



## Store Robbed

NEW YORK (AP) — Two fast-working robbers got away with about \$100,000 in jewelry from a Madison Ave. jewelry shop just after it opened today. The loot consisted mostly of diamonds.

## Teacher Charged

SMITHFIELD (AP) — A Negro school teacher was being held without privilege of bond on a murder charge today following the slaying of a school librarian at Selma's Richard B. Harrison High School yesterday.

## Officer Accused

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — The U. S. Army has accused a Lieutenant of disrespect and conduct unbecoming an officer "by contemptuously refusing to shake hands" with a Negro captain, an Army spokesman said today.

## Flood Peril Eases

BOSTON (AP) — The flood peril in Massachusetts eased today as the weather bureau forecast an end to six straight days of rain and snow.

## Mother Arrested

WISTER, Okla. (AP) — A 14-month-old boy was stabbed to death and his 10-year-old brother was injured at their home here this morning. Their mother, Mrs. Dorothy Houser, 45, a widow, was arrested for investigation.

## 1 Killed, 13 Hurt

EPHRAATA, Pa. (AP) — A bus driver was killed and 13 persons injured today when an eastbound bus collided with a steel-laden tractor-trailer on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

## Dispute Airing

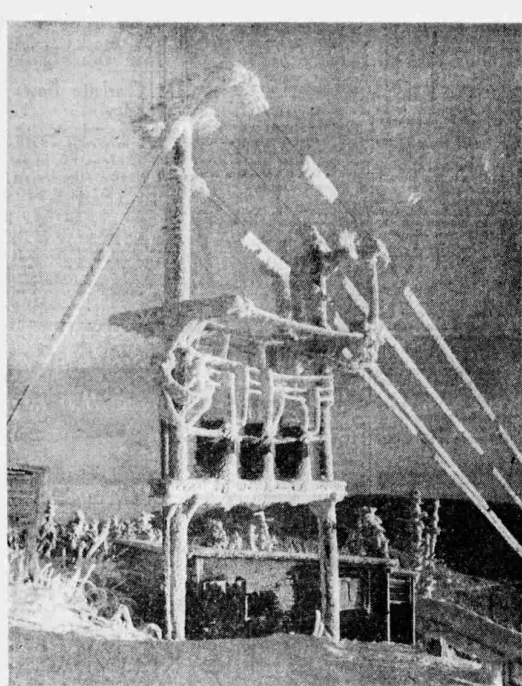
WASHINGTON (AP) — Chairman John C. Doerfer of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) faces congressional questioning today with a disputed charge of agency irregularities lurking in the background.

## Evening Prayer

Our Father, help us today to be good witnesses for Thy kingdom in our families, in our villages, in our countries, and in all the world. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, "Our Father, who art in heaven..." Amen.

## RIGHT WORD

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Eight-year-old Joe Oliver asked teacher Betty Benson how to spell the word "sex." An odd request, thought Miss Benson, but she complied. Later, Joe read the story he had written. It concluded, "I like turtles and insects."



Rid Of Ice Shown Here, This WMIT Radio Tower Is Back In Service.

## WMIT Back On The Air

# 'The Blues' Bring Cheers For Tricky Mountain Feat

By JULIAN SCHIEER

At 5:09 p.m. yesterday, a recording of "Basin Street Blues" spun on the turntable of FM radio station WMIT at Mt. Mitchell.

And it took a heroic effort by a young engineer to accomplish the deed. That record marked the return of WMIT to the air after four days of enforced silence when severe icing cut the station off the air.

Chief Engineer Tom Bryant, a young South Floridian, told The News about it today via a special line between the station's Charlotte office and the Mt. Mitchell studio transmitter.

Bryant and two engineers—nurses live in near isolation in the roomy building which serves as living quarters and studio. The structure is located at Clingman's Peak on Mt. Mitchell, 6,287 feet above sea level and the highest point east of the Mississippi.

## 16-INCH ICE

Late last Tuesday the weather dropped just below freezing and rain began falling. It continued Wednesday and Thursday and the icing got heavier. Rain froze where it hit and the 16-foot tower was covered with thick and crystal-clear ice 14 to 16 inches thick.

Friday evening the fog froze, forming a coat of rime on top of the ice. Snow also fell and the tower took on a ghostly white appearance.

At 2:30 p.m., Friday Bryant decided to take the station off the air, which also meant that Murak subscribers in the Carolinas would also be without melodies. The station feeds Murak to a number of commercial firms.

