



Flowers Mistrial

RALEIGH (AP)—The trial of J. Percy Flowers and 13 other defendants on liquor charges in Federal District Court ended in a mistrial today when the jury announced it was unable to agree on a verdict. The trial began on Jan. 27, and the case went to the jury yesterday afternoon.

Paper Resumes

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—St. Paul residents today were reading the first issue of the Pioneer Press since Dec. 17 after the weekend settlement of a strike by members of three unions.

Money Repaid

WASHINGTON (AP)—John C. Doerfer, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), told House investigators today he repaid two weeks ago \$165,152 received in 1954 from an Oklahoma television station.

Space Request

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower has ordered his science adviser to come up with recommendations on whether America's space program should be left in the Pentagon or turned over to some new agency of government.

Proof Wanted

WASHINGTON (AP)—Better proof of Russian good intentions was sought by the White House today as a condition for an East-West summit conference.

2 Die In Wreck

COLFAX, Calif. (AP)—A Greyhound bus and an empty tank truck-trailer sideswiped last night in the High Sierra near Donner Summit, killing two persons and injuring at least 22.

Job Plan

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) plans to propose that Congress set up a national public works program to create jobs.

Boy Accused

WASHINGTON (AP)—A seven-year-old boy has been accused of starting fires in a Fairfax County, Va., school that caused \$100 damage yesterday.

RED CROSS FIGURE DIES
BRUSSELS (AP)—Prince Frederic de Merode, president of the Belgian Red Cross, died early today. He was 47.



Plans At Full Speed

High Winds Halt Satellite Firing

WASHINGTON (AP)—Strong winds put an apparent damper on any new U.S. satellite firing today as scientists came up with more details on Explorer I, the Army satellite circling the globe every 115 minutes.

There was no damper on planning, however. Army scientists are reported to be proposing that an elaborate satellite, loaded with instruments and weighing up to 700 pounds, be fired before the end of the year to gather data for building a space station.

The Navy was said to be hoping to put a 20-inch satellite in orbit on schedule next month despite delays in preliminary tests.

NAVY WAITING

The Navy is waiting to fire aloft its first six-inch sphere when weather permits. A slim, 72-foot Vanguard rocket, vehicle for the Navy satellite, stood on a launching pad at Cape Canaveral, Fla., testing grounds throughout yesterday. But high winds whipping eastward over the Cape for the third straight day apparently frustrated any new firing attempts.

Army scientists, buoyed by their success with Explorer I, plan to launch sometime between now and April a second Explorer. Already they are planning toward a third satellite, weighing 300 pounds and equipped with television for reconnaissance. That would be followed by the 700-pound Explorer IV as the forerunner of a space station.

It is believed that Dr. Fred Elmer, senior scientist at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, supported earlier estimates the Explorer may last for as long as 10 years. He said the satellite may orbit several years—and possibly as much as 10 years.

Phone Can Help Women Earn Money

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House-To-House Hunt Fails To Find Bandit

2 Youths Tag Flight As 'Stupid'

By JOHN KILGO

News Staff Writer

"It was a stupid stunt."

That's what two Mecklenburg County jail escapees had to say today about their Sunday night jail break which gave them one night of harassed freedom.

Edward Charles Henderson, 19, and James L. Bridges, 17, were bound over to Superior Court under \$10,000 bond each this morning on charges of larceny of an auto.

They were arrested yesterday in Columbia, S. C., when a Columbia garage operator helped police stop them.

When they fled they were awaiting Superior Court trial for some 20 storebreaking and larceny cases.

Three other men, including Clarence Tyler, a sixteen escapee, are still being sought by police.

"It was stupid of us to do it," Bridges said as he leaned on the bars of his jail cell and rolled a match stem in his mouth.

"Me and him (Henderson) both knew we'd get caught when we walked out that jail door. Now I think we ain't got no sense."

Henderson, dressed in dirty blue pants and a T-shirt, said that as far as he knew no one had been planning the jail break.

