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PEERING COINS BLAMED IN DEATH

County OKs Merger Of Tax Offices

By JERRY REECE
News Staff Writer

County commissioners went on record today approving the consolidation of city and county tax offices.

In a motion made by Commissioner Ernest K. Brown and seconded by S. S. McNinch, the board voted unanimously to approve the plan, subject to approval by the City Council.

Today's action was the first official move by either a city or county governing body to consolidate previously separate functions.

Nearest previous thing to consolidation of two agencies came when the county made Dr. M. B. Bethel county health officer as well as city health officer.

The plan, which has been under study by a special Chamber of Commerce committee since the death of City Tax Collector Jake Mills, would see the consolidation of the collecting offices for city and county taxes. It would also mean only one tax bill would be sent to each taxpayer.

W. R. Cuthbertson, spokesman for the Chamber committee, appeared before the commissioners this morning to plead the case for consolidation.

OTHER INSTANCES

He pointed out to commissioners the plan had been made by Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, Wilmington and New H. over County, and Asheville and Buncombe County.

Mr. Cuthbertson said that as long ago as Dec. 1, 1948, the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill had recommended the consolidation of the two offices.

"The consolidation would eliminate \$6,000 tax bills a year and save \$3,200 in postage alone," he said.

Figures presented by Mr. Cuthbertson show the city and county offices employ 56 to 61 persons, with the city having about 30 per cent more employees than the county. He said these employees could be shifted to various jobs during the year, when different phases of tax collecting were in progress.

BETTER PAID

"The city's tax employees are 14 to 25 per cent better paid and to about 2 per cent better in collecting than the county," Mr. Cuthbertson said.

He emphasized that the Chamber committee was not trying to tell the commissioners what to do about the matter.

"We want to see the consolidation," he said. "We feel that the commission should appoint a committee to work out the details."

"Nobody is going to lose a job in this consolidation. That's one argument the committee has run into," Mr. Cuthbertson said.

Commission Chairman Srd Y. McAden said before the motion passed that he personally favored the consolidation, "but it's something that can't be done in two weeks."

Mr. McAden then called on the county's assistant tax collector.

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Bullet's Path To Girl

Pointing to a hole in the bathroom wall, Harvey Peer of Newark, N. J., shows path of bullet which was fired by an off-duty policeman in an adjoining apartment.

The bullet struck Peer's daughter, 10-year-old Linda, paralyzing her from the waist down. Patrolman Joseph Thomas said the gun went off accidentally.

(AP Photo)

Heavy Downpour

Storm Kills Man, Causes Flooding

By EMILY WISTER
News Staff Writer

A cracking storm that broke the stillness of early morning brought at least one death, flooded streets and buildings and disrupted power service today.

Dead is 20-year-old Richard Mosley Brickell, killed when his car crashed into a telephone pole on Providence Rd. near Meadowbrook Rd. about a quarter mile from Sardia Rd.

County Police Officer Tommy Smith and Linsey Burden said Brickell's car apparently went into a skid after hitting high water in the road. The car skidded 60 feet, crashed into a telephone pole and then rolled down a bank and hit a tree.

MOTORIST SAW LIGHTS

The officers said Brickell had apparently been dead about 30 hours when they reached the scene at 4:03 a.m. A passing motorist who saw the wrecked car's headlights shining in the valley called police.

Officers said the road was flooded and drains were overflowing. It was the eighth fatality on county roads this year.

Brickell was born Feb. 25, 1938, in Charlotte, son of Mrs. Lydia Weir Brickell and the late James B. Brickell, a graduate of East Mecklenburg High School, he attended Charlotte College.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 4 p.m. at Myers Park Methodist Church, of which he was a member. Dr. Eugene Fess, pastor, and Dr. Lawrence I. Still, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Interment will be in Sharon Memorial Mausoleum.

Survivors include his mother and a brother, James S. Brickell of Charlotte.

The storm, second in four days, broke with a roaring torrent of rain around 1 a.m. Three quarters of an inch of rain fell between 1 and 2, and 1 1/2 inches between 2 and 3. Total precipitation for the night measured 1.0 1/2 inches.

Between 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. 52 inch rain fell.

Water poured through ventilators of the Myers Park Fire station on Laurel Ave. just off Providence Rd. and firemen had to turn on their pumps to get it out.

Duke Power Co. service crews were kept on the run. Although a spokesman said there was not "a great deal of trouble," there were power disruptions on De Rota Rd., York Rd., Pineville Rd., Providence Rd. and Rozelle's Ferry Rd. Most service had been restored by 7 a.m.

