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Not Adultery

EDINBURGH, Scotland—(AP)—A Scottish judge ruled today that a wife who gave birth to a test tube baby after separating from her husband had not committed adultery.

Blast Kills Three

YOKOSUKA, Japan—(AP)—Three U. S. Navy men were killed and two critically injured today in a catapult explosion aboard the attack aircraft carrier Bataan, the Navy said.

Cabinet Resigns

CARACAS, Venezuela—(AP)—The entire Venezuelan cabinet resigned at midnight last night. President Marcos Perez Jimenez was expected to announce a new cabinet soon.

Indictments Ready

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Indictments in a double slaying at Washington, D. C., and kidnapping in Virginia are ready for Russell Wayne Carpenter when the 21-year-old man appears today for a U. S. commissioner's hearing.

Impact Blunted

LONDON—(AP)—Soviet Premier Bulganin's proposal for summit talks today blunted the impact on western European opinion of President Eisenhower's call for peace through strength.

Youth Quizzed In Fire Series

CHAPEL HILL—(AP)—Authorities planned further quizzing of a 14-year-old boy, a psychiatric outpatient at Memorial Hospital here, in connection with a rash of fires that broke out around the university campus last night. An unofficial estimate from authorities this morning placed the toll in the flames that swept through the WUNC-TV studios at the university's Swan Hall at nearly \$200,000.

Russell Secrest, deputy state fire marshal of Raleigh, joined local police and Fire Chief S. Boone in the investigation of seven different fires, all within 300 yards of the communications center at Swan Hall.

LONG SESSION

"They said they questioned the boy for several hours last night, finally releasing him in the custody of his mother and his psychiatrist about 3:30 a. m. The suspect, spotted near the scene of several of the evening's blazes, is not from Chapel Hill, but has been living here recently for out-patient counseling in the department of psychiatry at the hospital.

He was seen leaving the Carolina State Penitentiary today.

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Proposed Budget Calls For Raised Ceiling On Debts

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Eisenhower will send to Congress Monday a missile age budget calling for \$73,800,000,000 more in spending and an increase in the federal debt ceiling, government informants said today.

The new budget, covering the 1959 fiscal year starting next July 1, will be precariously balanced, as Eisenhower hinted in his State of the Union message yesterday.

But the President will notify Congress that the supposedly balanced budget for the present government year is now expected to show a small deficit instead of a planned \$15-billion-dollar surplus, officials disclosed.

TWO FACTORS

Eisenhower reportedly will attribute the return to deficit financing to two factors: (1) A \$1,300,000,000 increase in scheduled defense department outlays; and (2) a drop of about a billion dollars in estimated revenues, caused by declining business profits and personal income.

The deficit will be well under half a billion dollars, informants said, but the return to red ink is a major disappointment to the administration. Only three months ago the administration announced it would have its third balanced budget in a row.

The same causes—faster military spending, slower tax collections—will oblige Eisenhower to seek a temporary "slight" increase in the \$75-billion-dollar ceiling on the public debt, administration sources said.

The expected budget request of close to \$4 billion dollars will be about two billions higher than Eisenhower's original estimate for this fiscal year and roughly one billion higher than this year's actual outlays.

This will represent the highest federal spending since World War II. Former President Harry S. Truman had a bigger budget in 1953, conflict over the Korean War, but his \$54,000,000,000 budget included highway spending and Eisenhower's does not. A separate highway trust fund was established under a 1956 law.

The President told Congress there will be substantial steps in outlays for missiles, nuclear ships, atomic energy, research and development, and science and education.



Today's Weather

Fair today and tonight, partly cloudy tomorrow.
Low tomorrow morning—29
Low tomorrow morning—30
High today—43
High yesterday—43
High tomorrow—38
Sunrise today 7:32 a. m.; sunset today 5:29 p. m.

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Rockefeller Asks 'Drastic' Defense Change

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nelson A. Rockefeller told investigating senators today a drastic overhaul of defense machinery and goals must be taken now to assure our survival.

He said this was the unanimous opinion of some 50 national leaders who participated in a study of the present defense mechanisms and long-range policies. Rockefeller testified before the Senate preparedness subcommittee which has been probing deep into U. S. missile, satellite and weapons programs. The inquiry was touched off by the success of Soviet Sputniks and indications the Russians are ahead of this country in rocketry.

