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FINALLY: A NEW RAIL STATION

A Crisp Summation



All Gary Wales had to say of this situation was "doggie caught." But Gary Wales, Mich., Humane Society man freed the collie as he pondered unsuccessfully as to how the dog managed to wedge himself between the buildings.

Southern Depot Plans Are Ordered

By DICK YOUNG
News Staff Writer

First move for a new Southern Railway passenger station off N. Tryon St. just north of Keswick Ave. came today.

At a conference at the City Hall instructions were issued by D. W. Brosnan of Washington, vice president of the Southern Railway, for the preparation of tentative floor plan of the new station and of track layout to serve the station.

City Manager Henry A. Yancey left the conference shortly before noon to make announcement to the press of the first official, even though tentative, move to shift Charlotte's "Gay Nineties" station on W. Trade St. to the new N. Tryon St. location.

Mr. Yancey said Frank T. Miller of Greensboro, engineering consultant retained by the city to direct the \$3,000,000 grade separation program, was instructed by railroad officials to draw the tentative floor plan for the new station and the track outlay.

"This, of course, is tentative, and the final decision will have to come later," Mr. Yancey said.

APPROVAL LIKELY

But there is every indication that the new station approach is of such importance in the reduction of the overall cost of the westside grade separation program that it will receive the approval of both Southern Railway officials and officials of the City Government.

Mr. Yancey said, "We of the city government will not have to bear any of the cost of the station. That will be the railroad's entire responsibility."

NO GRAND CENTRAL

He said the new station will not be "Grand Central Station," but it will be attractive, of modern design and adequate for the needs.

The new station and its auxiliary tracks and other facilities would be located on property now owned by the Southern Railway between N. Tryon St. and its main line tracks.

WIDER STREET?

Sometime ago Traffic Engineer Herman J. Hoese made a study of traffic conditions on Tryon St. These preliminary plans call for widening Tryon St. between Keswick Ave. and 23rd St. if the station were to be relocated there.

After the widening the street would be 60 feet at its widest point and there would be another 10 feet for the station.

Entrance into the station area, which would have a wide plaza which would be beautified and which would provide ample parking space would be on the east side of N. Tryon St. approximately 150 feet north of Keswick Ave.

Mr. Yancey said that the station removal would be in the interest of lowered cost for the grade separation program.

In the first place, he said, \$200,000 had been set up in the grade separation program for a temporary passenger station during the period of construction.

That will be saved or at least that amount can go into the construction of a new station.

Then, too, if the station is

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Rain And Snow Cause Floods Across North

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Teeming rains, tidal flooding, heavy snow and strong winds sliced across the North and North Central portions of the country today.

Some families were evacuated from their homes along the Connecticut shoreline. A number of coastal roads were flooded.

Ordinary placid streams turned into torrents. Weather forecasters warned against possible flooding along their banks.

New York City had more than three inches of rain in the past 24 hours. The reading of 2.63 inches compared with an average of 3.13 inches for the whole month of February.

HEAVY SNOW

The downpour accompanied by rising temperatures came just as the area was recovering from a heavy snow and a protracted cold wave. Rapidly melting snow added to the flood dangers.

A number of automobiles were stalled on water-covered highways. Four feet of water in a Brooklyn subway forced a rerouting of Fourth Avenue local trains.

The New Haven Railroad reported that 35 cars of a 121-car freight train were derailed near the Newton Brookfield Town line in Connecticut during the storm.

Blizzard conditions extended from the western Dakotas southward through western and central Nebraska and into western and central Kansas. Snow depths reached more than a foot in some places.

The blowing snow restricted visibility to fractions of a mile as strong northerly winds lashed the north. Wind gusts ranged from 20 to 30 m.p.h. with gusts near 60 m.p.h. in some areas.

Near zero temperatures added to the discomfort of the snow and stiff winds in some sections. Readings ranged from near zero in western North Dakota to the teens in northwestern Kansas.

The Weather Bureau issued warnings of heavy snow today for sections of Kansas, South Dakota, Colorado, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and most of Nebraska. Blizzard warnings were posted for South Dakota, most of Nebraska, central and western Kansas and eastern Colorado.

More than a foot of snow fell at Dickinson, in southwest North Dakota. Amounts reached nearly a foot in Chadron, Neb., and Pierre, S. D., and more than seven inches at Russell, Kan.

The drifting snow in central Kansas blocked four of the east-west highways and one north-south main artery. Some highways also were blocked in sections of northeastern North Dakota.

