent it speeding to the enrolling office.

Passage of the measure represented a victory of sorts for the Hodges administration. The governor strongly backed the bill which provides for a 7-member highway commission instead of the present 15-member body. The governor has stated repeatedly he wants a highway commission which would look at the needs of the entire state.

COMPROMISE MADE

However, administration forces agreed to compromise amendments to avoid what promised to be a stiff fight over the measure. The amendments were designed to keep the commission in contact with the people and their highway needs.

The bill provides that highway commissioners are to "represent the state generally and not any particular area." However, the amendments provide that the commissioners shall come from "different areas of the state" and the state is to be divided into separate geographic areas with one or more commissioners assigned to these areas to be "responsible for relations with the public generally and with individual citizens regarding highway matters."

The commission would be required to hold public hearings in various sections of the state and would have to hold at least three meetings a year at points outside Raleigh.

The bill provides for a director of highways to be the commission's top administrative officer and specifies that the director shall be a "career" official.

Six Remain

WINSTON-SALEM — (AP) — Six young children burned in a fire that destroyed the Flat Rock Elementary School at Mount Airy Feb. 22 still are in Baptist Hospital here, two in critical condition.

Two others, their hands still bandaged, were released yesterday. Eight children were brought here, victims of the fire that claimed two lives, a student and a heroic teacher. Some 20 children were injured.

Still in critical condition but reported improved are Marsha Ann Semones, 9, and Frank Hensley Jr., 10.

Large Bite Taken Off Ike Budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Appropriations Committee today slashed $516,993,300 from the $5,923,195,000 in new funds President Eisenhower requested for 18 miscellaneous agencies.

It was the biggest cut, moneywise, made by the committee on four bills it has sent to the House this year. The funds are for the fiscal year starting July 1.

If the House upholds the committee next week, it will have cut 660 million dollars from presidential requests totaling about $10,300,000,000 to date. On the three previous bills, none of which has passed the Senate, the House has followed its committee's recommendations without change.

Major slashes imposed by the committee in the independent offices appropriation bill were $206,657,700 from Veterans Administration funds, $71,700,000 from the Civil Defense Administration, and $165,239,400 from the General Services Administration.

VA CUTS

Reductions recommended in VA allotments included $4,068,000 in operating expenses, $1,293,200 in medical administration and miscellaneous funds, 7½ millions in hospital construction and replacement programs, 149½ millions in compensation and pension funds, and $41,473,000 in readjustment benefits. Congress frequently has cut these funds in past years only to restore them subsequently in supplemental bills.

There was no cut in the 705 millions requested for operation of the VA hospital program, which includes 173 hospitals expected to provide care and treatment for an average of 140,800 veterans in 1958.

Neither was there any reduction in the 179 millions requested for outpatient medical and dental care for veterans with service-connected disabilities.

In reducing funds for new hospital construction, the committee called for an end to what it described as "the gingerbread and waste that often characterizes VA hospital construction." The funds allotted provide for 18 projects next year, the two largest being at Nashville, Tenn., and Jackson, Miss.

NO ADDITION

The committee denied all requests for additional automobiles and for increases in travel allowances for government personnel.

The Civil Defense Administration received only $39,300,000 of 130 millions it requested, $71,700,000 of the cut being in funds for stockpiling emergency supplies and equipment. The committee said the government already has on hand or on order 219½ millions in such supplies, some of which are six years old and many of which are "poorly located from the standpoint of availability."

There was no cut in the 16 million dollars Eisenhower requested for his disaster relief fund, which is used to help states and local governments during major disasters.

Largest slash in GSA allotments was 111 millions in funds for stockpiling strategic and critical materials. The committee approved 19 millions for the purpose, commenting that inventories now are estimated at $7,200,000,000 with 81 per cent of min-

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A FUNCTIONAL fog? Yes, that's what we had in Charlotte today. It covered the city like a proverbial blanket, but Photographer Jeep Hunter found one spot where even the Chamber of Commerce would have applauded the unusually unwelcomed intruder. At Charlotte's drab Southern train station, the fog rolled in like a Florida-bound express. But there were no tears over the poor weather—or the poor visibility. Arrivees in Charlotte never really found out what our station looked like.