10-15 YEAR LEAD

Rockefeller said this nation, as a leader of the free world, faces critical decisions in the next 10 to 15 years in the field of international security.

He said the study panel set up by a family foundation he heads will have later reports on political, economic and human aspects of these problems.

Chairman Lyndon B. Johnson (D-TEX.), introducing Rockefeller to the subcommittee, said the Rockefeller recommendations for strengthening defenses already had been put into operation.

Rockefeller said the non-governmental study was made by a panel of 50 members, which included a cross section of national leadership. He said its conclusions represented the thinking of more than 50 persons.

U. S. CAN AFFORD IT

Rockefeller said the panel felt that the United States could afford increased spending for such things as education and health and still care its military deficiencies.

But he said the major effort must be concentrated now on meeting what he called "two sobering threats"—one coming from the Communist push for world domination and the other from a rapidly developing weapons technology which could destroy mankind.

Rockefeller said the panel felt the United States in the next year or two would have the capacity to meet any Russian military moves.

Parents Lose Case Appeal

RALEIGH—(AP)—The State Supreme Court today upheld the action of the Greensboro City Board of Education last fall in assigning six Negro children to previously all-white schools at Greensboro.

The Greensboro board's action had been challenged by several white parents.

The Supreme Court affirmed the action of Superior Court Judge L. Richardson Preyer who dismissed the appeal of the white parents.

In an opinion written by Associate Justice William B. Rodman Jr., the Supreme Court said Judge Preyer was correct in dismissing the action.

ATTEND SCHOOL

The six Negro children have been attending the schools to which the board assigned them since school opened last September.

Justice Rodman wrote, "If a parent is dissatisfied with the operation of the school because of the assignment of another pupil to that school, his remedy is to request reassignment of his child, not to appeal the assignment of the other pupil." Rodman added that to give the assignment law the interpretation claimed by the white parents "would be contrary to the declared intent of the (Pearsall) committee which recommended the passage and would raise grave question as to its constitutionality."

Will's Wife Worth More Than Posies

BIRMINGHAM, England—(AP)—William S. Goode promised publicly today to quit dallying with dahlias if his runaway wife will return to his bed and board.

Goode, a 31-year-old dahlia fancier who has won many prizes at flower shows, told the newspaper Mrs. Goode vanished on Dec. 30, leaving a note which said:

"Dahlias, dahlias, dahlias—I am fed up with them. Breakfast, supper and bedtime that is all I have had to hear."

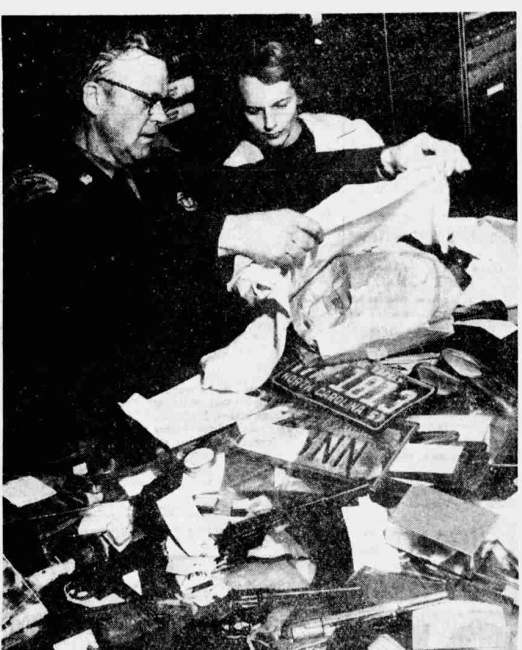
"I am sure now," said Goode, "that my wife just got fed up to the back teeth with my dahlias. If she will come home, I will give them up. I realize now that my wife is more important than my dahlias."

Mrs. Goode is 52 "but looks more like 40," he said.

Her name is Daisy.

Evening Prayer

O Lord God, the Father of us all, whenever I seek Thee, Thou art there: whatever I do, Thou art with me. Let Thy grace grow in me this day that my heart may rest in Thee and my life be used in Thy service. For Jesus' sake. Amen.



