



Julian Scheer's

Close-Up

MONDAY MEANDERINGS: Or wandering all over the lot . . . Like, didyknow that the Tonight show's the delight of the Baggys-eyed Bunch? Dody Goodman is a Minimal Springs gal? Walter Thomas, the local M-G-M exec, remembers her as a school gal in the Union County town.

AND THERE'S a local lawyer who likes to read all the Playboy type magazines. His wife sometimes chides him for it and his answer, "It's research. Gotta keep up with all kinds of things, you never know when a client will come in with a similar problem." . . . And he gets away with it!

Everything's Jake With Jake

VALENTINES: Jake Mills, the tax collector, received a beaut of a Valentine from the gals in his City Hall office. **BOY DAVID** tricked Jake into a picture one day, then snapped mug shots of the ten women in his office. The Valentine had a heart-shaped picture of Jake in the middle surrounded by pictures of the girls. The poem read:

"Dear Valentine—
"As you can see, we have you surrounded
"And intend to keep you grounded.
"We'll all work hard, as we should
"To make your tax collections good.
"Then on that day the Council will say
"John, the vote is unanimous,
"You stay!"

Little Of Lotta Things

POLITICAL STEW: Joe Travis, attorney and young Democrat, is interested in the county party secretary's job again . . . And it appears local Republicans will back Sen. Bill Cobb for state party chairmanship over Ray Jennings . . . Carl McCraw, banker and organizer, is being eyed as a future Democratic party chairman in the county by a number of local party folk.

ODDENDA: Note from Morganton tells me that a local bistro which has opened and closed under a number of names as much as the average woman's mood is now trying it under a new name. The handle: "The Satellite." . . . Why don't they go ahead and call Mint Hill "McEwensville"? Everything in the town well, except Wilson's mebbe has a McEwen sign! . . . Coupla lake ice skaters took off for Linville one day last week to try the ice on a pond there, figuring they'd have it all to themselves on Thursday and what'd they find? Three other skaters—all Charlotteans with same idea.

Tailgate Special

THISTHAT. Coronet Magazine will have a summer picnic (probably July) on Charlotte's Harry Golden . . . Don Torrence, the ATTU chief here, says Down East . . . North Carolina schools teach "Reading, Riting and Route 1 to Virginia" . . . The News sports dept. is tired of getting calls inquiring about tickets to the Broadway show "Damn Yankees." It's not a sports event, they say . . . Daffynition Dialect is the business of handling a porcupine without disturbing the quills.

Wachovia Officers Get Keys To Bank

The \$5 million Wachovia Bank Bldg. was formally opened this morning with a brief ceremony in the first floor lobby.

Nine-year-old Elisabeth Robinson, daughter of Wachovia's senior vice president Joe H. Robinson, cut a ribbon held by her father and Wachovia President John F. Watlington Jr. to officially open the front door of the 15-story structure.

The ceremony, which began at 8:45, was concluded within a few minutes.

Gold keys which will unlock every door in the building were presented Mr. Robinson and Mr. Watlington by Edwin L. Jones Sr., president of the J. A. Jones Construction Co. The construction firm was general contractor for the building.

A brief speech was made by Charlotte's Mayor James S. Smith. "As long as we have in situations with confidence in our city to erect buildings like this we will have prosperity," he said.

Following the ceremony, the large crowd of businessmen and public dignitaries rode escalators and elevators to the main banking lobby on the second floor. The bank opened for business in its new location at 9 a.m.

This morning's program was the climax of several weeks of planning and inspection tours in which thousands of persons were conducted through the skyscraper.

Yesterday the religious dedication of the building was held in a 30-minute service held in the banking lobby the Rev. Lawton B. Smith, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, presided.

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County Told How To Make Jail Safer

By ANN SAWYER

News Staff Writer

A plan to make Mecklenburg's jail "break-out proof" was outlined to county commissioners today.

H. M. Allen of the American District Telegraph Co. said his organization can install devices that will give security to night jail personnel and warn of jail breaks.

His survey of the jail atop the courthouse came at commission request following a spectacular break for freedom by five prisoners two weeks ago.

RENTAL SYSTEM

The system he proposed could be rented by the month or year. He will prepare costs and submit them to commissioners.

One phase of the system would give security to the night jailer and matron. It would be so rigged that a switch would have to be turned every half hour. If the switch is not turned, an alarm would be sounded in the county police station in the courthouse basement.

With this system, Mr. Allen said, it would not be possible for the jailer to be held prisoner without police knowing something was wrong.

The alarm system also would include an automatic button for notifying police of any trouble in the jail.

A telephone would have to be used now.

SECOND PHASE

A second part of the system would be a device at the elevator and stair well.