Already the month is the wettest April in 22 years. Hard showers the few remaining days of the month may bring the April 1958 total over the 9.61 inches total of April 1956.

Anti-Mixers Get Setback

ST. LOUIS — Dismissal of suits by Gov. Orval Faubus of Arkansas and others against government actions to enforce integration at Central High School in Little Rock was upheld today by the U. S. Court of Appeals.

The appellate court rejected Faubus' appeal from an injunction against his use of Arkansas National Guard troops to keep Negro children out of the Little Rock school.

Also rejected were parallel actions appealed by Mrs. Clyde Thomson and Mrs. Margaret Jackson, members of the pro-segregation League of Central High Mothers.

The three-judge appeals court, which held hearings on the three cases March 11, upheld the ruling of Federal District Judge Ronald Davies in each case.

In the Faubus case, the court of appeals held the State of Arkansas could not lawfully use its forces to suppress "rights which it is the duty of the state to defend."

"The use of troops or police for such purposes would breed violence," the court said. "It would constitute an assurance to those who resort to violence to obtain their ends that if they gathered in sufficient numbers to constitute a menace to life, the forces of law would not only oppose them but would actually assist them in accomplishing their objective."

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Ike Makes New Appeal To Soviets

AUGUSTA, Ga. (P) — President Eisenhower called on Soviet Premier Khrushchev today to join the western bloc in an Arctic region aerial inspection program against massive surprise attack.

The President, in a brief new note to the Kremlin leader, also appealed for Soviet Union reconsideration of the Eisenhower April 8 proposal for study of nuclear test ban controls by technical experts. Russia last week rejected that proposal.

In calling on the Soviet Union to join the Western allies in an Arctic area aerial inspection program, the President pointed out to Khrushchev that the United States already has announced its intention of bringing up the matter in the United Nations Security Council tomorrow. A resolution will be introduced in the council by Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, chief of the U.S. mission to the U.N.

Ike SURE

"I am sure," Eisenhower wrote Khrushchev, "that with the growing capabilities in the Soviet Union and the United States of massive surprise attack, it is necessary to establish measures to avert a war."

Eisenhower said agreement on such an inspection program would be a significant first step toward disarmament.

The President's note added up to still another U. S. move to smash recent Soviet charges that this country is endangering peace by sending armed reconnaissance planes across the Arctic area toward the Soviet frontier.

The Soviet Union brought that complaint before the U.N. Security Council last week. But Soviet Delegate Arkady A. Sobolev withdrew his resolution — asking the council to halt such U.S. flights — after nine of the other 10 members of the council had spoken against it.

The United States denied the flights of its bombers were in any way provocative or threatening to the Soviet Union.

In urging the Russians to support the American request, Lodge plans to introduce tomorrow, Eisenhower said in his 370-word message to Khrushchev: "We are sure that the United States and subsequent cooperation would be able to achieve a significant first step. It would help reduce tensions, it would contribute to an increase of confidence among states and help reduce the mutual fears of surprise attack."

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BULLETINS

Civil Rights Action Delayed

WASHINGTON (P) — The Senate Judiciary Committee today postponed for another week action on the nomination of Gordon MacRae Tiffany as executive director of the Civil Rights Commission.

States Rights Victory

WASHINGTON (P) — The Senate Judiciary Committee today approved an amendment intended to overcome a Supreme Court ruling and restore to states the right to enforce their own antisubversion laws.

Canal Tolls Given Okay

WASHINGTON (P) — The Supreme Court today struck down a ruling that the Panama Canal Co. must lower its tolls, and refused to order \$7 million dollars in refund to steamship lines for assertedly excessive tolls.

Six Million To Be Jobless?

WASHINGTON (P) — George Meany, AFL-CIO president, said today his demand for unemployment will go close to six million in June unless some miracle happens.

U. S. To Pay On Reactor

WASHINGTON (P) — The United States agreed today to contribute \$350,000 toward the cost of building a \$4,294,995 nuclear research and materials testing reactor in Sweden.

Father Killed In Wreck

BACONTON, Ga. (P) — A father of three was killed and six other members of the family were injured today when their car left the highway and flipped into a small creek.

Senator Slaps Cigarette Ads

WASHINGTON (P) — Senator Neuberger (D-Ore) renewed today his demand for legislation providing new controls over cigarette advertising.

Called 'Scare Deal'

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (P) — A Jewish synagogue and a Negro school were dynamited early today in this city's first outbreak of racial disorder.

