

Oh Boy! Some Valentine!

RALEIGH (AP)—North Carolina Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ed Scheidt had a Valentine present today for Tar Heel motorists.

Scheidt said that because the deadline for having 1958 plates falls on Saturday, he has given the Highway Patrol orders not to begin enforcement against motorists with 1957 plates until 12:01 a.m. Tuesday—thus giving motorists two additional days to get their new plates.

PLATES CLOSED

Scheidt said: "This action was taken because many of the places where license plates are sold, as well as many banks, are closed on Saturdays."

Scheidt reported that sales of the new plates were heavy at Motor Vehicles headquarters here on Monday and yesterday and that another long line formed today. Indications were that sales have been heavy this week at branch offices of the Carolina Motor Club over the state—where the plates also are sold.

Meanwhile, the Motor Vehicles Department reported that through Tuesday, sale of the 1958 plates had totaled 881,374—or 42,781 less than on the same date last year.

Frank Miller, vice president and secretary of the Carolina Motor Club said sales in Charlotte through Feb. 13 had totaled 66,934. Figures for the period ending Feb. 13 of last

year were 67,290. This means that sales here are running about 362 behind those of last year.

"We anticipate about a five per cent increase in sales every year," Mr. Miller said. "However, it looks as though we won't reach last year's Feb. 15 figure of 74,570. We expect to sell about 3,500 tags today."

LINE DOUBLES

About 20 people were lined up outside the tag-sale entrance at the club at 8 a.m. today. The thermometer was lined up at 25 degrees. By the time the office opened (30 minutes early) at 8:30 the number of persons waiting had doubled.

The office, which was to close at 4 p.m. today will be open from 9:00 a.m. until noon tomorrow and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. After that people who still don't have their 1958 tags will just have to keep their vehicles idle until they have one.

"This doesn't mean that this is the last time that 38 tags will be sold," Dick Pitts, director of civic affairs for the club, said. "We will be selling tags the rest of the year. This deadline simply means that 37 tags will no longer be valid after Tuesday midnight."

Both Mr. Miller and Mr. Pitts seemed to think that

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Mecklenburgers Wait In 25-Degree Cold To Buy Auto License Tags At Carolina Motor Club



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Consulates Blockaded

TUNIS (AP)—President Habib Bourguiba increased his diplomatic pressure on France today and put a police blockade around three French consulates.

22 French Killed

ALGIERS (AP)—French forces said today they lost 22 dead and 17 wounded in two clashes with Algerian rebels last yesterday little more than 50 miles from Algiers.

Ike Kept Inside

THOMASVILLE, Ga. (AP)—Continuing frosty weather kept vacationing President Eisenhower indoors by the fireplace today and dashed his hopes for golf or quail hunting.

8 Miners Killed

CALTANISSETTA, Sicily (AP)—At least 8 miners were killed and 64 injured today in a terrific explosion that ripped through a sulphur mine here.

Chicagans Saved

CHICAGO (AP)—Firemen rescued more than a dozen men and at least one woman today as flames swept two adjoining lodging houses on Chicago's West Side Skid Row.

Questioning Due

ROME (AP)—Ingrid Bergman returned to Rome today, saying only that she planned to be here for several days. A judge hearing Roberto Rossellini's suit for annulment of their marriage had said he wished to question the couple.

Our Weather

Increasing cloudiness and a little warmer today. Cloudy and warmer tonight with rain likely on Saturday.
Low this morning...22
Low tomorrow morning...34
High today...45
High yesterday...41
High tomorrow...42
Sunrise today 7:11 a.m.; sunset today 6:05 p.m.
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Missile-Firing Subs Ordered For 1960

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy today awarded contracts for three atomic-powered submarines to fire Polaris guided missiles. Two will be built by Electric Boat Division at Groton, Conn., and a third at the Great Island, Calif., Naval Shipyard.
The first of the three Polaris submarines probably will be completed by Electric Boat, a division of General Dynamics Corp.
The first deliveries of the new missile firing submarines are expected to be ready for quantity production.
It has been estimated the first boat will cost between 105 and 110 million dollars. With the cost of

Centenarian Plays Catch

Mrs. Thyra Baker, 100, of Morrison, Colo., dons a baseball cap and glove to play catch with a relative. Mrs. Baker, who celebrated her 100th birthday last week, attributes her long life to faith in God, eating a proper diet and thinking young. She received separate cards from President Eisenhower and his wife.

FBI Assured Aid In Video Probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Harris (D-Ark.) today promised full cooperation with an FBI communications Commissioner "thousands of dollars" from an attorney in a Miami television case.

Harris said that the investigating subcommittee he heads will ask Mack to testify "very soon" on the charges made by the group's ousted counsel Bernard Schwartz.
Testifying under oath, Schwartz said Mack has acknowledged accepting several thousand dollars from a lawyer Schwartz said was active in getting a television license for a firm fired by an FCC examiner as the least qualified of four applicants. He said Mack described the money as loans. Mack could not be reached for comment.

NC Klan Rally Set Again

MARION, S.C. (AP)—A twice postponed Ku Klux Klan rally will be held near Burlington, N.C., tomorrow night, the Rev. James Cole said today.
Cole, leader of the North Carolina Knights of the KKK, said he will attend the 8 p.m. rally.
He said his representatives have arranged for a meeting site in the same area where the two postponed rallies were to have been held. These were scheduled in a field off U.S. 70 between Burlington and Greensboro. Cole said he did not know the exact location.
Cole is to face trial in a federal court during the term of court opening March 10. He is charged with inciting to riot as a result of an abortive KKK rally near Maxton, N.C., the night of Jan. 18. The rally, aimed at Indians, was broken up by several hundred Lumbee Indians who live in Robeson County.