When they got out the jail door Sunday night when one of the men came up and unlocked the door and said, "Come on, let's get out of here."

"We left before we knew what we were doing," Henderson said.

Henderson said reports that he and Bridges hid in the jail bath rooms were untrue. "Then other men took the keys off the jailer and he let us out," he said.

"When we got out the jail hall we saw Mr. Summey (night jailer). They had him tied up and he was holding. 'Don't kill me, please don't kill me.'"

A reporter asked Bridges if the prisoners were roughing Mr. Summey.

"I don't know for sure," he said, "but he was asking them not to hurt him."

"Mr. Summey is a nice guy. He's a real good jailer. He'll make a phone call for you anytime you want him."

The two boys wouldn't have much to say about Tyler, but one of them did say that Tyler bragged in jail about escaping from prison six times.

"When we got out, they let us to split up from them," Bridges said. "I expect Tyler is by himself now. He knows the tricks and he don't want nobody slowing him up."

The three escapees still sought by police today are Tyler, Leonard Caine and a punch in the nose about a quarter mile downhill from the station.



Charlotte Housewife Finds Newly Washed Blue Jeans Frozen "Standup Stiff"

North Carolina Mountains Have Deepest Snow In Years

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The heaviest blanket of snow in several years draped the western North Carolina mountains today.

High winds piled snow to drifts 13 feet deep in the Max Patch section of Haywood County, where there was a 37-inch fall.

Below 20 temperatures prevailed from Boone to Murphy and the mercury was expected to hit zero in some spots tonight.

Secondary roads in many counties were impassable and routes U. S. 19-23 and 25-70 north from Asheville to Tennessee were passable only with chains. Trucks, which were kept off these roads altogether last night, were being discouraged from traveling.

Schools were closed today in Graham, Clay, Madison, Mitchell, Avery, Swain and Watauga Counties.

Temperatures of between 5 and 10 degrees were recorded in the mountain area last night but there was no indication more heavy snow is on the way.

Mr. Mitchell reported 20 inches of snow. Some parts of northern Madison County had 24 inches.

Roads throughout the mountain area were icy, though all main highways were passable with chains.

Temperatures dropped even further.

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Thawing Promised Tomorrow

Winter kept the Carolinas in the deep freeze today, but promised to thaw us out a bit tomorrow.

The Weather Bureau predicted a rise in temperature tomorrow after the mercury touches bottom at a bitter 18 degrees.

The temperature hit 18 this morning and weather men said a 40-degree high is likely today. Skies should be fair through tomorrow.

Charlotte was one of the coldest points in North Carolina today and Asheville's 17 was the only major city colder. Usually cold Greensboro had a 23 and Winston-Salem 22. Charlotte was even colder than New York, which had a 20-degree low today.

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Today's Weather

Fair and continued cold today and tonight. Wednesday, fair and warmer.

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Sunrise, 7:21 a.m.; sunset, 5:56 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 2A

Six Children Die In Blaze

ST. LOUIS, Que. (AP)—Six young brothers and sisters perished today in an early morning fire which destroyed their two-story frame house.

The victims, children of Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Berthelot, were Gerard Raymond, 15; Camille, 14; Huguelette, 11; Lisette, 9; Jean-Yves, 6; and Vital, 18 months.

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MOON LABELED LIVABLE Explorer Holds Heat Well

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Evidence that man could live in space is being radioed back continually to the moon monitoring America's first moon.

Temperatures inside the satellite are well within the range that human beings can tolerate and so far there has been no damage from meteorites, scientists disclosed.

They said the satellite's instruments also have confirmed the long-standing belief that cosmic radiation in space usually is well within the safe exposure limits for man. Hence these rays will not be a menace to astronauts, they said.

The men who developed the Explorer told a news conference that temperatures within the tiny man-made moon are somewhere between 50 and 86 degrees Fahrenheit, or as scientists say, "room temperature."

"We designed the satellite to maintain these temperatures," said Dr. A. R. Hibbs, "and coded messages radiated back from the satellite indicate our plans were successful."