Teamster Official Denounces Racket Charge As Fantastic

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frank W. Brewster, chairman of the Western Conference of Teamsters, today denounced as "absolutely fantastic and completely untrue" charges that he and other union officials conspired to control rackets in Portland, Ore.

Brewster, testifying before the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee, pictured himself as victim of a "smear campaign" by Portland racketeer James B. (Big Jim) Elkins and others.

Reading from a 21-page prepared statement, Brewster told the committee the evidence against him "consists mainly of hearsay, rumor, and insidious innuendo." He attacked the genuineness of voice recordings which Elkins says he secretly made.

Brewster said that "with few exceptions" his accusers in the hearings have been underworld characters whose testimony "can be and was used to create the impression that the Teamsters may have engaged in illegal practices in Portland."

"I have never conspired with anyone at any time or place . . ." Brewster said.

BRAND BREWSTER

He contended there has been testimony about "trivial events which, when linked together with the perjured testimony of Elkins," unfairly seemed to brand him.

Specifically, Brewster denied allegations that he had accepted $10,000 from Stanley Terry, a Portland tavern operator, to let Terry get union "stickers" for his pinball machines and call off pickets who, Terry said, were preventing delivery of supplies to his place.

For the most part, Brewster read his statement in a monotone with little emphasis.

VOICE ROSE

But his voice rose slowly and finally reached almost a shout as he denied even knowing of talking with Terry, or asking or receiving money from Terry.

Brewster said he had never asked for any sum from anybody for "influence" to get a union contract.

As for Elkins' testimony that he and Brewster once were allied in a plan to take over the Portland underworld, Brewster said that far from conspiring with Elkins "I threw him out" on the only occasion he said Elkins ever visited his office in Seattle.

Reading from a prepared statement, Brewster said:

UNDER OATH

"As to the alleged conspiracy on the part of the Teamsters or any official or employe thereof to engage in any racket in Portland in connivance with any public official of that city, I will make

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Sweet Day Turns Sour For Cop On His Beat

NEW YORK (AP) — To tone down an old saying, the road to Hades is paved with good intentions.

The scene was Union Square, yesterday. The city basked under a warm sun and spring-like temperature.

Patrolman Robert Stark benignly patrolled his beat. Traffic on the busy square, at 14th St., was no more snarled than usual. It was a day for pleasantries, for being happy.

THEN IT STARTED

Then a motorist started his car. A blood-curdling screech rent the balmy afternoon air. Stark raced to the scene. A cat streaked from beneath the auto, where it had been napping. The animal's neck had been sliced by the fan blade after the motorist pressed the starter button.

Enter a kindly woman pedestrian. She scooped up the cat, wrapped it in her scarf and entered a taxicab to rush it to an animal hospital. Once inside the cab, the cat went wild. It leaped blindly between the front and back seats. The woman and the cabbie couldn't get hold of it.

HELP! HELP!

The driver appealed to Stark for help. Stark telephoned the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He also summoned an emergency crew from his E. 22nd St. station house.

The emergency squad arrived first. The cat, finally ousted from the cab, ran off and disappeared.

Meanwhile the cabbie's taximeter had been running. It pointed to 90 cents. The driver demanded payment from the woman. She refused. There was an argument, and Stark took over. He escorted the woman and the cabbie to the station house.

There, tempers abated and the cabbie agreed to waive payment. He and the woman — neither identified — parted with friendly words. Stark went back to his beat, trying to recapture the charm of a lovely afternoon.

High Winds Drift Snow Up To 10 Feet

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A destructive snowstorm leveled fresh blows at the Midwest today in the form of winds up to 50 miles an hour with hundreds of persons already stranded and scores of schools shut down.

