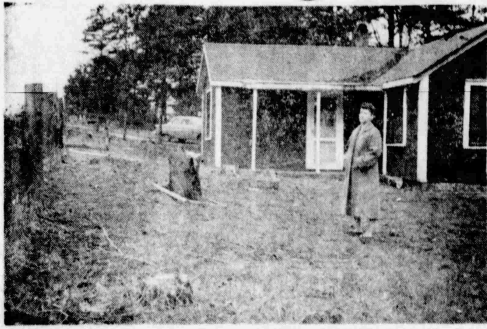


A \$400 'MISTAKE'

15 Pine Trees And Progress



Mrs. Kennedy Sadly Surveys Stumps In Wake Of The Bulldozers

By CHARLES KURALT
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Progress comes to a town and it sweeps all obstacles aside. Little creeks are spanned by big bridges. Boulevards slice through pine groves.

And every now and then somebody's toes get stepped on.

That's what happened to Mrs. Fred Kennedy.

They're building the new Highway 16 past a house Mrs. Kennedy owns on Bellhaven Dr., a roughly-paved narrow street north of the city.

SHADE & BEAUTY
It's not a very big house. But it had a beautiful stand of pine trees growing in the yard. They had been growing there for 20 years and they gave the little house shade and some measure of beauty.

"The State Highway people cut them down," Mrs. Kennedy said. "They had a line of stakes. A bulldozer came along and they tore down the fence and saved down the trees. The bulldozer was heading for the living room when it came running down here and stopped them."

"It was a mistake," Division right-of-way engineer W. J. Murray said today. "The bulldozer was supposed to take trees on the other side of the road. We're sorry about it. We offered Mrs. Kennedy \$400 for damages."

"I don't want \$400," Mrs. Kennedy said. "It's nowhere near enough for those trees. How can I rent my house now?"

NOT A WORD
"They didn't say a word to me about it. They didn't say anything to anybody on this street. They just came in and cut the trees down."

"All this happened a couple of months ago. Ever since then, Mrs. Kennedy has been wondering what to do."

"We're not rich people by any means," she said. "We live on the street and we rent the house down for \$45. They've ruined the looks of the yard. It just doesn't look right. I've read about Russia and then to have this happen here..."

Engineer Murray said a Charlotte Board of Realtors committee appraised the damage and recommended \$400 damages. "That's what we offered," he said.

Mrs. Kennedy says a neighbor was told he'd have to move. So he bought a lot in Derita, moved his rose bushes, and then was told there was a mistake, that his house wouldn't be moved after all.

BOUND TO HAPPEN
"It was just a misunderstanding," Mr. Murray said. "These things are bound to happen once in a while."

And so they are. When progress comes to a town, 15 pine trees must not stand in the way.

"I came home from work that night," Mrs. Kennedy said, "and the moonlight was shining on the house. I realized the trees were down."

She stood on the porch of the little house. A baby cried inside.

"I sure did like those trees," she said. "I wouldn't have had them cut down for anything."

"I wouldn't either," said Engineer Murray.

But soon Highway 16 will be in, and paved, and the people in the cars that rush past will not notice the absence of 15 pine trees in front of a three-room house. They will be going too fast.

Egypt Bans Canal Use To Israel

FROM AP REPORTS
Israeli forces today began their withdrawal from the last territory in Egypt but Egyptian officials said that Israeli ships are barred from using the Suez Canal.

The Egyptian government's position is that it still is at war with Israel even though an Israeli military spokesman said all troops, except a garrison of 100 men and women, were being withdrawn.

Finnish troops of the U. N. moved in from the Sinai Peninsula for the takeover. Israel said its small garrison would remain for only a few days to complete removal of equipment.

The Egyptian ban on Israeli shipping was expected to hurt the Israeli and French-British trade on Egypt last fall.

PROTESTS SEIZURE
The owner of a Dutch coaster, the 49-ton Vidala, has protested against seizure of his cargo bound for the port of Haifa. Up to now the protest to Egyptian authorities has produced no result. The Vidala has been held at Suez since last October.

Two small ships started moving through the canal today, and Egyptian officials said they would permit removal of two remaining major obstructions that would open the canal to medium-size ships for the first time since early November.

The Canal authority announced last night that the canal would be open at daybreak to ships of less than 500 tons.

Under the authority's rules the two small ships did not have to pay tolls, because they are under 300 tons.

The Canal Authority officials were closed today and there was no confirmation of reports that it would demand payment of all tolls to Egypt—including tolls for passage of British and French ships—when the canal is open to normal shipping. Before the canal was closed, the Egyptians claimed the right to the tolls, but permitted them to be paid into accounts blocked in London and Paris.

The semi-official Middle East News Agency reported that Egypt finally would give permission to U. S. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, U. S. salvage chief, to go ahead with removal of the two big blocks in the 103-mile channel.

TIME TO RETIRE
PETALUMA, Calif. —Traffic officer Edward Gilmore retired today after 15 years of service. Over the years he had given traffic tickets to the mayor, city judge, all six members of the City Council — and Mrs. Gilmore.

Our Weather
Cloudy with occasional rain, changing to snow or sleet tonight, Saturday clearing and continued cold.

Low tomorrow morning 28
High today 40
High yesterday 48
High tomorrow 43
Sunrise today, 6:44 a.m.;
Sunset today, 6:25 p.m.

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When's Vehicle Not Vehicle?
—WHEN IT'S BULL FIDDLE—

OXFORD, England — An Oxford University student learned a basic traffic fact today — his bus fiddle is a vehicle.

