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A News Editorial

Progress, Not Decay

TOMORROW is a day of decision in the history of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Citizens of the present will be choosing the kind of metropolitan community they and their children will inhabit in the future.

Will its public school system collapse under the pressures of an exploding population? Will the community be denied desperately needed college facilities to prepare its children for the challenge of the Sputnik Age?

Will thousands of future Charlotteans lack the basic necessities of decent water, sewer and fire protection facilities promised them in 1957's campaign for city limits extension?

These are questions citizens will be answering at the polls tomorrow.

A choice will be made. The choice must be for progress.

IN ORDER to secure a decent future for Charlotte, Mecklenburg County and all their 268,000 citizens, approval of each of the proposed bond issues is essential. Furthermore, it is the plain duty of every citizen to vote.

Too much is at stake to yield now to apathy or complacency or the dark counsel of the timorous. The best armor against each of these baleful influences is the certain knowledge that this metropolitan community is not past a limited operation but a continuing, expanding entity that has grown more vital with each successive test.

Charlotte and Mecklenburg County are on the move. The community has crying needs but it also has promise. That promise involves all there is of a finer, richer, fairer community—held up for all to see.

Help Charlotte and Mecklenburg build progress—not decay.

11 Million Dollars

School, Service Bond Vote Awaited

One of the largest turnouts for a special election is expected tomorrow when Charlotte and Mecklenburg County residents vote in special bond and tax elections.

Polls open at 6:30 a.m. for 12 hours with good weather predicted all day.

The vote may reach 11,000, which is slightly higher than most past special elections.

THREE BALLOTS

There are three ballots to be marked:

City — The residents of the city will vote on a long ballot which calls for issuance of bonds up to \$4,000,000 for the extension of water, sewer and fire protection facilities into the perimeter area to be annexed Dec. 31, 1959.

Included in the nearly \$5 million is \$100,000 additional needed for the construction of a Public Health Center.

Only city residents vote on this ballot.

City and County — There are two short ballots and residents of the entire county vote.

One of these is a ballot calling for six million dollars in school building bonds.

The other ballot, also for a short one, offers the vote for or against a recent tax levy for Charlotte and Carver Colleges.

The school bond money will be used for both city and county schools, with the city getting \$3,100,000 and the county receiving \$2,897,000.

ALREADY IN CITY

The community college tax levy is a two-cent levy on each \$100 assessed valuation of real and personal property. City residents already have this levy and the vote is a reaffirmation of the present levy. However, this will be the first time there is a call for a countywide levy.

Found a blanket, out of which he made a poncho, and a boy's cowboy hat. Then he set out again. He reached his early yesterday.

His wife, meanwhile, lay beneath a crude shelter rigged beside the wrecked plane. She was without food and lashed with pain from a hip fracture. The injury made it virtually impossible for her to move.

Aside from the hip fracture, she suffered extensive frostbite.

"It was pretty horrible when Bruce had to leave, but I knew he had to go," Mrs. Davis said.

"I had nothing to eat except two livebeavers and a half stick of chewing gum. I ate pine needles to keep my hunger."

"I don't remember much," she laughed. I sang, I talked to myself. I cried and I prayed to myself.

On Wednesday he stumbled into a deserted cabin. There he

Arms Plan Agreement Seen Ahead

By EDMOND LEBRETON

WASHINGTON (AP)—Signs of possible compromise appeared today as Secretary of Defense McElroy hoped to finish his testimony on the Administration's controversial military reorganization plan.

Before McElroy began a fourth day of testimony before the House Armed Services Committee, President Eisenhower had a breakfast date with the members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In advance of the breakfast meeting, White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the reorganization plan probably would be discussed along with other matters.

In his appearance before the armed services group, McElroy was expected to present written replies to questions posed by Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) Vinson said the questions go to the heart of Eisenhower's proposals to strengthen the authority of the Secretary of Defense.

ALREADY ANSWERED

Actually, the questions already have been answered in considerable part during the three days McElroy has spent before the committee. And yesterday cautious suggestions appeared on both sides that a compromise might be possible.

McElroy stressed that he was not agreeing in advance to any concessions. But he said that "so long as we jointly agree on the objectives to be achieved" it should be possible to discuss changing parts of the proposed plan. He described his approach to the issue as flexible.

Vinson's questions, handed to McElroy earlier in the week, deal mainly with three issues:

1. Does the executive branch want Congress to turn over to it the prerogative of deciding what roles and missions — in modern terms, what new weapons and fighting responsibilities — will be assigned to the Army, Navy and Air Force.

2. Do the President's proposals amount to merger of the services under the equivalent of a "Prussian-style" general staff and chief of staff?

3. Is the Defense Department seeking authority to transfer non-fighting components of the various services so that, for example, it might bring all the medical corps under one command?