New Chief To Steer NC GOP?

By JULIAN SCHEER
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A political knockdown-drag-out battle of major significance is brewing in the Republican party in North Carolina.

Ray Jennings, veteran party stalwart and state chairman for four years, today finds his party in jeopardy.

The state's Republican delegation to the General Assembly is pushing hard for State Sen. William E. Cobb of Morganton as chairman and will go to the state convention next month with strong Cobb support.

A big battle is expected on the convention floor in Winston-Salem on March 8.

COULD FIZZLE

The fight could fizzle, however, for Jennings told The News from Taylorsville today that he is aware that "Cobb is campaigning" and he hasn't made up his mind whether to seek the chairmanship again.

Fourteen Republican members of the House and Senate are circulating a letter supporting Cobb for the state chairmanship.

This strong support could bust the convention wide open, for Jennings has strong backing among old-line Republicans and in the state's smaller counties.

Cobb's biggest support will come from the influential General Assembly delegation, the party's younger element and the state's larger counties.

LETTER CIRCULATED

The letter from the delegation is addressed to all county chairmen and Republican State Executive Committee members and states, in part: "The undersigned Republican delegation to the 1957 General Assembly would like to recommend to you for your consideration for chairman State Sen. William E. Cobb. In our opinion there is no opportunity for the Republican Party on a statewide basis without a local Republican organization in each of the 100 counties of this state."

Some party members privately

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Thirst Won't Wait

Take a little girl, mix well with one bag of popcorn, add salt and melted butter and you get—tremendous thirst. Photographer Jeep Hunter, an authority on the manners and morals of little ones, spied Janet Simpson taking the quickest way to quench that thirst.

You'll Just Have To Keep Old Gas Buggy For A While

DETROIT (AP)—The stylist's idea of what an atom-powered car may look like—if it ever becomes practical—has been put together by Ford Motor Co. designers.

A small scale model, it features a power capsule, suspended between twin booms at the rear, which would contain a radioactive core providing motive power.

George W. Walker, vice president and director of styling for Ford, said atom-powered cars are not practical at the moment. He said developments in metallurgy and other branches of science conceivably could hasten their advent.

The Ford stylists call their 3 1/2-scale model the Nuclear. Their idea is that the car might be able to travel 5,000 miles or more, depending on the size of the radioactive core, without recharging.

(Engineers have said the atom-powered automobile still is beyond the horizon because of the tremendous weight that would be required for shielding the radioactive element, even if it were only of pencil-size.)

Georgia Senator Terms Appointment 'Surprise'

RALEIGH (AP)—The man selected as director of the North Carolina State Ports Authority will not be hired until he makes a "full and complete explanation" of allegations made against him by a Georgia state senator.

Fire Destroys Negro School

HILLSBORO (AP)—A pre-dawn fire of unknown origin gutted Central High School for Negroes here today. No one was hurt.

Paul Carr estimated it would cost \$25,000 to \$300,000 to replace the building and equipment. The building was insured for \$155,000 and the equipment for \$17,000.

Firemen from Hillsboro and Mebane halted the blaze for two hours and succeeded in saving nearby buildings. Hillsboro firemen said the 14-classroom school was engulfed in flames when they arrived shortly after the 4:55 a.m. alarm.

During the early stages of the fire, spectators heard explosions. The flames could be seen for miles around.

Carr said 400 students attended the brick veneer, one-story school which was 22 years old. The Orange County Board of Education planned to meet tonight to make plans for handling the students.

Carr said that a 12-classroom building under construction near by as an expansion of elementary school facilities, should be ready for use in about two weeks and that it might be utilized for the high school students.

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Hunters)

Teacher Has Many Admirers

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—FIVE STAGE ROCKET— New Jupiter 'Moonworthy'

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Put one more rocket motor on the Jupiter-C missile that launched the American satellite and you could reach the moon.
Scientists who designed Explorer I disclosed this yesterday at a news conference called to report on the satellite's progress through the heavens.
California Institute of Technology's jet propulsion laboratory has formally asked Defense Department permission to try to circle the moon with some future satellite.
There is no thought at the moment, scientists said, of trying

to launch Explorer II, the second U.S. satellite now being rushed to completion at the jet lab.
To reach the moon, a fifth rocket stage would be added to the four stages of the Jupiter-C. This stage, however, would be added to the nose of the missile, not the base.
Dr. Henry Richter and other scientists at the news conference said Explorer I is performing as they expected it would. Radioed information indicates that a human could live in a satellite.
"Room temperature" is being maintained inside the satellite and measuring devices indicate

great peril from cosmic rays or small meteorites in space.
A radio receiver, which Explorer I does not have, is being installed in Explorer II at the jet lab.
"By means of this receiver we can tell Explorer II when to broadcast to us," Richter said. "A tape recorder in the satellite will save up information gathered while the satellite is farthest away from earth and send it to us, on command, when the satellite is near the earth."
Because the radio will not be transmitting all the time, its batteries will last longer.

ITEMS OWNED

John Z. Rourke, superintendent of equipment maintenance for the Savannah state docks, was a witness yesterday. He told the committee when he went to work at the docks in January, 1956, he started speculating about the new job working on items owned by other authority employees.
He said this work, which is done

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Evening Prayer

Help us, O Father, to live for Thee. May those we meet today realize that leading a life of love and good will is not only good but best. We pray in the name of Christ, the light of our lives. Amen.