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—WHEN FED, THEY 'ACT LIKE CHILDREN AGAIN'—

## 'He Gulped His Food Down—Like A Wolf'

By ANN SAWYER  
News Staff Writer  
"He gulped his food down—  
sort of like a wolf. . . .  
This is the way a city school  
principal described the feeding  
of a 14-year-old boy who had  
been doing without lunch.  
"We noticed this boy, one  
of six or seven children in his  
family, would go out on the  
playground at lunch. He didn't  
eat in the lunchroom or bring  
a sandwich," the principal said.  
"We investigated the home

and found a hand-to-mouth exist-  
ence, a poorly-educated father  
who worked for what he could  
get as a mechanic.  
Poverty in Charlotte is no res-  
pecter of race, sex or age.  
It touches the seven-year-old  
Negro boy as well as the little  
nine-year-old white girl. Al-  
though more concentrated in the  
elementary grades, it also  
reaches into the junior and  
senior high schools.  
One principal, referring to a  
first grader, whose father has

been out of work for two  
months, said:  
"The children don't eat ade-  
quately, and she looks half  
starved!"  
This little girl has a lot of  
problems—not enough food,  
not enough clothing.  
With no income, her family  
had to move in with her grand-  
mother, who had other children  
to support.  
**LIMITED MEANS**  
"The grandmother was doing

as good a job as she could,  
feeding this family and her own,  
but she could only do so  
much.  
"She asked us to help the  
child, and we furnish her meal  
tickets.  
These children are among the  
250 receiving free lunches in the  
city school system now.  
But it is estimated 1,750 more  
school children have little or no  
lunch. In the county, the hun-  
gry school child problem is not  
as serious as it is in the city,

but Negro county principals say  
they should be feeding over  
200 more free lunches.  
The county is feeding about  
250 free meals a day now.  
**TAX FUNDS DENIED**  
Both the city and county must  
provide free lunches out of their  
lunchroom operations.  
No tax funds are used for that  
purpose, except indirectly  
through federal commodities  
and state reimbursements which  
must be used to keep the price

of lunches down for all children.  
How does a hot lunch affect a  
child who rarely receives enough  
to eat?  
As one city principal put it:  
"Children who are hungry usu-  
ally withdraw. They don't  
have pep and energy. Start  
feeding them and they'll pep  
right up."  
"Generally their disposition  
improves—even to the extent  
they can get a little rowdy like  
other children, which is good."  
"They have the energy to act  
like children."



### The Christmas I Remember Best

(Fifth of a series by prominent Charlotteans)

#### Kaleidoscope

By PATSEY HARRY GOODWIN

I was expected to write about the best Christmas I have ever known, but that I can not do. It is impossible, for when I think of Christmas it is like looking into a kaleidoscope where the many brilliant fragments fall into place, making different designs of remembered happiness.

A Christmas morning long ago when the china doll named Minnie Harry was sitting under the Christmas tree in her brand new dress. No one ever thought of wanting a new doll—only a new dress for a beloved treasure. How simple things used to be.

Then a Christmas of deep snow when a young cousin pulled me on his sled through a world of crystalline delight while his black dog, Ponto, ran along beside us. I remembered this Christmas when that cousin, John, was an officer on a submarine and later when he achieved miracles with the magic of X-ray.

And how well I remember being introduced one Christmas through the books under my tree to the forest's living wonder—to Dickens and Tiny Tim, to the Ruggles family—a B. Yrd's Christmas Carol, to Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch and her uninhibited progeny at "Mr. Bob" Redding's Christmas Theater party.

Later there was a Christmas that surely must be remembered when one of us had gone far afield—I think as far away as Woodberry Forest when all the other boys had always gone to Chapel Hill or to A. and M. (now N. C. State) College in Raleigh. And when this wanderer returned at Christmas time, he was wild enough and bold enough to kiss the girls under the mistletoe that each year was tied to the chandelier in the large front hall.

Next came a beautiful Christmas of romance in 1917, when I was given my engagement ring and on Christmas Eve learned that the Secretary of the Navy had selected the man I was going to marry to be the editor of the magazine called Navy Life that was to be published at the naval base at Norfolk. And so Adolph would not be sent overseas for some time to come.

There was the Christmas when my youngest daughter, replete with all good things and happiness, drowsily murmured, "Santa Claus brag too much."

And another Christmas, this time during the second World War when the glistering gaiety of the Christmas tree and the sound of Christmas carols seemed a paradox and mockery. . . .

Until the news came that my oldest daughter's husband—a captain of marines engaged in desperate fighting in the Pacific—was still alive!

(Mrs. Goodwin, well-known for her remarkable energy and talent, has been active for many years on Charlotte's civic and literary scene.)

