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Prices Rise

WASHINGTON (AP)—Soaring food prices sent the government living cost index up seven-tenths of one percent in March to a new record high. It was the largest monthly advance since July, 1956.

Offensive Slows

JAKARTA (AP)—Indonesian government forces pressed closer to the rebel center of Bukittinggi today but progress was slow.

Not This Year

LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II has turned down her invitation to this year's royal command film performance, ending an annual tradition of glittering nights at which the world's movie stars met Britain's royal family.

Dynamite Found

COLOMBO, Ceylon (AP)—Police today spotted four sticks of dynamite wired to Colombo's main railroad bridge a few hours after the Communist-dominated workers' federation called the vanguard of 180,000 public servants out on strike.

Teachers Strike

TOKYO (AP)—Some 20,000 teachers from Tokyo primary and junior high schools went on strike today against the government education policy. Smaller-scale walkouts took place at other points throughout Japan.

30-Inch Snow

DENVER (AP)—Winter held portions of Montana in an icy grasp today. Red Lodge, Mont., was covered by more than 30 inches of snow and the snow continued to descend today.

Partition Rallies

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)—The Turkish minority of Cyprus today observed Turkish Parliament Day throughout the island with rallies and demonstrations for partition of this British colony.

Envoys Walk Out

LJUBLJANA, Yugoslavia (AP)—The ambassadors of Russia and her European satellites stalked out of the Yugoslav Communist Party Congress today rather than hear their governments accused of "sharpening the old and rusty weapons of the Cominform" against President Tito.

Evening Prayer

Our Father, we humble ourselves in prayer before Thee. By Thy grace, enable us, we beseech Thee, to live in Christ here that we may find ourselves at home with Him in our life to come. This we ask of Thee, our Father almighty, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Redeemer... Amen.

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Wind Hurlled This Summertown Building Against Tree

Damage Extensive

Tornado Kills S. C. Youngster

SUMMERTOWN, S. C. (AP)—A shrieking tornado reached down a black fist yesterday and slammed a concrete block into a five-year-old boy, crushing him to death.

The child's four-year-old sister, sitting beside him, suffered only a scratch on the leg.

It looked like a ball of smoke, said Nancy Carter, the mother of the child who died. "It was carrying trees and all sorts of stuff," Mrs. Carter said. She and Willie and Emily Ann were watching the storm through the window of their concrete block tenant house on a farm near here. The tornado whirled a hole right through the house.

Frightened residents said the tornado sounded like a railroad train or a hundred planes and carried hailstones as big as baseballs.

"It was a black cloud shaped like an ice cream cone," said Summertown Police Chief E. M. Causey who drove his car out to meet the storm that threatened his town.

FLYING DEBRIS
"There were tree tops and tin and a lot of stuff up in the air flying around."

It passed within 150 yards of my car. No, it didn't shake the car or anything."

Elsewhere across the Carolina tornadoes and violent weather hit in checkerboard fashion. Damage, notably to the South Carolina peach crop, was estimated in the thousands of dollars.

In Darlington County, S. C., winds smashed farm buildings and strewn trees and branches over the city of Darlington. Mrs. J. W. Murray reported a funnel-shaped cloud shortly before winds scattered remains of a tobacco barn over a wide area and smashed a tenant house and two other buildings.

Trees were uprooted and buildings wrecked over the county. A large tree slammed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cogswell in Darlington.

A small tornado swirled into the town of Summertown.

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—DEAD BANDIT A MYSTERY—

Victim's Wife Slays Robber

HIGH POINT — UP — A woman shot and killed a would-be robber in her front yard here last night as the hooded man crouched over her husband with a lap-shoulder shotgun barrel clutched in both hands.

Meanwhile, police credited Mrs. Kathleen Jones with saving the life of her husband, David E. Jones, operator of Jones Bros. Service here. Barring the woman's quick action, Jones' unidentified assailant probably would have clubbed him to death police said.

Mrs. Jones, crediting a higher power, said the 25 caliber pistol had been left in the house by her husband only yesterday morning "for the first time since he got it."

The attempted robbery took place about 8 p.m., as Jones re-

turned from closing his service station. He was attacked while getting out of his car in the driveway.

Officers arrived at the Jones home about five minutes after the attempted hold-up. The bandit was found lying on his left side, facing the house about 10 feet from the front door.

Medical examiner Dr. T. E. Terrell arrived a few minutes later. His examination of the unknown bandit showed that a single 25 caliber bullet wound under the man's right eye brought instantaneous death, he said.

The dead man's face was covered by a homemade hood which he apparently had fashioned from the sleeve and shoulder of a woman's woolen sweater.

The only identification found on

the body was a name, "Toby Smith," written in ink inside his trousers pocket. Above that name was the short inscription "cat."

Dark-haired, slender, with a scar across the point of his chin, the man appeared to be of medium height and build and about 25 years of age.

Following the attack, Jones was rushed to High Point Memorial Hospital for emergency treatment of deep lacerations. Attending physicians said he had evidently been struck repeatedly with the gun barrel, suffering several deep slashes where jagged metal edges ripped open his scalp.

The 25-caliber shotgun barrel was found lying next to the crumpled body of Jones' assailant. The 27-inch instrument had been detached from the stock.

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Today's Weather

WINDY

Drug Found In Autopsy On Child

By JOHN KILGO
News Staff Writer

County Police Chief Joe D. Whitley said today murder warrants will be signed against a Gaston County man and woman in connection with the mysterious death of a three-year-old boy early Sunday.

Mrs. Minnie Current, 33, of McAdenville, and Russell Pinkney Beal, 38, of Belmont, will also be charged with occupying a room for immoral purposes, with false registration as man and wife, and with neglect of a minor child, the chief said.

