



Never Mind The Chill-- It's Spring



Like Spring, I Am Slow Getting Started . . .

Youngsters' Song Sets Tone For The First Day

By JULIAN SCHEER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
"Pussy willow, soft and gray,
"We are glad you came today,
"When you whisper in my ear,
"Then I know that spring is here."

This is a song of spring. You won't find it copyrighted or published or in a Broadway musical, but you could have heard it sung in Charlotte today.

A reporter heard it sung by 20 high, fresh young voices in a first grade classroom.

OFFICIAL SALUTE
It was a salute to spring which officially breezes into Charlotte at 4:17 p.m.

The youngsters' lyrical ode to spring set the mood for a bright day—the kind of day you like to think about for the first day of spring.

Miss Harriet Orr's first graders, however, welcomed the day in their own way. They wrote the song of spring about the pussy willow.

Miss Orr let them make up the words and the music. Then a music teacher came into their classroom and wrote their notes on the blackboard.

All day the youngsters sang the song.

Down the street ways, Arthur Howard, a 65-year-old iron man, trimmed an East Blvd. yard.

To him the first day of spring meant eagerly growing grass on the lawns of a score of homes he keeps beautiful. He paused for a moment and leaned on his lawnmower and wiped his brow with a handkerchief pulled from his "Red Camel" overalls.

It was wet already for W. M. King.

Fireman King wore boots as

he washed a deputy fire chief's bright red car at the 4th St. fire house.

Ride out past Fireman King's wash stand and the city turns into a picture as bright and colorful as Grandma Moses at her best.

The trees are budding, the bushes are red and yellow and pink, and pale jonquils line walks and flower beds. Lawns are neatly manicured and house painters appear everywhere to be trying to match the spring meanness.

A man walks down the street carrying a floor washer . . . workmen pressure a new walk at Queens College . . . cattle graze at Thompson Orphanage, frantically of brave black birds . . . spring clothes air on many clotheslines . . . a postman delivers seed catalogues . . . billboards have a spring theme . . . and a florist shop displays Easter bunnies.

Macmillan Arrives In Bermuda

TUCKER'S TOWN, Bermuda (AP)—British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan flew into Bermuda today for urgent talks with President Eisenhower on the Middle East crisis and half a dozen other world issues.

Eisenhower, winding up a week's health cruise on the guided missile cruiser Canberra, was due here six hours later.

Macmillan's big double-decked Stratocruiser from London touched down at Bermuda at 9:59 a.m.

Within 15 minutes after landing Macmillan set out for the Mid Ocean Club where he and Eisenhower and their foreign ministers will do their talking for the next four days.

REBUILD PARTNERSHIP
One of their chief purposes is to try to lay some practical basis for rebuilding the British-American partnership which has been a cornerstone of the free world alliance since the end of World War II. The partnership was virtually wrecked by the Middle East crisis last fall.

Diplomats said top priority in the talks had to go to the most urgent aspects of the Middle East crisis involving Israel and Egypt.

Macmillan was expected to ask the President to exert more vigorous and determined American leadership. The British are reported to feel that American policy has been lacking in decisiveness and depended too heavily on the United Nations.

Other Middle East problems slated for discussion include the operation of the Suez Canal and relations with Egypt and Syria. The Arab states most closely linked to Russia.

In addition a review of western relations with Russia, the prospects for further freedom pressures in eastern Europe, the strength of the North Atlantic Alliance and possibility of modifying the trade embargo with Red China are set for debate.

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THE MOURNFUL face belongs to Lenfield Jutzak who, as a champion, has little reason to be sad. The 14-month-old Bassett hound has won three best of show

awards. Her companion is Ellen Benefield, 4, daughter of owners Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Benefield of Tuisa. Ellen simply calls her pet "Julie."

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Did Gov. Knight Get Union Cash?

WASHINGTON (AP)—Frank Brewster testified today the Teamsters Union made a campaign contribution to Gov. Goodwin J. Knight of California, and later interceded with Knight to get Charles Tait of Seattle appointed as San Francisco's port director. The amount of the contribution was not immediately brought out.

The testimony came in the 14th day of hearings by the special Senate Rackets Investigating committee. It was the third straight day on the witness stand for Brewster, the Western Teamsters boss.

Brewster himself opened the line of questioning which led to his testimony on a union campaign contribution to Knight and Tait's appointment.