## EVEN TO ALASKA

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Bryant terms a "power mismatch" between the tower and transmitter, a condition which could cause the reflected power to burn out the transmitter.

The ice didn't melt and the heaviest snow of the winter continued to fall, reaching a depth of 12 inches yesterday. Late yesterday afternoon, when the sun broke through the snow, Bryant and his companions went to work.

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# Kill-Crazy' Boy Hunt Intensifies

## Two To Be Charged In Six Deaths

BENNET, Neb. (AP) — Haggard, heavily armed officers began a fresh farm-by-farm search of the Bennet area today seeking clues that will help find a missing pair of teenagers suspected of killing six persons, aged 3 to 70.

Although both were charged with murder today the urgency of the search was heightened by the fact that the 15-year-old Charles Starkweather may even have killed his 14-year-old girl friend, bringing the death toll of the crazed killer to seven.

The fact that five of the six victims were shot in the head, and the sixth, a tiny girl, was clubbed to death, also led officers to speculate about a possible connection with the recent unsolved slaying of Robert G. Colver, 21-year-old Lincoln service station operator. His body was found Dec. 1 on a gravel road near Lincoln. He was shot in the head with a shotgun. Police are investigating reports that Starkweather had loitered around the gas station.

## EXPERT HUNTER

Starkweather is a green-eyed, red-haired 140-pounder about 5 feet 3 inches tall, who walks with a swagger. He has no police record other than traffic violations, but is known to be an expert hunter.



CHARLES STARKWEATHER

er and a crack shot. Carl Fugate, 14, is about 3 feet one inch tall, looks about 16. She has dark hair and sometimes wears glasses.

Lancaster County Attorney Elmer Scheie formally charged the pair with first degree murder today. He said the Federal Bureau of Investigation has entered the case and a federal warrant will be issued charging unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Scheie's complaint charged the two specifically with the slaying of Carl King, 16, one of two Bennet High School students found dead in an old storm cellar Tuesday afternoon.

Traveling in pairs through the night officers made a house-by-house check of farms in the Bennet area without finding a trace of either of the hunted Lincoln youngsters.

Armed farmers joined the search as farm families spent a sleepless night behind locked doors.

Bennet, 16 miles southeast of Lincoln, is only about 50 miles from the Kansas, Iowa and Missouri state lines. Officers in those states were on the alert to watch for Starkweather and the girl.

## DESCRIPTION FITS

In Mount Vernon, Iowa, two truckers involved in an accident reported flagging down a car whose occupants fitted the description of the hunted pair.

The truckers reported the driver of the car, which bore Oregon



Present Wachovia Building Being Bought By Realtor Paul Younts

## \$500,000 Price Tag

# Younts Buys Old Wachovia Building

By EMERY WISTER

The present main office of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. at S. Tryon and 4th Sts. will be purchased by Paul R. Younts, Charlotte real estate man and developer. Purchase price will be \$500,000.

Contract for purchase of the building, soon to be vacated by Wachovia was filed at the court house yesterday afternoon.

The contract is between Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. and Paul R. Younts, agent.

## NO STATEMENT

Contacted this morning, Mr. Younts said he couldn't reveal his plans for the building.

"I'm not in position to say at this time," he said.

The contract referring to "Paul R. Younts agent" led to speculation he was purchasing the structure for another client.

The contract said that a binder of \$100,000 had already been paid the bank with the remaining

\$400,000 to be paid by April 1, 1960.

Under the terms of the contract, the purchaser will take possession April 1. Wachovia will vacate the structure Feb. 15 when it occupies its new building at Church and Trade Sts.

The building itself is 40 feet wide and 113 feet deep. Although it was constructed as a two-story structure, it had a very high ceiling, and several years ago this space of the first floor was converted into an upper level for bank offices. There are 13,000 square feet in the two upper levels and basement.

The building was constructed here in 1918 and 1919 by the Charlotte National Bank and was occupied Aug. 29, 1919 by the Charlotte National Bank. Wachovia took possession of the building when it acquired the Charlotte National through merger June 17, 1939.

The building has six vaults, two on each of the three levels. It is air conditioned and has a heating plant sufficient for a building of much larger size.

It is a steel, granite and masonry building. J. J. Morton Co. of Charlotte furnished the stone.

More Weather Data on Page 2-A

Today's Weather

CLOUDY  
High yesterday 47  
High expected today 45  
High expected tomorrow 50  
Low this morning 26  
Low expected tonight 24  
Sunrise, 7:23 a.m.; sunset, 5:30 p.m.  
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## Winds Upset Firing Plans

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane-force winds in upper altitudes made uncertain today the time when the Army will fire its Jupiter-C satellite launching vehicle.