Other board action:

By resolution, May 13 was set for a referendum to determine whether county police will coordinate the Law Enforcement Officers' Benefit and Retirement Fund with the Old Age and Survivors Insurance. If the vote is favorable, the effective date is July 1.

Thanks for the third Superior Court room were expressed by Judge Francis O. Clarkson and James McMillan of the local bar association.

At the request of Acting Postmaster Edward H. Thomas, commissioners planned their support in naming streets and numbering them in highly developed rural areas for mail delivery. Mr. Thomas also was asked to confer with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission.

The good wishes of the commission went with Miss Margaret Templeton of Ireddell County today as she left for Chicago for competition in the National Cherry Pie Baking Contest. The North Carolina champion, coached by Martha Kate Archer, also presented pies to the commissioners as refreshment after their morning meeting.

Needed adjustments in salary ranges for professional librarians and typist clerks number one at the library were brought to the board's attention by County Auditor for Walker Busby.

Commissioners voted to set the tax rate at the usual time this year after County Attorney Henry C. Dockery said there is no provision for changing the early date to coincide with the tax setting date of the city.

Commissioners also received a letter from the State Merit System in which it was suggested the commission might want to give study to the entire salary range of welfare posts, instead of to just the superintendent's pay.

Chairman William K. Van Allen has suggested that Supt. Wallace Kaural's salary range be increased to at least a \$12,000 maximum. The maximum now is \$8,800, which he is receiving.

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PUTTING ON DOGS—Claude A. Wood and friend "Bootsie," a nine-year-old terrier, demonstrate one of the tricks that "The Woodies" (Mr. and Mrs. and nine dogs) will be displaying soon in Charlotte. The troupe will appear at four schools, three supermarkets, one hospital and on two TV shows. The free shows, sponsored by a dog food manufacturer, will be held from Feb. 13 through Feb. 22.

Businesses Pay \$153,515 For Waste Disposal

By DICK YOUNG

News Staff Writer

Charlotte industrial plants have paid the city government \$153,515 since June 1956, in surcharges for municipal disposal of their trade wastes.

There are 107 plants in all in the city except one which are now complying with the city's industrial waste ordinance and are discharging the plant wastes into the municipal sewerage.

Two million gallons of industrial wastes are being dumped daily into the city's two sewage disposal facilities, said this work-day volume of waste represents 13 per cent of the total sewage volume of 15 million gallons daily.

But this 13 per cent of industrial waste volume represents 33 per cent of the total BOD (biological oxygen demand), said Mr. Phillips.

Because of the extra demand thrown upon the disposal facilities, the industrial wastes, plant operators under the ordinance must pay extra for the service rendered by the city's sewage disposal system.

The plant operators are required to pay for the additional facilities needed for disposal of their plant wastes and for the extra operating costs.

The charge the first year was \$39.39 per 1,000 pounds of BOD for operating costs and \$23.34 per 1,000 pounds of BOD for amortization of costs of additional facilities.

Based on the experience of the first year the operating charges were increased to \$41.16 per 1,000 pounds of BOD. The amortization charge remained fixed.

In the Sugar Creek drainage area on the east side of the business district there are 67 plants, and in the west side Irvin Creek drainage basin there are 40 plants.

The one plant not connected with the municipal sewerage is on the west side and its delay in not connecting is said to be due to the sewer lines in that area.

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Gastonia Police Seek Local Bomb Try Link

Golden's Carolina Israelite Office - Residence Destroyed

Five Men Held For Attempt At Blasting School

The office-residence of Harry L. Golden, editor of the Carolina Israelite, burned early today.

The building at 1229 Elizabeth Ave. was unoccupied at the time. Mr. Golden was en route to New York City to begin a week-long lecture tour.

The building's contents were a complete loss and much of the exterior was destroyed. Six hours after the 5:06 a.m. alarm firemen were still pouring water into the smoldering ruin.

Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn, a longtime friend of editor Golden, started an immediate investigation into possible arson, but told The News that it now appears "the fire started in the basement, possibly from the furnace."

Mr. Golden's liberal writings in the Israelite, a bi-monthly publication, immediately brought about the question of arson but there was no immediate evidence that the fire was anything but "purely coincidental" to recent alleged Ku Klux Klan attempts to bomb the Jewish temple here and in Gastonia and the attempted plot to bomb the Negro Woodland School Saturday night.

LONG GONE

Golden left the residence shortly before 7 p.m. Sunday and took a 7:30 p.m. train for New York City.

Destroyed in the fire, which was answered by four companies and saw firemen brave eight-degree cold in an effort to save the structure, were complete files of the branch, subscription lists, an estimated \$300 in checks and personal papers and become a loss.