ON PROGRAM

Hibbs, 33, is section chief of the satellite research program of California Institute of Technology's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The Explorer was designed primarily to test instruments in space, but much of the information it radiates back to earth will have value when a manned satellite is launched, Hibbs said.

"We will control the heat even more closely," he said, "and build an even harder shell for protection against meteorites."

He said he could not comment on when a manned satellite would be launched.

The Explorer's inner heat is determined by controlling the amount of solar radiation allowed to penetrate the shell. This was accomplished by stripping the satellite with zirconium oxide, a white reflective paint.

Messages from the Explorer indicate the temperature on the outer skin ranges from 212 degrees below zero Fahrenheit to 372 degrees above. Without precautions, similar temperatures would be experienced inside and the instruments would not function.

Roadblock Shooting Probe Set

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP)—Police intensified a house-to-house search for an armed kidnaper today and warned curiosity seekers out of the area where a young woman was accidentally shot to death at a roadblock set up to catch the bandit.

Capt. Stuart Miller of the Kentucky state police said officers would expand their search of all buildings in the Melber area in a remote part of McCracken County where Carl Burton, 24, was last seen Sunday night.

Burton, heavily armed, left a farmhouse on foot after he and Harold Davis, 25, held Missouri State Trooper William Little and a farm couple prisoner for 24 hours. Davis attempted to commit suicide and was captured.

The fatal shooting of Jewell English, 24, Paducah, occurred when her brother Claude English, 27, inadvertently drove through a roadblock between Paducah and the Melber community where two civilians had joined a Missouri state trooper.

Forest McAllister, 36, Fulton, fired the Missouri trooper's carbine at the auto and the trooper used a shotgun. McAllister, who with a friend, Charles King, had stopped their own car to talk with the trooper, said he didn't know whose shot hit the girl. She was hit in the back.

NO CHARGES

Officials indicated no charges would be filed pending an inquest. A autopsy was performed tonight but no report was expected until later, possibly not until Thursday when an inquest will be held at 2 p. m.

At Frankfort, the state capital, Atty. Gen. Jo M. Ferguson said McAllister's legal status would depend on whether he was a private citizen or whether he had been deputized as an officer of the law in the investigation.

Miller said civilians had been added to the search for the fugitive by giving all available information to police. He said they were not asked to take any official part in the investigation.

It was reported McAllister had been sitting in the trooper's auto when the English car approached the roadblock. It was believed he was not previously acquainted with the troopers.

Claude English said he slowed down at the block waiting for a signal and started through when none came.

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Committee Works On Plan To Fight NY School Crime

NEW YORK (AP)—A mayor's committee of top city and school officials went to work today to draw up a program to cope with crime in the city's schools.

The group was appointed by Mayor Robert F. Wagner yesterday after he had met for two hours with school officials at Gracie Mansion, his official residence.

DIRECT ACTION

The calling of the meeting was Wagner's first direct intervention in a crisis which heightened in recent weeks as teenage violence flared open in Brooklyn schools. So far this week, the violence has subsided.

The violence touched off a heated controversy between the Board of Education and a Brooklyn grand jury over methods of fighting juvenile crime.

The board accused the jury of "harassing" school officials and making a threatening statement to George Goldfarb, a Brooklyn school principal who committed suicide last week. The jury fore-

man, A. George Goldfarb, accused the board of telling "deliberate lies" and said the charges were an attempt to divert the jury from its course.

Goldfarb was principal at the John Marshall Junior High School where a 13-year-old white girl reported she was raped by a 15-year-old Negro boy. In another Brooklyn school, a Negro boy raped a Negro girl last Tuesday night.

COMMITTEE MAKEUP

The mayor's committee includes William Peet, the mayor's executive secretary; Dr. William J. Dunn, superintendent of schools; Deputy Mayor John J. Theobald, who will convene the committee; and former Police Commissioner Francis W. H. Adams, now a member of the Board of Education.

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