#### Holiday Service?

### EAL, Mechanics Near Agreement

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—A tentative agreement between Eastern Air Lines and its striking mechanics today build up hopes that the world's biggest passenger carrier will be back in service before Christmas.

Eastern and its flight engineers get together today in a meeting that could bolster or shatter this optimism.  
The airline and the International Assn. of Machinists agreed Sunday night on a contract, but it still must be approved by union members.  
Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, chairman of the board at Eastern, expressed pleasure with the agreement and added, "I am hopeful that continuing negotiations will also enable us to resolve the differences with the flight engineers so that we can resume service at the earliest possible date."  
Eastern's 3,500 machinists and the 600-member Flight Engineers International Assn. struck Nov. 24 in separate disputes over wages and working conditions. Eastern, which serves 124 cities, shut down the same day, furloughing the rest of its 11,000 employees. Daily losses estimated in the millions brought cries from Florida state interests for settlement.

O. N. Roberts, Miami local chairman, said the engineers' strike would continue until they get a contract. He expressed confidence the machinists would not cross engineer picket lines.

Don Brown, Flight Engineers vice president, said, "I hope the air line will be back in operation very soon."  
George M. Brown, president of Miami District 100 of the Machinists, and E. J. Devlin of the Magisterial District 100, also negotiated the contract with Eastern Vice President J. M. Brock.  
It calls for raises of 44 to 49 cents for inspectors, lead mechanics and the mechanics, bringing their hourly base wages into the \$2.75-19 range.  
An Eastern spokesman said the boosts are retroactive to last Oct. 1 and the men will get lump payments of \$25 to \$35 for adjustments back to Oct. 1, 1957, when their last contract expired.

Brown said the agreement gives approximately a 6-cent boost on their base wage and raises senior stock clerks from \$2.27 to \$2.64. He said there are improvements also in rules governing transfers and work around ramps.

The administration's general legislative program is up for review, with advance hints that it may include some controversial civil rights proposals.  
Press Secretary James C. Hagerty announced shortly after the start of today's session that he would deal primarily with the administration's domestic program, including a budget expected to call for spending of about \$1 billion dollars. But Hagerty said it would be impossible to divorce national security from the rest of the program in any discussion.  
Hagerty recalled that Eisenhower invited the Democratic leaders to sit in with the Republicans for a talk on foreign policy and defense spending plans at about this time.

#### DEMOCRAT DATE

The Democrats, he said, prefer to hold the two-party conference Jan. 5, just two days before the heavily Democratic new Congress convenes.  
Underlining efforts to rebuild Republican prestige and voter appeal, GOP National Chairman Meade Alcorn sat in on today's meeting at Eisenhower's request.

Also on hand were Secretary of the Treasury Anderson, Deputy Secretary of Defense Donald Quarles, Under Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, and Budget Director Maurice Stans.  
Also on hand was Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, chairman of the President's council of economic advisers.

Vice President Nixon joined Eisenhower and members of the White House staff for presentation of the administration program.  
Discussion dealt first with general budget problems. It was scheduled to turn next to national security programs and the task of providing funds, against the background of the President's campaign to reduce over-all spending.  
The conference was expected to continue throughout the day.



The grain carrier Howard L. Shaw, blocked by ice that extends to the bottom, lies across the channel of the Sault. Ste. Marie canal in Michigan. Tug works to free vessel to open channel for passage of 11 other ships trapped in canal.

### Winter Plans New Assault On Carolinas By Midweek

By EMERY WISTER  
News Staff Writer  
Wintry storms that slugged the Carolinas with a one-two punch needed a third blow at the ice-crusts today, even before a reluctant sun could melt the snow on many roadways and the ground.  
Fair weather was predicted for today and tomorrow, but rain or snow is forecast for Wednesday or Thursday. Which it will be depends on how high the temperature goes.  
It wasn't going up very fast today. A high of 38 degrees is fore-

cast for this afternoon, a bone-chilling 17 tonight. A slightly warmer 34 is forecast for tomorrow.  
The low temperature here this morning was 22 degrees. The low was recorded just after midnight and the mercury had crawled to 24 by 7 a. m. Just before noon the thermometer showed 34 degrees.  
Yesterday's snow, coming in the wake of Thursday's storm, put most of the states under a blanket of white and gave thousands of school children an unscheduled holiday.  
Three inches fell in Charlotte

between 10 p. m. Saturday and 11 a. m. yesterday.  
The snow was responsible for at least eight deaths in the Carolinas. The weather was blamed for four traffic accidents in North Carolina and three in South Carolina.