Mr. Golden rented the structure from F. F. Rose of Charlotte. The building was partially covered by insurance, was Mr. Golden's personal property.

Copy for the next issue of the Carolina Israelite, a bi-monthly publication next week, was in the office, but most of it has been sent in type in Greensboro by Golden's printers.

Manuscript for a recent book by Golden for the World Publishing Co., but a set of manuscript questions by the publisher concerning the book were lost in the fire.

A highly valuable library, including hundreds of volumes on the South, and personal correspondence was lost.



Fire Ruined These Books In Office Of Harry Golden

Ken Robinson, Golden's chief assistant, was unable to locate the editor-owner today because his northbound train was delayed by the weather.

He said he worked at the office-residence—Golden lived on the second floor—with Golden until nearly 7 p.m. Herman Poole, a next door neighbor at 1225 Elizabeth Ave., said he filled the bumper of the building's stoker about 3 p.m. and all was in order at that time.

Also arrested and charged by police with taking part in the attempted blast were Arthur Monroe Brown Jr., 35, 364 Commonwealth Ave., William O. Spencer, 28, 303 Roslyn Ave., and David D. Quirk, 23, 4300 Wilkinson Blvd. The men were charged with conspiracy, disorderly conduct and joining a secret organization for the purpose of circumventing the laws of North Carolina.

Tonight At Midnight Auto Tag Deadline

At midnight tonight law enforcement officers throughout North Carolina will be on the lookout for vehicles displaying 1957 tags.

This deadline was set by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh Friday. The original deadline was Saturday midnight.

The Carolina Motor Club branch officials here told The News this morning they had "a full house but lines are not too bad."

Dick Pitts, director of civic affairs for the club, said, "We expect fairly heavy sales the rest of this week, because some people just haven't had time to buy their tags yet. We hope to be back to our normal sales traffic by next week."

Best Boys Choir Show Predicted

The Charlotte Boys' Choir will appear in Ovens Auditorium on March 1 at 8:00 p.m.

Under the direction of William B. Thomas, Jr., well-known musician of the area, the boys' numbers will range from musical comedy to barbershop harmonies.

The 80-member group has been in rehearsal for the upcoming show several weeks now and has made no recent road trips in order to be ready.

James B. McMillan told The News today, "This show will be the finest the choir has ever done. Our new director has done a lot to improve the quality of the singing."

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Gastonia police will question five men held in county jail in connection with a bombing attempt at Woodland School. The men were arrested Saturday night.

Gastonia police want to determine if they have knowledge of the attempted bombing of a Gastonia Jewish temple last week.

The men are being held under \$10,000 each. They admit, say county police, to being members of the Ku Klux Klan.

Gastonia Police Chief E. E. Rankin told The News that "we haven't talked to the men about the attempted bombing of Temple Emanuel yet, but we're definitely going to do so."

Investigation of the Gastonia incident, he said, has not revealed anything "we can give the public yet."

A sixth man, whose name police withheld pending further investigation, is being questioned about the bombing.

AT SCHOOL

County police, led by Capt. George Stephens, arrested Lester Caldwell, 32, R. 4, and Jack Aycock, 28, 525 McDonald Ave., at Woodland Elementary School on the Monday Chapel Rd. at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Police said Caldwell and Aycock, who were accompanied by a third man, had two sticks of dynamite and a blasting cap in their possession.

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At 7 p.m. a 1955 Ford pulled into the school driveway and got stuck in the snow while attempting to make a U-turn.

Capt. Stephens and Officer B. Thomas, who were at the building at this time and radioed for Patrolmen Hall and Abernethy to drive their car into the drive behind the Ford.

The officers placed the men under arrest for trespassing and continuing to obstruct the driveway, ready for firing, in the front seat of the car.

A few minutes later police followed them to their investigation and arrested them.

See BOMB on page 9-B

Jobless Rise Pinches County

The upswing of unemployment is being felt by the local welfare department.

Supt. Wallace Kaural today warned county commissioners that some people have used up their unemployment compensation, can't find jobs, and need help.

An increase in the number of children in foster homes also has caused the department to overspend allocations for the first six months of this fiscal year, Mr. Kaural said.

Before over-spending his budget, Mr. Kaural said he wanted authorization from the board.

On motion by Commissioner Sam McInch, he was told to continue helping these hardship cases for 60 days and to report back then. He also is to give commissioners a written report on the extreme cases.

In addition to the unemployment situation, Mr. Kaural said the foster home program (which is administered by his department) is having to care for more children who are neglected, neglected, or delinquent.

He estimated the homes are caring for about 30 more children than they have had in previous years.

Last month the department aided 58 persons because of unemployment, Mr. Kaural said.

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