Brewster had testified yesterday that he bought a pair of binoculars at a Seattle store for Tait. The witness opened up this infor-

One worker, who was only 23 feet from the site of the blast, escaped unharmed.

ing by saying he wanted to "correct" his Tuesday testimony.

He said that while he bought the binoculars with the intention of giving them to Tait, because Tait was a friend of the Teamsters Union, he wasn't sure that Tait ever received them.

Brewster said he certainly had intended to make clear to Tait that the glasses were a union gift.

MADE CONTRIBUTIONS
Brewster went on to testify that the union made a \$2,000 campaign contribution when Tait ran for port commissioner in Seattle in 1954. He said Tait was elected but no provision was made to appropriate money for the position.

Kennedy then asked whether Brewster had spoken with Gov. Knight about a job for Tait in San Francisco.

"I believe I might have written a letter, I'm not sure," Brewster said. "I may have talked with him. I believe we discussed his qualifications."

Brewster added then that the Teamsters Union had made a political contribution to Knight.

As today's hearings proceeded, time was running out on the committee's demand that President Dave Beck of the Teamsters furnish it with his personal financial records.

Consolidated System Seen In 'Few Years'

By CHARLES KURLAT
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The City School Board today approved "the idea" of merging the city and county school systems.

The board agreed unanimously to study consolidation with a view toward bringing it off in the next few years.

Some sample comments from board members:

Douglas Aitken: "It's a worthwhile move."
Al Bechtold: "I'm in favor of it."

J. P. Halston: "I'm too — but we must be careful not to allow any dilution of our present standards."
Ben Horack: "It's coming sooner or later. Look at the ridiculous situations we're always getting into in our building programs — where the county is afraid to build a school in the perimeter area, leaving annexation with it to do."

The action was touched off by a resolution passed this week by the County Commission, requesting school officials to investigate the possibilities of merging the city and county systems.

In other areas, the board:

1. Raised the pay of substitute teachers from \$7 a day to \$10 a day; the additional three dollars to be paid by the school board.

2. Approved Charlotte College director Miss Bonnie Coe assurance she will meet with Board of Higher Education officials in Raleigh Monday to agree on a Charlotte College money bill to be presented to the General Assembly.

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2 Die As Fire Hits Apartment

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Flames raced through a frame apartment building today and killed two persons.

Another person was taken in critical condition to a hospital. Six others suffered from smoke inhalation.

The dead were tentatively identified as James Johstone, 60, and Ann Johnson, 50.

Twelve Installments—News Plans 'Sanity' Series

One of the most interesting—and most misunderstood—topics of the day will be examined in a new feature starting Monday in "The News."

"Keeping Our Sanity," a feature exploring the new thought in the field of psychiatry and mental health, is written by Howard Whitman.

The series comes in 12 provocative installments:

1. Time to stop coddling neurotics.

2. The psychiatrist pushes his couch.

3. What's driving us crazy?

4. The office neurotic.

5. "Can't do a thing with my child."

6. Don't be a jellyfish parent.

7. The neurotic wife.

8. The neurotic husband.

9. Chemical warfare against our mental ills.

10. Pills to change our minds.

11. Sex and sanity.

12. Mental health, the common sense way.



HOWARD WHITMAN

Foard Announces For Council Race

Ernest Foard, a Charlotte native and a general contractor here for 30 years, today announced his candidacy for City Council.

In his first bid for public office, Mr. Foard said he will seek a place on the municipal governing board on the April 29 primary and May 7 election.

Son of a contractor, Mr. Foard has been in the building business here for nearly 30 years. A veteran of World War I during which he served as an infantry man of the 81st Division in France, Mr. Foard is a past commander of Hornets Nest Post of the American Legion.

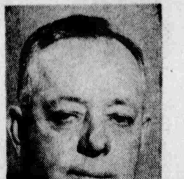
A member of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church, he has been a steward for 15 years. He is also a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Shrine.

Mr. Foard is married, the father of four children and he and his family reside at 1959 Wendover Rd.

The municipal campaign is expected to pick up interest in the next few days.

Male members of the City Council hold an informal meeting last night and outlined a schedule of announcements which will begin tomorrow.

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MR. FOARD

For the primary, the five male members seeking re-election will run as individuals and each will make an individual announcement for his return to City Hall. Indications were that Council

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... But I'll Soon Be Rolling, Says Martha Campbell