

Auto Chase Ends in Death For 2 Gaston Men



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Seeks To Impeach

WASHINGTON (AP)—The chairman of the House Committee investigating the FCC said today he will seek to impeach Commissioner Richard A. Mack, and that "certain senators" who intervened in a Miami television case are going to have to come before the committee.

Disability News

WASHINGTON (AP)—White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said today he might have something to disclose soon about President Eisenhower's understanding with Vice President Nixon on presidential disability.

Ease Burden

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today the United States is determined to exert every effort to ease the burden and lighten the loads of heavy armaments "from the daily lives of all the people of the world."

\$156,000 Stolen

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Theft of \$156,000 in cash and jewels from the hotel penthouse of Mr. and Mrs. Titus-Haffa of Chicago was reported today by police of suburban Bal Harbour.

Revolt Studied

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Some dissident members of Premier Constantine Karamanlis' National Radical Union party today were reported reconsidering their revolt, raising the possibility that the premier might remain in power.

Stronghold Bombed

SINGAPORE (AP)—Indonesian rebel sources reported today that Menado, the capital of the rebel-held province of North Celebes, was bombed yesterday by two planes of the central government's air force.

Jam Watched

KITTINGING, Pa. (AP)—Observers kept close watch today on a huge ice gorge that has backed up the Allegheny River several miles north of this western Pennsylvania town about 45 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

Evening Prayer

Our Father, this day lift up our hearts to Thee to pray for renewed strength to slough off the strangling scum of sin from our everyday lives. Keep us ever vigilant in our fight against sin. In faith we pray in the name of Christ.—Amen.

Recession In America— Income, Profits Holding Steady Amid Downturn

(NOTE—After a massive, prolonged boom, the U.S. economy has dipped into unmistakable recession. How grim is the general picture? Here is the first of five articles about the nation's economic health, based on a country-wide Associated Press survey.)

By STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON (AP)—How's business? Not bad, really; lots of dollars changing hands. But not good, either, because the trends are wrong. Unemployment is going uphill, production downhill. Signs of the promised summer recovery are not yet visible.

There is neither pessimism nor panic in the land. But an Associated Press survey in every state and major city suggests that the personal problems of 4½ million jobless breadwinners—probably 5 million by now—are sending a chill ripple throughout the economy.

For this series of reports on the economic state of the nation, AP men interviewed a cross-section—bankers and jobless janitors, Chamber of Commerce boosters and corner storekeepers. Here's a sampling of what they heard:

"They don't look scared, just a little surprised that getting another job is tougher than it used to be.—An employment office director, Little Rock, Ark.

"THE HOSPITAL bills are killing us. I don't know if I can save the house. Last month I had a bill of a time meeting the payments.—A former \$9,000-a-year aircraft worker, laid off in Peoria, Ill.

"I think we're through the roughest period of recessions, but if 400 more miners are laid off we'll have a different story.—A bank credit officer, Butte, Mont.

"A leveling of the boom but no real downturn... Unemployment is up but so is employment.—A lawyer in a bright spot, the recession hasn't reached here yet.—When the drought ended a healthy recovery shot through our economy.—A banker and businessman in Arizona, Florida, Iowa, New Mexico and South Dakota, respectively.

This is a recession, in short, which has many faces. Factory output is down but profits haven't skidded badly. The banking and insurance industries have seldom had it so good. Total consumer income is high, retail sales are holding up well. The utilities are still expanding even while the railroads are depositing pools of useless cash at every division point from Portland to Portland.

BY CONTRAST with the hard-pressed towns, there are cities and a few whole states where the recession is mostly something you read about in the newspapers. The streets are full, stores are busy; the auto dealer is about the only man in the city who is complaining. One Charlotte, N. C., banker remarked:

"A lot of these business fellows are just crying in their car."

No region has widespread hardship. The bulk of unemployment is clustered in a few rural industrial states and in a handful of depressed industries. But the latter reach deep into

the mill towns, mountain hamlets and back woods. At the last estimate, New York had 426,000 idle. Pennsylvania had 435,000. California 312,000. Michigan had 325,000, or 11 per cent of its whole working force.

PROBABLY two out of three of the idle had some income; they were getting "UC"—unemployment compensation. About three million Americans were drawing jobless pay in February. An uncounted number had exhausted their "UC" and, still without work, had gone on to relief. In steel and autos supplemental employer-paid benefits have prolonged income.

A 38-year-old Cleveland bookkeeper in the UC line was bitter: "Do you know what it's like to lose your income suddenly, to try to live on \$35 a week? I've even tried to get a job as a stock boy at the grocery. They didn't need me."

It is not just a big-city phenomenon. From Maine to the Deep South, the Eastern Seaboard is dotted with closed textile mills and apparel factories working part time, or not at all.

Similar trouble in the sawmills and logging camps can be traced from the Carolinas to the Pacific Northwest.