Six highway deaths were directly attributed to the storm which dumped up to a foot of snow in some parts of Minnesota. Long stretches of highways were impassable. Drifts piled up as high as 10 feet in northern Minnesota.

FANS STRANDED

Nearly a thousand basketball fans from Brainerd, Minn., were unable to get back after attending a high school basketball game in Moorhead to the west. Hotels, motels and private homes there and in neighboring Fargo, N. D., were jammed by the overflow.

Bus travel in northern Minnesota was at a virtual standstill. Highway crews trying to plow open the roads were met by wind-driven snow that held visibility to near zero.

A 100-mile wide strip from Sioux Falls, S. D., to Duluth, Minn., lay under an average of six to eight inches of new snow. Snowfall had diminished today over most of the state but the northeastern section braced for more.

SNOWED IN

Hibbing in northern Minnesota was totally snowed in. Mail and milk deliveries were canceled. Cars were unable to move. Drifting snow choked highway travel in practically all of Minnesota's iron Range region of which Hibbing is the center.

POWER DISRUPTED

Travel was curtailed and in many places halted. Telephone and power service was disrupted and schools were closed. At least a dozen small towns in northwestern Iowa were isolated when communications were knocked out. Similar conditions were reported in other parts of the storm belt.

About 300 of the 500 persons attending a high school district basketball tournament at Rolfe, Iowa, were forced to spend the night in the school gymnasium because of snow-blocked and icy highways.

Snow measured up to 6 inches in sections of Minnesota and Iowa and blizzard conditions continued for parts of Minnesota and North Dakota.

COLD AIR SPREADS

As the storm headed into the upper Great Lakes region, cold air spread across most of the central part of the country. Temperatures were more than 30 degrees lower than 24 hours earlier in many places and were far below freezing in the storm zone.

The cold air dipped as far south as Oklahoma. Chicago felt the sting of the icy air as the mercury dropped from a high of 71 yesterday to below freezing this morning.

Along the leading edge of the cold front, thunderstorms broke out yesterday from the Kentucky-Tennessee area northward to extreme Upper Michigan.

Tornadic winds struck Illinois, with a twister hitting Purkville and Sidney in the east central part of the state. Several buildings were damaged and trees uprooted, but no persons were injured.

Meanwhile, springlike weather continued in the eastern quarter and western third of the country.

Long Life? Keep Your Plans Short

LOUISVILLE, Ky. —(AP)— "I never make no plans, the Lord might have somethin' to say about that."

That has been Jim Beason's philosophy for 100 years, as of today.

Mrs. Rittie Beason, who married Jim almost 65 years ago, nodded agreement when he said, "We raised 12, 10 of them our own. Then two other kids we took in to raise."

His wife smilingly added: "Jim's raised 13. He took me to raise, too. I was just 15 when we were married."

The aged Negro admits "I liked it better on the farm, near Lewisburg, down in Logan County. But it's all right here." The couple came to Louisville 16 years ago to be near their eight living children, the oldest 61.

There is one birthday present Beason would like.

"You know, people usually save up what good things they have to say about you for your funeral. Then they throw a lot of flowers around an' put you in the ground.

"I'd kinda like to hear some of them things before I'm dead. It won't do me no good when I'm gone."

Will Chimp Make Monks Of Artists?

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—Berkeley artists battled to a clamorous draw last night on the issue of exhibiting the artistic creations of Betsy, Baltimore's finger-painting chimpanzee.

The only thing settled was a decision to take a look at the ape's handiwork, or footwork. A painting will be flown out from the Baltimore Zoo for critical inspection at a meeting next Wednesday.

The idea of exhibiting Betsy's painting was broached Monday by Nora Hampton, director of the annual sidewalk art show just outside the University of California campus June 28. Miss Hampton had read that Betsy's paintings have been selling for $25 to $50 per canvas.

Charles Modecke, San Francisco Bay area abstractionist, expressed indignation and said he wouldn't exhibit if Betsy did.

