



Julian Scheer's

Close-Up

CITY SIDESHOW: Remember when you were a kid (can you really remember that far back?) and school principals were always Mr. Rucker or Mrs. Jones. You never knew first names. In fact, these inhuman persons probably didn't actually have first names to your way of thinking.

Same thing must have crossed the mind of a six-year old at Midwood School when she—to her amazement—heard the first name of Mrs. Eva Burch recently.

"Is your name really Eva?" the wide-eyed youngster asked.

"Yes, it is," the Midwood principal said. "Who calls you Eva, Mrs. Burch?" the youngster continued.

"Why, my friends call me Eva," she replied. The youngster pondered the matter for a minute and came back with, "Hi, Eva."

LOCATION: The Northern Lights got a few people excited the other night and one was a neighbor of Mrs. Joe Lagana of Shamrock Dr. The neighbor spotted what she thought was the lights but she wanted verification. She must have thought a long while before she called Cam Lagana. She apparently remembered that the Laganas are originally from Brooklyn—and that's way up Nawth.

"Are they the Northern Lights?" she asked Cam. "Well, I dunno," was the answer.

"Well, you should. Don't you see them in the North where you come from?"

Attorney For The Undamned

BUT BRIEFLY: If things move briskly and in a rather legalistic fashion at the Sylvania headquarters here, it's because Virgil Patterson's secretary is a bit sharper than many. She's Georgia McEmar, a 24-year-old licensed attorney who practiced here for a while. Back in the city after a brief but homesick fling in Florida is Jack Wheeler who returns to WWOX.

AND from Courthouse Square, Ernest Brown, who likes to keep his attendance record in tact, says he missed Monday's Commission meeting because he was in New York City on business—not fishing as someone hinted. . . . And Ralph Kidd, the flowering attorney (dandelion variety) is back at work after a brief but serious flu fight.

Another Yawn Yarn

FISHING: The subject (mentioned above) reminds me of an old fishing tale. Seems a man walked up to a stranger on a bridge and said, "Catchin' any?"

"Catching any?" answered the fisherman. "Why I caught 20 bass in this spot yesterday."

"Say," asked the stranger, "do you know who I am?"

"Can't say I do," answered the fisherman.

"Well, I'm the county game warden."

The fisherman did some quick thinking. After a moment's hesitation, he exclaimed, "Well, say, do you know who I am?"

"No, who are you?"

"I'm the biggest liar in this entire county!"

TAILGATE SPECIAL: Everyone agrees that the world is in a ferment. Only time can tell, someone has said, whether the end result will be champagne or vinegar.

Crosland Sees Carrousel As Week-Long Festival

A week-long Carolinas Carrousel headlined by sports events and musical programs is the dream of 1958 Carrousel President M. W. Crosland.

Included in the proposed program just mailed to members are boxing matches, football and basketball games, country and rock and roll music shows.

The Carrousel, says Mr. Crosland, "has to be improved. It must be made bigger and better. Instead of trying to cram everything into one day, let's spread it over a week."

BOXING, PARADE: As proposed, the program would begin the Friday before Thanksgiving with boxing matches. The big parade would be held Saturday, with the farlyland theme of special appeal to children. Entertainment personalities would ride in the parade and floats would be improved.



Six Persons Were Injured When These Autos Collided This Morning On Wilkinson Blvd.

Six Injured When Autos Hit Head-On

By JOHN KILGO
News Staff Writer

Five Belmont Abbey College students were seriously injured this morning when their car collided head-on with another car on Wilkinson Blvd.

Investigating State Trooper R. E. Tucker said the five students were on their way to school when the wreck occurred.

Grady S. Duncan, 26, of Belmont, driver of the other car, suffered a severe head injury in the accident.

Officer Tucker identified the students as Marce A. Perez, 25, 324 E. Blvd., chest injuries; Jackie Wiles, 20, Central Ave., hand and chest injuries; Sam A. Fadel, 26, 2625 Croydon Rd., chest injuries and internal bleeding.

OTHERS HURT

Also injured in the collision were George S. Jenkins, 25, 1334 Woodland Dr., broken ankle and severe cuts on the legs and hands; and Howard E. Bishop, 24, Gwentt Pl., two broken hips and body bruises.

All six of the injured are in Memorial Hospital where their condition was described as serious.

Officer Tucker said the 1953 Buick occupied by the students and the 1957 Chevrolet driven by Mr. Duncan were both total losses.

Officer Tucker said Mr. Duncan was on his way to work in Charlotte when the wreck occurred shortly before 8 a.m.

SNOW BLAMED

Meanwhile, the light snow that fell in Charlotte last night was blamed by police as the cause of a rash of serious accidents that kept officers on the run.

During one hectic hour this morning police investigated six serious accidents.

At 7 a.m. a car crashed into a tree in the 300 block of Rozelle's Ferry Rd. as the driver was trying to pass on an ice-coated bridge.

The impact of the crash threw the driver from the car.

And moments later, the ambulance dispatched to the scene was involved in a wreck at the corner of Trade and Brevard Sts.

Police said the ambulance at 7 a.m. was not hurt in the accident.

A 36-year-old woman, identified by police as Lena Griffin Yandle, 720 Central Ave., received a serious head injury when another car ran into her as she was trying to make a U-turn on Central Ave. this morning.

City Policeman L. T. Williams hasn't filed any charges in the accident as yet.

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TRAFFIC TOLL

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Fatalities to Date—5

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'Drop Dead' Valentines Hold Firm Lead In Sales

By DONALD MACDONALD
News Staff Writer

True love never did run smoothly, nor does the trend in Valentine's. This year—in in the days of cruelly jokes—there's a trend to "contemporary cards," and some of them give quite a jolt.