A amateur musician Toby Jessel faced the same problem that for years has troubled busmen — the instrument is too big for taxis and too heavy to carry.

PROBLEM NOT SOLVED
"I thought I'd solved my problem by attaching a small, rubber-tired wheel to the bottom of the instrument," Jessel said. "In any way I could push it along the sidewalks."

Evening Prayer
Almighty God, who hath led us into times that try men's souls; grant that in these Lenten weeks we shall so search our souls that tried by Thee, we may not be found lacking. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

State Student Rioting Fueled By Tear Gas



Police restrain students as man changes tire.

27 Called To Court In Raleigh

RALEIGH — Some 27 North Carolina State College students were arrested last night during a riot which erupted as basketball fans were leaving the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament. The students are to be tried in City Court today on breach of the peace charges.

Police Lt. H. T. Bailey Jr. said four police officers on the scene at the start of the demonstration used tear gas in their effort to quell the demonstrations in which several hundred students participated.

He said he got the impression the students were irked because basketball fans had parked their cars so as to block the student dormitory parking lots.

Lt. Bailey said the riots broke out around 11:30 p.m., calmed down, and then erupted again after midnight.

He said he arrived on the scene about 12:45 a.m. There were about 300 students in the street about a block from Reynolds Coliseum, scene of the basketball tournament.

AUTO DAMAGE
"They were disorderly, throwing rocks and damaging cars and using some of the worst language I ever heard," said Bailey. "There were gangs of about 50 boys," he added, "and when we broke one up a new one would form."

Witnesses at the earlier demonstration said the officers had to bat the demonstrators away so that some of the basketball fans could get their cars out. They reported two cars were overturned, and four officers on duty at the start were reinforced by other police officers, highway patrolmen and deputy sheriffs until a force of about 25 were on duty.

Bailey said students slashed automobile tires with knives, and broke windshields with rocks, and let air out of tires. He said one officer was hit on the arm by a brick.

He said tires were cut on about 6 or 8 cars and 3 windshields were broken, including one police car.

One officer, Charles Sweekest, was slightly harmed on the hand by tear gas, and another, W. D. Miller, was scratched on the nose in a scuffle.

The State Prison Department furnished a bus which the police used in hauling some of the students to the police station. About 10 of the students were jailed briefly while the officers were bringing a riot under control. Each this morning all 27 students were released in the custody of a state college official.

Others Aid 'Woman In Ministry'
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A Louisville woman is finding it difficult to carry on her unique "ministry of sympathy," but the task is being taken up by others all over the country.

For more than five years, Mrs. Louise Kniss has been bringing comfort to bereaved persons who are listed as survivors in obituaries and death notices printed in local newspapers.

She regularly spends four to five days a week looking up addresses and sending the survivors—many of them in other states—one or two religious tracts, offering hope and encouragement.

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Illness Is Fatal To Jack Blythe

F. J. (Jack) Blythe, 68, Mecklenburg's state senator until he retired last month, is dead.

He died of a cerebral hemorrhage at his Sharon Lane home last night.

Head of Blythe Bros. Construction Co., one of the South's largest, Mr. Blythe entered political life in 1948, when he filled the unexpired Senate term of his brother, Joe L. Blythe.

He was elected to that office in 1953 and in 1955. He resigned Feb. 5, the day before he was to have been sworn in, on the advice of his doctor.

ILL AT SUPPER
While eating supper last night, Mr. Blythe complained of feeling ill. He went to his bedroom where he lapsed into a coma from which he never regained consciousness. He died at 9:30 p.m.

Funeral services for Mr. Blythe will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dr. Lawrence I. Stoll, the pastor, will officiate, assisted by Dr. W. M. Boyce, pastor of Sarris Presbyterian Church, and Dr. W. W. Boyce of Due West, S. C.

Palbearers will be the following nephews: Sam F. Blythe, Joe L. Blythe Jr., Harry F. Wolfe Jr., Harold Richardson, Claude Ives, Dr. Basil M. Boyd Jr., and Ben



JACK BLYTHE

gram of Florence, S. C. Honorary palbearers will be the board of commissioners of Memorial Hospital and officers of Trinity Church.

The body will be at Harry & Bryant Chapel in the Oaks until the funeral hour.

It was the sudden resignation of Mr. Blythe from the political scene that brought on the struggle between Rep. Jack Love and attorney Spencer Bell for his vacated seat last month. Mr. Bell was elected to fill the vacancy by the Mecklenburg Democratic Executive Committee.

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Ike Planning Florida Rest

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower hopes to go to Florida about the middle of next week for sun and exercise to help him overcome a head cold, cough and inflamed ear.

Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told reporters today that the lingering cough seems "a little better this morning."

He said Eisenhower still has a slight inflammation in the inner ear but isn't using a cotton plug he had in the ear yesterday.

The Chief Executive's head cold also remains.

At the time of the announcement it had been raining for hours in Washington. The weather had been generally damp for weeks.

Hagerty told reporters, it is the hope and expectation that Eisenhower will fly to Florida for five or six days before going to Bermuda March 20 for conferences with Prime Minister MacMillan of Great Britain.

"Nothing 'has flared up,'" Hagerty said, but the White House is looking for a head cold, cough and inflamed ear.

The reason, Hagerty said, is that it would take five, six or seven hours for the President to get back to Washington from such an area, if the need arose, whereas he could fly back from Florida in two and a half or three hours.

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So You Think Your Vote Counts

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