Slack demand and falling prices for copper, lead and zinc have hit the mountain states—and spilled over into Canada, where unemployment is at its worst since the 1920's.

RAILROAD employment has dropped to the lowest level since 1929. Coal mining, the erstwhile "sick industry," which peaked up during the big boom of 1933-37, is sliding again.

But the big job trouble is in the "hard goods" manufacturing industries, backbone of American industry in the night. Somewhere, somewhere, nearly 1½ million factory jobs have evaporated in 13 months.

It would be rare, but inaccurate, to make the auto industry out to be the prime villain of the piece. This is the overwhelmingly dominant job producer and so far its factories, slightly higher-priced 1938 models haven't sold well.

When Detroit suffers, a lot of other places have more sympathetic pains. The problem of auto employment fluctuates, once a Detroit specialty, has been exported to Buffalo, Los Angeles, Cleveland—wherever

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Car Runs Through Bridge Rail

GASTONIA (AP)—A passing motorist who witnessed a roadside fight was chased by a carload of men here last night. During the chase the second car smashed through a bridge railing, killing two men and injuring four.

Police said those killed were Hubert Barker, 26, and Charles W. Moore, 32, both of Gastonia. The injured, all in serious condition here today, were James Cook, 43, George Frady, 31, Clyde McCarthy, 26, and James Lumsford, 28, all of Gastonia.

The accident occurred on U. S. 321, about a half-mile south of here.

Police said A. M. Whitener, 41, of Clover, S. C., gave this account: "He was driving down the highway when he saw two men fighting and several others gathered around. He slowed down to stop and all of the men jumped into the car and gave chase."

Whitener, in a 1938 model car, pulled ahead after the second car pulled ahead of him. He began arguing on the bridge spanning Catawba Creek and noticed that when the second car came to the bridge, its headlights dropped off.

He theorized there had been an accident and telephoned police. Officers said Frady admitted fighting with Lumsford in the road. Police said the six men had been to Clover and Frady and Lumsford began arguing on the trip back to Gastonia.

Whitener said he did not know why the men chased him. During the chase, he said, he reached speeds of nearly 100 miles per hour.

Freeman, Rt. 3, Gastonia, an eyewitness to the accident, was traveling south on the Gastonia side of the bridge, he told the patrolmen, when the first car passed him.

He said that the second car was "tagging" him and didn't make it through the bridge.

Today's
Weather
FAIR and
WARMER

Mostly fair today becoming partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow.

Low this morning...38
Low tomorrow morning...35
High today...62
High yesterday...59
High tomorrow...60
Sunrise today 6:30 a.m.; sunset today 6:20 p.m.

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Report Links Schools And Renewal Planning



After The Walkout, All's Forgiven

Bus-riding bride-to-be Irene Arzetti gets bussed by her groom-to-be after the girls' cross-country workout on their scheduled wedding nine days ago. Irene and Joseph Pinto still plan to be wed, although she cannot yet tell why she chose a bus ride to Los Angeles and left Pinto waiting at the altar. "I was in a daze half the time," Irene told detectives at a Brooklyn, N. Y., police station.

3-Point Proposal Offered

By JULIAN SCHEER
News Staff Writer

City-county school consultants today took a long look at the future and came up with three major proposals:

1. A vast building program in the city, county and perimeter area to keep up with starting school population increases.

2. Particular attention in the projected urban renewal program to secondary school needs in the center of the city.

3. The building of a city-county administrative structure with an eye toward administrative consolidation before actual school board consolidation.

Engelhardt, Engelhardt, Leggett and Cornell sent both the city and county school boards a 38-page report on building needs today. It noted that the county's white school population would exceed the city's next year.

The report showed these school population figures:

By 1950-51 the city's white school population will, for the first time, drop below the county's by 19,799 to 21,609.

COUNTY GROWTH

By 1962-63 the city's white school population will be an estimated 29,971 as compared to the county's 36,353.

The Engelhardt report adds, "The county program for about 3,400 new seats will probably cover for a maximum of two years growth in school enrollment at the rate the county system is now growing."

The report proposes the building of 11 school children still missing to the nation's worst school bus tragedy.

Grief-stricken parents of 14 others recovered yesterday began the sad task of preparing to bury their youngsters.

The grim 33-hour search for the submerged bus ended yesterday. The mud-filled, battered yellow vehicle was dragged out of the swift waters of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, yielding the bodies of 14 students and the driver.

The 16th victim recovered was identified later by sobbing 12-year-old John Darby as his younger sister, Linda. Her body was found today wedged against a log about a mile downstream.

Big searchlights swept the muddy waters and small boats patrolled the river as far as four miles downstream in a constant all-night vigil.

A launch carrying Navy divers started out early today, crusing the river with the divers making periodic descents into the muddy depths in search of victims washed away as the powerful current tumbled the submerged bus 200 yards downstream from the death plunge scene.

PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

These schools would get preference over other needed structures in the area, including a new elementary school between Sugar Creek Rd. and Statesville Rd., north of the city and a new elementary school between Wilkinson Blvd. and the new Route 59 bypass.

The county should also move, the report said, toward a new high school in the south of the county. This is on the planning boards.

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For Brown Killing Death The Goal In Wetzel Trial

By BILL HUGHES
News Reviewer

SANFORD—The second trial growing out of the fatal shooting of two North Carolina highway patrolmen, Nov. 5, opened here this morning.

The defendant is Frank Edward Wetzel, 36-year-old upstate New Yorker whose name has become a household word in North Carolina since the killings.

In the current trial, Wetzel specifically is accused of shooting Patrolman J. T. Brown. Brown was shot down after raiding that he was stopping an "out of state speeder."

At the time patrolmen already were looking for the man who shot Patrolman Walter L. Reese as he operated a speed trap near Ellerbe.

LARGE PANEL

Only one juror had been seated at noon today as lawyers questioned closely persons from a 100-member panel called for the trial. The juror is Brown Campbell of Sanford.

Providing judge is George M. Fountain of Tarboro. Solicitor W. Jack Hooks has announced he will seek a death sentence. Wetzel was convicted and sentenced to life in the Reese shooting.

That sentence, the result of a trial lasting two days of hearings last week, recommended that H. Emmett Powell, the director, and N. E. Mohr Jr., the assistant, be required to resign immediately and that appropriate steps be taken to remove them from office, if necessary.

A report to Gov. Hodges and county commissioners of the 10 counties in the Housing Authority's territory the committee said that the counties should "take whatever action is necessary to insure that the Regional Housing Authority assets be interest in the property described as Seymour Johnson Homes."

The committee also found that the Board of Commissioners of the authority "did not exercise necessary diligence in protecting the interests of the authority."

TURN AROUND

LONDON (AP)—Britain's first standard railway coach for swivel seats went into service for one week to test passenger opinion.

Giant Net Used To Find Bodies

PRESTONBURG, Ky. (AP)—Muddy, swirling river waters yielded another victim early today as searchers prepared to lift a giant net in hopes of recovering bodies of 11 school children still missing to the nation's worst school bus tragedy.

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—RECESSION PICTURE 'SPOTTED'— Diversification Help To Carolinas

By J. A. DALY
News Business Editor

The far advanced diversification of business and industry is providing a strong support for the economy of the Carolinas amidst this period of nationwide recession.

A multi-edited picture of these states' economic picture is spotted—there are some dark spots. Yet the latest statistics regarding a wide range of activities show the background of the big picture is impressive and encouraging.

The economy of the Carolinas is dominated by the textile industry, but that domination is definitely less than it was five to ten years ago. And the tex-

tile industry is diversified to the greatest extent in the country. While the Carolinas' textile industry is curtailing moderately, many other phases of Carolina business and industry are holding up at high levels.

HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT

Official statistics from South Carolina and North Carolina show unemployment is high. These states are paying out weekly great totals of cash as unemployment compensation to workers, many of whom have been working at non-manufacturing jobs.

Nevertheless, unemployment currently in the Carolinas is described officially as moderately less than it was in 1934. Limited concern was expressed at the time over that "recession"—now really great emphasis and closest attention is being given

to details of the recession over the United States.

Economists from time to time change their theories but these analysts still are directing close attention to the velocity of circulation of money. That velocity is being maintained around record rates in the Carolinas.

SPENDING HIGH

Latest statistics—for January—show that the Fifth District Federal Reserve Bank is impressed as regards money moving through business channels.

At Charlotte in January checks drawn against individual bank accounts totaled \$294,000. That was a gain of one per cent over January, 1937.

The Reserve Bank's statistics also showed debits to bank accounts at ten leading North Carolina cities in January totaled \$1,320,166,000. That was a

decrease of only one per cent from the total for January, 1937, when the current recession still was in the future.

S.C. DEBITS UP

Also the official statistics show that debits at the four leading South Carolina cities in January were \$383,146,000. That was a seven per cent gain over the total recorded by the Fifth District Reserve Bank in these cities in January, last year.

The latest report from Charlotte Clearing House gives bank clearings for Charlotte at \$138,311,984 for the week ended Feb. 26. The total for the corresponding week last year was \$129,407,808.

Important to consider in relation to the Charlotte clearing data is the fact that a year ago the total was boosted substantially.

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You Can Win \$400 On Puzzle

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Classified	9-11B
Comics	8B
Crossword Puzzle	8A
Earl Wilson	13A
Editorials	2B
Everyday Counselor	10A
Obituaries	9B
Radio-TV	6-7A
Serious	8A
Sports	6-7B
Theaters	4B
To Your Good Health	3-5B
Women	3-5B
Worry Clinic	12B