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The fire burned in the area between Alligator and Pungo lakes and the tiny village of Pomer.

Meanwhile, a cool front moved in bringing brisk northerly winds, making fire-fighting more difficult.

Forest Service officials moved in a field kitchen and food supplies to feed the more than 30 men fighting the fire because "it looks like they are going to be there some little time."

"There I waved and screamed at the planes, although I knew they could never see me," she said.

But one of the planes that participated in the intense search of this northeastern Oregon area saw the wreckage and directed an Air Force helicopter to the scene.

The copter landed on a frozen lake a quarter of a mile away, and its four-man crew hiked to Mrs. Davis.

(AP Photo)



Size Of Tree Is Shown By Man Standing On It



Workmen Clear Debris From Yard Where Big Tree Fell

Transformer Fire Blacks Out Big Downtown Area Of City

A brief fire in a Duke Power Co. transformer on S. Graham St. early this afternoon caused a disruption of electrical service to a large downtown area.

The power went off at 12:27 p.m. and was restored at 1:12 p.m.

The affected area was generally west of Church St. and south of Trade.

FIREMEN RESPOND

The transformer, located at Duke's Graham St. substation, burned out shortly after noon.

Firemen responded to the alarm and cooled the overheated equipment with water.

The transformer bank affected involved installations served by overhead circuits out of Graham St.

Not affected were installations tied into Duke's underground circuits. Most of these are large buildings with big power demands.

Even Duke's own office building on S. Church was without power.

The failure caused a serious delay in production at The Charlotte News, when the newspaper's hot metal typesetting and stereo typing machinery cooled.

The News' Associated Press teleprinters and Photofact machines were out of service for the period of power failure.

Telephone service at offices with their own switchboards was partially interrupted. The central phone exchanges, however, were kept in operation with emergency generators.

The local television and radio stations remained on the air.

Midtown restaurants were unaffected, though the Hotel Charlotte's restaurant had to put lighted candles on its tables.

Power in the Wilder Bldg., where the local Western Union office is located, was also interrupted.

This affected teletype machines all over town, since many of them are tied into the Western Union system.

Telegraph company officials said there would be little delay in catching up with the backlog of messages.

Elevators in the Wilder Bldg. were also affected.

Scattered thunderstorms and cooler today, tonight and tomorrow.

Low this morning 61
Low tomorrow morning 56
High today 77
High tomorrow 90
Sunrise today 5:29 a.m.; sunset today 7:03 p.m.

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TELETYPE DATA — BIRMINGHAM, England — (AP) — A British firm opened a new style book plant here today in which pigs are slaughtered in a gas chamber. This says Bywater and Co., claiming that the pig is less tense and the bacon more tender.

Damage Extensive In Northern Area

A sudden, violent thunderstorm with wind gusts in excess of 50 miles per hour toppled trees and broke telephone and electric power lines just north of the city's business district about 2:30 a.m. today.

The storm routed at least four people from their beds after an ancient oak tree fell on N. Davidson St., striking the front porch of a house in the 800 block.

D. F. Love, one of the four occupants, said the noise "sounded like a big thunderclap." He and the three others escaped unhurt.

But the Weather Bureau said there was no truster, just strong sudden winds recorded at about 32 miles per hour at the airport weather station.

A total of 13 of an inch of rain was recorded during the storm. The temperature fell nine degrees between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m.

Most of the wind damage was done in about five minutes, according to city police and firemen.

Trees were toppled in at least 12 different locations, most of them along N. College, N. Davidson and N. Alexander Sts., leading police to fear a small tornado had dipped down into that heavily-populated area.

MANY CALLS
Calls flooded the switchboards at fire dept. headquarters and police headquarters between 2:30 a.m. and 2:35 a.m.

Dispatchers reported the following damage:

Trees down at 11th and Davidson Sts., where an oak tree toppled on the front porch of Mr. Love's home; at 7th and College Sts., 9th and College Sts., 10th and College Sts., 11th and College Sts., 12th and College Sts., 13th and College Sts., 14th and College Sts., 15th and College Sts., 16th and College Sts., 17th and College Sts., 18th and College Sts., 19th and College Sts., 20th and College Sts., 21st and College Sts., 22nd and College Sts., 23rd and College Sts., 24th and College Sts., 25th and College Sts., 26th and College Sts., 27th and College Sts., 28th and College Sts., 29th and College Sts., 30th and College Sts., 31st and College Sts., 32nd and College Sts., 33rd and College Sts., 34th and College Sts., 35th and College Sts., 36th and College Sts., 37th and College Sts., 38th and College Sts., 39th and College Sts., 40th and College Sts., 41st and College Sts., 42nd and College Sts., 43rd and College Sts., 44th and College Sts., 45th and College Sts., 46th and College Sts., 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