Maj. D. T. Lambert of the State Highway Patrol and free lance magazine writer Carolyn Cain of Charlotte examine gun and other items found in automobile Wetzell allegedly was driving when two patrolmen were slain.

Wetzell Change: From Shy Weeping To Polite Alertness

ROCKINGHAM—Frank Edward Wetzell has changed.

There was no startling jolt. He shifted in his personality and attitude. But slowly, almost inconspicuously, he emerged from his own murder trial a different man.

On Dec. 9 he was led—almost pulled—through a crowd to a preliminary hearing. He walked away from reporters and photographers. At the hearing he mumbled, was asked to repeat inaudible words. At first he turned his back on photographers, but finally—reluctantly—allowed his picture to be taken.

After the hearing, he sat in a secluded office and wept.

Just a month later there was a different Wetzell in the courtroom here.

He sat and listened without emotion, head up, as a West Coast FBI agent gave what may be damaging testimony. The court recessed, reporters turned to the once-shy Wetzell. He stood, talked freely, volunteered little but answered all direct questions. And asked Sheriff R. W. Goodman, "What's for supper?"

Talking freely, confidently to reporters of the FBI agent's testimony, he said, "It's the way they (the FBI) ask the questions. Either way you answer, you're caught."

In the next breath he firmly denied killing State Highway Patrolman W. L. Reece. There was a note of cool authority in his voice.

As the trial aged, so did the confidence of Wetzell. He talked more to his attorney and said he was "doing a good job."

SAW HUMOR

Wetzell even saw humor in the rare "light" moments of the trial.

Thursday defense attorney John T. Page Jr. tried to establish that witness Robert Terry Jr., described the driver of the 1957 Oldsmobile and alleged killer as an "Italian or Indian." A witness said Terry called the driver "ruddy."

"Buddy" Page said, "You know Terry never heard the word 'ruddy' in his life."

The courtroom audience laughed. Later Wetzell told Page, "That was real good—what you said about Terry and 'ruddy'."

Wetzell looked like a well-proportioned, meticulous business man, his dark, slightly wavy hair carefully combed, always in place. His clothes were neat, well pressed, spotless. He was friendly with reporters, deputy sheriffs and jailers.

Observers realized they were not treating him like the ruthless killer he was billed. He got no preferential treatment, but at the same time, he was handled with care.

Witnesses repeatedly referred to him as "Mr. Wetzell," not "Wetzell" and never "him."

At least changed—outwardly.

Crops Hit Hard

Freezing Weather Lingers In Florida

MIAMI, Fla.—A hard freeze lingered in Florida today for the second consecutive day, bringing tears of new damage to citrus fruit growers and more discomfort to all.

Subfreezing weather, played no favorites. It spread again over most of Florida, even as far southward as farming areas below Miami.

The greatest threat was to citrus groves in low-lying lands. These were the same ones hit yesterday morning by dangerously cold weather.

Fruit groves on higher lands with a good foot of air should dodge danger today, said Warren Johnson of the fruit warming service.

COLD MAY BREAK

The cold weather may break a little this afternoon and tonight, but not too much, as most areas of the state. Temperatures, however, were expected to be above the danger point for most

When he was handcuffed, officers were considerate.

The Wetzell facial expressions varied little. He barely moved his lips as he chewed on a piece of gum. He smiled a rather insincere, half-smile when he thought a witness was testifying damagingly against him. He shook his head in disbelief at times, and a cleft showed in his cheeks occasionally when his lips curled in a slight motion of disgust.

Wetzell stared at witnesses. His eyes were cast downward when he walked into and out of the courtroom.

It was a changed Frank Edward Wetzell today from the Wetzell of 30 days ago.

At least changed—outwardly.

Jury Hears Pleas From Attorneys

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ROCKINGHAM—The emotion-packed Frank Edward Wetzell murder case went to the jury this afternoon after the jury heard a strong plea for a death sentence.

Solicitor M. G. Boyette told the jury that a first degree murder charge against Frank Edward Wetzell was called for, and his recommendation would be death in the gas chamber.

In an hour and 30-minute argument in the trial for the brutal slaying of State Highway Patrolman W. L. Reece, Boyette said:

"This is one of the most cruel, unprovoked and unnecessary killings that possibly could have taken place."