On the ground, winds of 20 to 30 miles an hour were forecast this afternoon and there was a chance of even higher winds in squalls along this portion of the Florida coast.

Strict secrecy has been maintained in official circles about the Army's firing plans but it has been generally expected that the attempt would be made this week.

In earlier speculation, today or tomorrow had been set as probable dates for the blastoff.

Although there was no official word, the attempt undoubtedly would be delayed until weather conditions are more favorable.

## U. S. Mothers Leave China

HONG KONG (AP) — Three American mothers who spent three weeks in Red China with their prisoner sons left for the United States today.

The mothers are Mrs. Jessie Fackland of Lynn, Mass., Mrs. Mary Downey of New Britain, Conn., and Mrs. Ruth Redmond of Yonkers, N. Y. Accompanied by Mrs. Downey's son William, 23, they are flying home via Manila and Honolulu.

The mothers made no statement before leaving Red China a Premier Chen En-lai turned down a plea to release their sons but a spokesman held out hope for clemency if the prisoners "behave well."

## —OR MAYBE COMPASS WENT KERFLOOIE—

# Maybe Robins Didn't Read Bird Book

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — What's all this business about robins being the first sign of spring? This has been as chilly a winter as anyone could wish for—and New Mexico is full of robins.

At least the valleys are full of them. Apparently the robins are cold enough to drive them down at this time of year.

NO BUNNY EITHER?

At the risk of destroying a well-worn belief that the robin is the eternal harbinger of spring, it seems they don't even migrate sometimes.

This disturbing bit of information comes from the game technicians. Next they will be saying there is no Easter bunny.

At any rate, the game men

say that though generally considered a migratory bird, robins sometimes don't go anywhere in the winter.

Why? The conservation types don't say. It may just be that the robins never read the bird books and don't know they are supposed to go south for the winter.

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is now crawling with red-vested worn hatters.

It is all very confusing. Children insist on coming home from school and asking in an incoherent voice, "I thought you told me spring would be here when the robins got back. What are those birds on the front lawn with the red fronts?"

The smart parent is the one who looks carefully at the smattering and says: "What are you talking about? Haven't you ever seen a south Siberian squawker before? They get this far south whenever there is a real cold winter up north."

BIG MISTAKE

The other parents — and they are the ones who suffer—make

the mistake of saying, "I don't really know, dear. They are SUPPOSED to be here in the spring."

The next time junior gets told to get his knickerbockers because "they have vitamins in them" he is liable to say, "I'll just bet they have vitamins. You told me robins meant springtime, too."

DON'T RAISE JOHNNY —

The answer certainly is not to raise the kid to be an ornithologist or game technician. They are even more vague than most people.

"Migration depends a great deal on the individual bird," says one.

Now what kind of an answer is that to pass on to a five-year-old?

## New Trends

# Spotted In U. S. Schools

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Business	13A
Classified	13-15B
Comics	12B
Crossword Puzzle	11B
Earl Wilson	9A
Editorials	11A
Everyday Counselor	13B
Obituaries	13B
Radio-TV	14A
Serials	6B
Sports	6-8A
Theaters	8A
To You Good Health	11B
Women	23B
Worry Clinic	11B

By EDMOND LE BRETON

WASHINGTON (AP) — House leaders were reported today to have agreed upon a bill to permit a Vice President to act as President in case of a Chief Executive's disability.

A special subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee was hurriedly called into session after the draft of the bill was prepared. It has been the subject of high level, closed-door conferences for about two weeks, following a two-year study by the subcommittee.

## BILL PROVIDES

The bill would provide that the Vice President "shall discharge those powers and duties of the office of President

event as acting President" under these circumstances:

1. If the President himself certifies in writing to Congress and the Vice President that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office.

2. If a commission on presidential inability determines that he is unable to discharge those powers and duties.

The legislation would create this commission of eight members, six of whom would have to agree on any determination for or against his effective-

Members of the commission would be the Vice President as presiding chairman, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Secretary of State, the leaders of the two

major parties in the House of Representatives, and the corresponding Senate leaders.

## CONVENE COMMISSION

The chairman, or a majority of the members of the commission, could convene the commission if it was thought there was cause for it to act.

In the event there was no Vice President, the official line of presidential succession would replace him on the commission and as temporary successor to the President in case of need.

A finding that a disabled President had become fit to resume office would be made by the president or the commission under the same procedures as a finding of disability.