County Coroner Dr. W. M. Summerville said tests show the child, Paul Mason Current, had habituated in his system at the time of his death.

"Preliminary tests show that the child had some barbiturates in his system," the coroner said, "but we don't know how much."

"I still have some of the child's blood and if we need to know how much we can make more tests and test. The test that I completed yesterday showed up pretty strongly positive."

Dr. Summerville said the pills Beal and Mrs. Current had in the motel room Sunday are technically known as secobarbital.

"They're commonly called Red Birds," Dr. Summerville said. "They're fast-acting pills that tend to make most people drowsy and sleepy. They're not a narcotic."

Dr. Summerville said the Red Birds dissolve rapidly in water, and even faster in alcohol.

DOESN'T REMEMBER

Beal said Mrs. Current had taken about seven of the Red Birds and she said she had been drinking beer. She told a News reporter she doesn't even remember checking into the motel room.

Dr. Summerville said there are two types of barbiturates. One, like the Red Birds, is fast-acting. The other is slower.

"It wouldn't take many of the pills to kill a young child," the doctor said.

Dr. Summerville is still working on other tests today, but he said it looks as if the child had a bad heart, and possibly pneumonia.

Police questioned other doctors who had previously treated the Current child.

IRRITATED THROAT
A Lowell doctor, who was called to the Current home Friday to see Mrs. Current's daughter, checked young Paul's throat and told police he found it "slightly irritated."

A Belmont doctor who treated the child in his early months told police the boy was undernourished when he was about three months old, but this had cleared up by February, 1955.

Officers said he told them that, as far as he knows, the child was normal.

Beal said he had several of the Red Birds in the pocket of a shirt lying on a table near the bed. He said, however, he didn't think the child took the pills from the shirt pocket.

Funeral services for the Current child — who would be four years old next month — were held yesterday. Police escorted the mother to the funeral.



Paula And Her Policeman Pop See Matters Eye To Eye

—EXTRA VESSEL MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE—

Normal Heart Makes Real Girl Of Paula

By ELIZABETH PRINCE
News Medical Writer

Paula Brison is as full of life today as any five-year-old, and so blonde she shines.

Two months ago, though, she was nervous and irritable. She wouldn't eat. She frequently threw what her mother calls "trifling temper tantrums."

She weighed only 35 pounds, and her heart was abnormal.

The difference between Paula then and Paula now is medical history. Here is the third case on record where there was an extra blood vessel of the heart.

Paula's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Brison of Rt. 6, knew from the time she was born her heart wasn't normal.

Doctors said she could live at most a year. Later they gave her just three years. Her heart, pounding furiously, was literally wearing itself out.

OPERATION POSSIBLE

When the Brissons moved to Charlotte from Colorado, Paula in surgery made it possible to operate on her heart.

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and doctors here said an operation could be attempted.

It was Paula's only chance. The pre-operation diagnosis was a hole in the heart between the two upper chambers (auricles).

Somewhere in the process of development, the tissue dividing the two auricles had failed to grow completely, doctors thought.

Unusual, yes. But not so rare. Paula's trouble, actually, as surgeons found out while operating March 28, was that there was an extra blood vessel, one-quarter to one-half inch long, connecting the right coronary artery and vein.

It is the coronary artery that takes blood to the heart muscle itself to keep it pumping. The extra blood vessel was shutting

some of that needed blood to the vein, which took it back inside the heart.

In effect, Paula was having a partial heart attack all the time. Her heart wasn't getting all the blood it needed to work. And, to try to get more blood, it had to beat faster.

"This defect gives the same test finding as a defect of the septum (inner wall) between the auricles," explained the surgeon. "This is what we thought she had."

DIDN'T NEED MACHINE

"We got ready to use the heart-lung machine, but when we got to the heart, we found we didn't have to."

"Surgery made her completely normal," said the surgeon.

"She didn't need a heart-lung machine was a needed."

Ask her how she feels now, and she says, "Fine."

Ask her if she feels better now than she did before, and a vigorous head-nodding and 19 outstretched fingers — for 19 times and loads of times better — is the answer.

"She's not so nervous now," her mother pointed out. "And her speech has slowed. Before, she could hardly understand her talk so fast."

"I eat everything," Paula confirmed. "Everything tastes better."

NEW PROBLEM
Mrs. Brison has a new kind of problem with Paula now — keeping her quiet. She wants to play with her brother, Ronnie, 2, or the baby, Donnie, a year old last week.

Next September, just before her sixth birthday on Sept. 22, Paula will go to school — a normal first grader.

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FDR's Georgia Cook Succumbs

WARM SPRINGS, Ga. (AP)—The Negro woman who cooked President Franklin Roosevelt's first and last meals at the Little White House here is dead.

Daisy Turner, who cooked for the famous man for 29 years whenever he was in Warm Springs, died just 13 years and 10 days after his death. She had been in ill health for several years.

Daisy once scribbled on the kitchen wall of the Little White House that she cooked "the first meal and the last" for the late President.

Guides still point out the inscription to visitors.

Retired President Of Southern Dies

WASHINGTON (AP)—Ernest Eden Norris, 76, former president of the Southern Railway Co., died unexpectedly early today.

Norris was Southern's president from 1937 to Dec. 31, 1951. He was a director after his retirement from the presidency.

His widow and two sons, Frank C. Norris, Verbank N. Y., and Ernest Eden Norris Jr., Jr., New York City, survive.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

High yesterday 65
High expected today 75
High expected tomorrow 80
Low this morning 47
Low expected tonight 47
Sunrise, 5:42 a.m.; sunset, 7:02 p.m.

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