"Most CRUEL."

"This is the most heartless, most cruel, most merciless killing I have ever heard about."

Meanwhile, defense attorney John T. Page Jr. called the case "a smokestack."

"It is a far cry from breaking into a store and killing," he added.

Terry, who shipped away at what he called the lack of scientific evidence in four instances. He said that the state either found nothing or refused to let what it found in the case of (1) a match witness Terry left in the car, (2) a study of auto humpers, (3) the bullet used to kill, and (4) tire marks.

Starting at 9:46 a. m., Boyette, pointing at Wetzell, traced the defendant's alleged path of crime from a New York state mental hospital through North Carolina, the Reece slaying, and on to ultimate capture in California.

He pictured Wetzell as a man who cold-bloodedly fired a bullet through the stomach of Reece, who stopped him at a speed watch, and "went away like a cannonball, while the man's blood and brains were oozing out on the highway."

He told the jury it should accept the testimony of Robert Terry, who allegedly witnessed the shooting and called Terry, "one of the most courageous colored men I have ever heard about."

Boyette finished his argument to the jury by calling for a conviction of murder "in the second degree," and after a recess came back to inform the jury that the state had a slip of the tongue.

At the conclusion of the argument by the state, Mrs. J. T. Brown, wife of Patrolman Brown who also was slain the night of Nov. 5, clutched the hand of Mrs. Reece as tears filled her eyes.

Page maintained that the state made a point that Terry left a match in the ashtray of the alleged get-away car, but either failed to compare the match with the rest of Terry's pack or found nothing when they did.

The get-away car reportedly backed into Reece's patrol car before speeding off, and Page maintained the state failed to introduce the findings they had on a comparison of the bumpers which touched.

He said, "No witness has testified that the bullet which killed Reece was a slip of the tongue. He said they did not find it, or if they did find it, they won't let what tests showed."

He said the get-away car left tire marks, according to the state's testimony, on the highway, 3 1/2

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—DEFENSE DEPT. CALLS FIRING SUCCESS—

Atlas Missile Whooshes Into Heavens

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.—(AP)—The Air Force launched its fourth Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile at 10:48 a. m. today.

In Washington, the Defense Dept. called the launching a success.

The giant missile took off in a puff of white smoke and a tremendous flash of flame.

VISIBLE THREE MINUTES

It rose slowly through hazy clouds. Its bright trail was visible for almost three minutes.

The thunder of its mighty engines—a primary motor and two boosters—could be heard even in high clouds.

Shortly before disappearing into the overcast, the missile arched

over gradually to the southeast, over the test range which extends 5,000 miles out across the Atlantic.

The Atlas is the American answer to the Soviet claim of intercontinental ballistic capability.

This was the second apparently successful firing of the "Beast," as the Atlas is known to its builders.

FIRST 2 FAILURES

On the first two tries, the big missile started to get out of control shortly after launching and had to be destroyed.

The third launching last Dec. 17 was successful over a 600-mile range. The Air Force said the missile landed in a preselected target area.

Today's test was believed scheduled for about the same distance. No attempt to fire the Atlas over its full 5,000-mile range is expected until late this year. It is designed to carry a hydrogen warhead that distance in 25 minutes.

The 70-foot, silvery Atlas was rolled away from its working tower shortly after 8 a. m.

WEAK SUN

For a while, a weak sun poking through the clouds sent rays glancing off the nose cone of the intercontinental weapon. Then a haze enveloped the base and the Atlas was just barely visible to watchers from the beaches.

About 9 a. m. the red ball, which signifies an imminent shot, was lowered and it appeared that a "hold" had been called in the

countdown toward the zero hour, originally set for 10 o'clock.

Forty-eight minutes later beach watchers were amazed by surprise when the Atlas blasted off with the red ball down.

The test of the announcement by the Defense Department.

The intercontinental ballistic missile, the Atlas, was test-fired today at the missile test center, Cape Canaveral, Fla. The Department of Defense announced. The launching was successfully carried out at 10:48 a. m.

"The test of the Atlas, under development by the Air Force and Cavalier, is one of a series of intermediate-range and intercontinental ballistic missile flight tests conducted at the Canaveral range."

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