A school bus with an undetermined number of children aboard, was reported missing for a time yesterday near Numa, Kan., about 30 miles north of Russell.

20 Children Feared Dead As Bus Plunges Into River

Tragedy Follows Collision

PRESTONSBURG, Ky. — A Floyd County school bus carrying some 40 youngsters collided with a truck, side-swiped an automobile, then plunged into the rain-swollen Levisa Fork of Big Sandy River today.

State police said more than 20 children and the bus driver, may have died in the accident which occurred three miles south of here. Ten youngsters escaped by climbing through a rear door before the vehicle sank.

State police were unable to furnish the names of the drivers of the other vehicles.

They said the bus skidded to the edge of the bank, then rolled into the water.

Ten youngsters scrambled through a rear door and got ashore. The last girl out managed to save herself by grabbing the foot of a man on the bank.

The bus was carrying students to elementary and high schools in Prestonsburg from the Cow Creek area in southern Floyd County.

RIVER SEARCHED

Rescue workers began dragging the river but were unable to locate the bus, which sank in about 20 feet of water.

Principal James Bolen of Prestonsburg High School said the bus driver, John Alex Drossetti, about 28, had been with the county system more than five years.

He said the youngsters were coming in from rural homes covering a 15-mile area in this coal mining community, about 82 miles southwest of Huntington, W. Va.

State police quoted one of the rescued children as saying at least 19 children and the bus driver were still on the bus when it submerged.

Evening Prayer

Gracious God, that which we would not do, we have done. Now we come to Thee seeking forgiveness. Look not upon our unworthiness, but only upon our contrite hearts. Help us, O Lord, to walk uprightly before Thee. Fortify us against temptation in His name. Amen.

Our Weather

Mostly fair today, tonight and Saturday.

Low this morning 36
Low tomorrow morning 34
High today 66
High yesterday 51
High tomorrow 62

Sunrise today 6:54 a.m.; sunset today 6:18 p.m.
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And Suddenly... It's Spring!

The temperature reaches the high 60s, skies are sunny, a bird chirps in early morning—and all of a sudden it is Spring in Charlotte.

Spring on Feb. 28—for a little while.

And there were the sounds of spring in the city today.

"Just think," a housewife says,

"Spring cleaning is coming up."

"Wonder when the beaches will open up," a student says.

"Do I have to come inside?" a child says.

"What can I do to keep my people away from the windows?" an employer says.

Today—for a while—it's Spring.



George Hundley (L) And Joe Blackwell Await Injuns



Mrs. Grady Akins Pogos With Bruce Akins, White Donn Akins And Steve Shaw Watch

ABC Plans War Oo Chaser Sideline

By DONALD MACDONALD
News Staff Writer

A war on "chasers"—soft drinks used with, or after, whiskey—was shaping up in Charlotte today as latest feature of Alcoholic Beverage Control director W. S. Hunt's "letter of the law" crackdown.

Caught in the middle are drivers in restaurant operators, whose curb boys have been in the past serving customers soft drinks.

"Now we can't even serve a cup of ice any more," said one driver-restaurant operator.

Why? "Because we've been told that any consumption of whiskey on the premises means our beer license will be taken away. We don't know for sure a person is going to mix whiskey with his cola or ginger ale or ice, but we can't risk the chance."

In a telephone survey The News found none of its driver-restaurant operators wanted to be quoted on the matter. But the situation was generally the same at most major "curb service" restaurants.

ABC Malt Beverage Division inspectors have visited most of the drivers and have issued a stern warning.

Loss of "chaser" or "set-up" business, operators agree, is not as drastic as loss of a license to sell beer would prove. But

what about loss of their drive-in customers?

"We don't know where it'll end," said one drive-in manager.

"It's so confusing right now, we're almost afraid to give anyone a drink of water."

Two of the city's hotel companies, including company distributor's office reported, business may be affected.

The directive to the drive-in operators, "warning" clerks hasn't been told in sale of their products yet. But eventually, one bottling company distributor's office reported, business may be affected.

ABC Malt Beverage Division Inspector J. E. Taylor did not care to elaborate on the situation other than to say "the law is the law." Beer cannot be sold where whiskey is consumed on the premises—inside restaurants or in parked automobiles on the drive-in lot.

Inspectors are meeting next Tuesday with a field representative from ABC headquarters in Raleigh, and invited are managers of the city's country clubs and private clubs. They are expected to discuss the "checker" system, termed illegal by Mr. Hunt.

But drive-in restaurant operators are not invited to the meeting.

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