"No chimpanzee," he added, "is going to make a monkey out of me."

Last night, before a standing-room-only crowd at Berkeley Women's City Club, artist Lorraine Crawford sized it up this way:

"We are unalterably opposed to, and cannot tolerate, and owe the public an apology for the idea of putting local artists in competition with a chimpanzee which is what Betsy is."

Others said well, what the heck, it was the American way to give Betsy her chance.

Advised that a sample of Betsy's work was forthcoming, the 65 artists voted that the question be left up to a six-member jury after a close inspection of the handiwork, or footwork, on canvas.

Schools To Get Fire Safety Checks

By ANN SAWYER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Fire prevention surveys are in the works today for both city and county schools in the wake of a series of Charlotte News Stories pointing to potential fire hazards in schools.

Some county schools, including those in the northern area of the county, are being checked today by J. D. Morgan, assistant superintendent, and R. S. Barden, maintenance supervisor.

County school board members will discuss fire prevention action when they meet Monday at 10 a.m.

City School Superintendent Dr. E. H. Garinger has called for an inspection of all older school buildings in Charlotte.

The News articles cited unsafe situations in schools of both city and county systems. Among them was the absence of panic bolts in some schools.

Asked if he has further information on the use of panic bolts or safety locks for school exits, Mr. Wilson said he will give his information to the school board Monday morning.

NO COMMENT

He declined to make a statement about the use of either safety device for exterior school doors.

Dr. N. L. Engelhardt in 1953 strongly recommended the use of panic bolts at all exterior doors. The bolt is a bar across the door that when pushed slightly opens the door.

Panic bolts have been used in much of the new construction. But safety locks, which can always be opened from the inside, even if the door is locked, have replaced old style locks and have been used in some new construction.

R. Lacy Ranson, county school board member, yesterday said he thinks the board should conduct an exhaustive study to see which device is safer.

SOME SCHOOLS

Fire inspection reports made by county volunteer firemen in some schools were turned over to Mr. Wilson yesterday afternoon by John Auten, president of the Mecklenburg County Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Firemen over a week ago voted to complete the inspections and to hold fire drills in the schools.

Dr. Garinger has called for an overall inspection of older city schools. He is asking the help of the City Fire Prevention Bureau and the City Building Inspection Dept.

A spokesman for the fire prevention bureau said the bureau is glad to cooperate. Its responsibility mainly is maintaining exits and supervising fire drills.

The building inspection department has the responsibility of enforcing building codes.

Dr. Garinger today said many of the city buildings were constructed under codes which were in effect at the time. They have changed throughout the years, he said, and the city has attempted to keep these buildings safe.

PANIC BOLTS

They have installed panic bolts, he said, and stair wells have been installed where needed.

Careful attention as been given to exterior doors to see that they open out instead of in, he said.

Mr. Wilson said a program to maye county schools safer started in the system about 13 years ago. Safety measures have included putting safety locks on exterior doors, cutting new exits, installing fire escapes, replacing and sanding floors, which had been soaked with cleaning oil for years, and rewiring.

Pay Talks Set

RALEIGH (AP) — North Carolina vocational, agriculture and home economics teachers will meet here tomorrow to discuss a proposal that would remove a pay differential in their favor.

Vocational teachers now receive about $11 monthly more than other teachers.

Jeff Denny of Dunn, publicity director of the North Carolina Assn. of Vocational Teachers, said the teachers are full time employes who work all day, nights and Saturdays.

Evening Prayer

As we close the door upon this week, Our Father, we would commune with Thee. Forgive us wherein we have failed Thee. Wherein we have served Thee well, unto Thee be the glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Weather

Cloudy and warm with light rain this morning, becoming partly cloudy and cooler with scattered showers and thunderstorms this afternoon. Partly cloudy and cooler tonight and Saturday.

Low this morning	55
Low tomorrow morning	42
High today	72
High yesterday	62
High tomorrow	68

Sunrise today, 6:34 a.m.; sunset today, 6:50 p.m.

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