### Oswego Snowfall Up To 88 Inches

OSWEGO, N. Y. (AP)—This northern New York community measured a full winter's snowfall today, six days before the official beginning of that season.  
A U. S. Weather Bureau observer said 88 inches of snow had fallen here this month. The snowfall for all of last winter was 88 inches.  
Squalls off Lake Ontario added four inches over Saturday night to help produce the new total.  
Snow, ranging from flurries to squalls, was in rapid today for most of the state, including Oswego.  
Temperatures remained generally low, but nowhere near the readings of 20 and 30 below of last week.  
A coastal storm left a little over an inch of snow on the New York City area before it petered out into flurries.  
Oswego police reported last night that that city of 23,000 was winning its fight against the incessant battering by snowstorms that paralyzed it much of last week.  
Most streets were opened and downtown stores were jammed over the weekend with Christmas shoppers rushing to make up for lost time.  
Schools re-open today. Most factories are working at normal capacity.  
There were still reports of storm damage, however. A section of the roof of an old, three-story frame dwelling collapsed yesterday under the weight of accumulated snow.  
Two residents—both single men living in their own apartments—were ordered to move out. City officials said the building would be condemned. They said the structure had been on the verge of that step long before the snow came.

### Plea Made For Aid In Campaign

By ANN SAWYER  
News Staff Writer  
Civic clubs and individuals were urged today to help feed hungry school children as the county commissioners named a revenue-finding committee.  
Commissioner Ernest K. Brown in an eloquent plea asked that "all civic organizations, individuals and commissioners" put up a "united front" to help feed the estimated 2,000 city and county school children whose parents cannot provide them lunches.  
"They call Charlotte the Queen City of the South," Mr. Brown said, "and yet the Queen has got four per cent of her children without lunches."  
"We can't build strong people with weak stomachs," he said.

On motion by Mr. Brown, Commissioners Craig Lawing and Herbert Garrison were appointed to study the need and possible sources of financial support.  
They are to report their findings in two weeks.

Mr. Brown expressed doubt that commissioners legally can use tax funds to provide free lunches for these children—an estimated 1,750 in the city system and approximately 250 in the county schools.  
"But," he added, "we can do the best we can with what money we can find." He suggested a alcoholic Beverage Control funds might be used in the free lunch program, if there are any available now.

In asking for commission and community support, Mr. Brown said he realizes the indebtedness of the county.  
"I realize that since San Juan Capistrano left this borough, I'm the highest man on it."

He gave credit to the parents who have credit to the parents.

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### 1,000 Battle Brush Blaze

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. (AP)—An estimated 1,000 men, hampered by turbulent winds, struggled today to check a fast-moving brush fire raging in mountain country eight miles northeast of this historic mission town.  
The blaze broke out yesterday and quickly consumed 10,000 acres of tall brush—some of it as high as 15 feet.  
Hopes of early control of the fire were dashed when it jumped the Ortega highway, a scenic route linking San Juan Capistrano and Lake Elsinore. Firemen had sought vainly to make a stand at the highway.

The area, dotted with resort cabins and occasional ranches, is part of the Cleveland National Forest. Cabins in the community of San Juan Hot Springs were endangered but fire fighters were optimistic the most of them would be saved. All inhabitants were evacuated last night.

A U. S. Forest Service personnel were joined on the way lines by prison camp crews, county and state units. Sixty pumpers, trucks and 15 bulldozers were in use.

#### Our Weather

Fair and cold today, tonight and tomorrow.  
Low this morning . . . 22  
High today . . . 35  
High tomorrow . . . 34  
Low tomorrow . . . 40  
Sunrise today 7:24 a. m.  
Sunset today 5:12 p. m.  
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### Car, Train Collide 2 Persons Injured In Pineville Crash

A Pineville man and his wife were injured when their car collided with a train in Pineville shortly before noon today.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boyd were taken to a Charlotte hospital after their late model Ford and Southern Railway local freight train collided.

Mecklenburg County Policeman John D. Russell, who investigated, quoted trainmen as saying the train was in the crossing when the collision occurred. T. Myers of Columbia was engineer. Russell said the warning lights at the crossing were blinking when he arrived. There was no ice or snow at the crossing, he said.

The train was undamaged and continued to its destination.

#### GOOD ARCHERY

CANTON, Ill.—Bill Abbott went hunting over the weekend in the Standing Indian Refuge and bagged two wild boars. He did it with a bow and arrow.

**Evening Prayer**  
O God, our Father, we thank Thee for the Saviour of the world, who redeemed us by His precious blood. In this Advent season grant us grace and wisdom and the leadership of His spirit that we may lead others to the cleansing fountain. In the name of our blessed Saviour, we pray. . . . Amen.

8 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS HELP FIGHT TB

### 'Lonely End' A Success Or Failure?

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