In card shops, variety stores and at card counters in downtown Charlotte, all sales people say the same. Contemporary cards, whether they have a Valentine motif or not, are leading in sales.

They're the type that say "drop dead" in any language.

Not since the Roaring '20s, when those comic, one-sheet "shocker" Valentines originated, have Valentines gone so far afield.

It's a rare thing to find a Valentine—with either real lace or paper lace, unless you get the do-it-yourself kits which include paper and heart-shaped sheets of lace.

For instance, we looked through one shop's entire stock, and except for some rather gaudy lace imitations, there wasn't a sign of a Valentine like the ones remembered from childhood.

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Mecklenburg May Lose Some Of Road Money

The "good times" for Mecklenburg's secondary road program are short over.

In 1956-57 Mecklenburg got 80 per cent of the money spent on secondary roads by the state in the Highway Division.

The rest was distributed among Anson, Richmond, Cabarrus, Stanly and Union.

Meeting with county commissioners here yesterday, highway officials said they will try for a more equalized distribution of funds.

The meeting was the first with county commissioners since the policy of some county say-so in the secondary road program was adopted.

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Four County Police Shooting Witnesses

By ANN SAWYER
News Staff Writer

"I shot him to keep him from killing me with that crate . . . I killed him to keep him from killing me."

With this plea of self defense, Horace Raymond Partain today asked a white all-male jury to free him of the "Beer Hollow" slaying of another Gaston County citizen.

Partain, whose voice dropped into an almost inaudible at times, said he begged Sam Moore:

"Sam, don't come on me," and "Get off me, Sam."

The Dec. 20 shooting at Moon's Tavern on Wilkinson Blvd., just inside the Mecklenburg County line, was witnessed by four county policemen.

Patrolman E. J. Lutz testified he saw the men locked together, but did not see Moore advance on Partain with the soft drink crate.

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GUN TRADE

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C Of C Maps City-County Progress Plan

By EMERY WISTER
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An 18-point program to broaden Charlotte's business, industrial, cultural, educational and recreational foundations has been mapped out for 1958 by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

The 1958 program of work, as approved yesterday by the chamber board of directors, includes stepped-up industrial program and an effort to extend the cent rate for city colleges, now levied in the city, to the entire county.

BOARD MEETING

At yesterday's board meeting, held in the Kuester Room of Hotel Charlotte, it was also announced that plans are being made to invite the 1959 North Carolina general assembly to meet here one day.

Former chamber president C. W. (Pat) Gilchrist presented the 18-point program to the directors. These major points are:

Governmental studies, looking toward establishing of a county manager system, city-county tax consolidation and a plaza for city-county offices.

Promotion of the area development program.

Enlargement of community college.

Support the proposed library park at Tryon and 6th Sts.

Greater industrial activity, including development of the naval ship deposit site, utilizing the newly-formed development council and holding of "sales meetings" to sell North Carolina in major cities of the country.

Promote Charlotte as a one-stop wholesale shopping center.

Study a unified fund drive for the arts.

A better business clinic.

Promote the Charlotte-Canton, O. highway.

Plan 1959 assembly visit.

A Carolinas public relations clinic. (To be held here in May).

Encourage fire protection.

Attract more conventions.

Improve City appearance.

Dynamic long range plans (including financing).

Better air service.

Develop market statistics for Charlotte.

Establishment of a downtown community center to provide space for the Chamber of Commerce and Charlotte Merchants Association offices.

The directors also adopted a resolution approving issuance of \$100,000 in bonds for city and county improvements, and extension of the 2-cent college tax levy to the county.

The board took the action after J. Murray Atkins presented the

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Councilmen Claim Session Neither Secret Nor Meeting

By DICK YOUNG
News Staff Writer

City Councilmen today were busy denying reports they held a secret council meeting at the home of a councilman.

It wasn't secret, and it wasn't a council meeting, they averred. It was more of a Democratic party pow-wow, held at the home of Councilman Steve Dellinger.

Well-known local Democratic leaders such as Tom Little, Dave McConnell and Dwight Phillips were present, but Councilman Claude Albee and Councilwoman Martha Evans were not.

Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Herman Brown said the meeting was a follow-up of Governor Hodges' visit here last week.

It was for the purpose of laying plans for a vigorous Democratic effort in the upcoming primary and election, Mr. Brown said.

It was admitted there was discussion of some appointments

yesterday afternoon.

"Nothing was pinpointed" in the discussion of the appointments at Mr. Dellinger's home Monday night, Mr. Brown said.

ACTION TAKEN

The council, at its weekly session yesterday afternoon:

Reappointed R. P. Steffy to a five-year term on the Park & Recreation Commission.

Renamed Dr. Lucius G. Gage Jr. to a three-year term on the Air Pollution Control Advisory Board.

Replaced S. Y. McAden with John H. Vickers for a two-year term on the board of trustees of the Firemen's Relief Fund.

Reappointed Graham P. Kerr for three years on the City Zoning Board of Adjustment and replaced John Dwell on the same board for the same term with Jack Turner.

Reappointed Franklin R. Jackson for three years on the Perimeter Zoning Board of Adjustment.

PETITIONS HEARD

Prior to the City's meeting there was a joint session with the City-County Planning Commission for hearings on five zoning petitions.

After the hearing the planning board members met and decided to recommend disapproval of one petition and approval of the other four. Council will act next Wednesday.

The planners turned thumbs down on the request of Richard P. Helms for reclassification of two lots on Oaklawn Ave. from R-1 to Industrial.