A cache of dynamite placed at the rear of the Jewish center exploded at 12:30 a.m. (EST). It blew in windows and doors of the building and shattered windows in homes in the area.

Half an hour later a dynamite bomb exploded between two buildings at the James Weldon School exploded and caused damage estimated by police at \$2,000.

No one was injured and there were no fires connected with either blast. No arrests were made immediately but Blanton said police had meager descriptions of an automobile seen leaving the Jewish center about the time of the explosion there. He said two men were seen near the rear of the building shortly before the blast.

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2 Caught After Long Manhunt

BAT CAVE (P) — A stolen MG convertible was injured and killed the wife of the head of this community hospital.

Mrs. Elaine Hershey Burch, 35, died instantly on Route 74 some three miles west of here.

Her husband, Dr. William Burch, listed as driver of the late MG convertible, was injured and his condition was described as "serious."

Ten hours later the convicts were captured in this vicinity following an intense manhunt. They were identified as John Miller, 28, of Albemarle, and James Crisp, 25, of Concord. The two were quoted by the state highway patrol as saying that they were the occupants of the truck at the time of the crash.

Miller and Crisp were two of the four men who escaped from a work camp in Vainey County about 11 a.m. Friday.

Dr. Burch was quoted as saying that two men got out of the truck immediately following the crash on the rain-drenched highway, and walked over to his car which was sitting partially under the large vehicle.

They asked him if anyone was hurt. Dr. Burch said, and when he told them he believed his wife was dead, they promised to bring help and left the scene on foot.

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—BAGS AND GROCERIES WERE JUST TOO MUCH—

Two Cave-Dwelling Sailors Explain Why They Went AWOL

WINSTON-SALEM (P) — Two AWOL sailors related at Forsyth County Jail Sunday that they took to the outdoors and cave living on Sauratown Mountain in Stokes County because they didn't like distributing groceries to Navy wives at Norfolk, Va., Naval Receiving Station.

Airman Apprentice James Lee Cumbe, 21, and Seaman Apprentice William L. Bowman, 20, both of Winston-Salem are being held for military authorities, expected here today.

FACE CHARGES

They also face local charges of breaking and entering.

"I can do numerous things," said Cumbe, "but it seems like they (the Navy) always want us to do the things we didn't care for. I was a bag and grocery man at a Navy commissary."

"Before I joined the Navy about seven years ago, I worked in a grocery store. I just figured at last I'd graduated from bags and groceries but the Navy didn't think so."

Bowman, first a mess cook, said he ended up with Cumbe in the store distributing groceries to the wives of Navy men. The pair said they decided to go AWOL.

Cumbe said he told Bowman

about several small caves he had discovered a number of years ago while at a boys camp near Sauratown Mountain. They decided to journey there.

On Feb. 27 they went AWOL. They stayed at a cave for a week and then they decided it was time to leave before their families became suspicious. Their folks thought they were on leave.

"We figured maybe things were getting a little bit warm," Bowman related, "so we took off to the mountain."

In a sheer rock face on the north side of the mountain they stored their supplies in a cave which has an en-

trance about 12 feet high and which runs about 20 feet back into the rock.

"SLEPT IN CAVES"

"We actually slept in caves nearer the top of the mountain than that one," Cumbe said. "The reason we picked it for our stail was because it was small and we didn't think anyone would stumble onto it."

The pair related that they kept up the cave living only a few days "before it became too cold. They then began living in abandoned houses scattered around the area."

"I stayed pretty chilly in the caves," Cumbe said. "When it

got down to about 15 degrees one night, we moved out."

They camped near their homes for a while in abandoned houses. Their families discovered them and prevailed upon them early last week to return to their base.

"When we got back," Cumbe said, "I ended up at the same place as that one." Cumbe said he was back in the commissary. It was bags and groceries again got the same job, too.

PUT ON SMOCKS

"We put on our green smocks," Bowman related, "and down and took a smoke. Jun

looked at my smock and I looked at his. We smiled, put on our cigarettes and took out again."

The pair arrived back here Thursday night and camped out on a creek.

"We were thinking about going back to the mountain," said Cumbe. "And we were also thinking about going back to the Navy. And, too, we were thinking about a better place in the Blue Ridge Mountains between Stuart, Va., and Mount Airy. We couldn't make up our minds."

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Evening Prayer

Our heavenly Father, Thou dost create us in Thy likeness, with bodies for the dwelling of Thy spirit. Help us to treasure our health and present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to Thee. In His name we pray, Amen.

SNAKES ALIVE

OKENE, Okla. (P) — The 19th annual Okene Rattlesnake Roundup was termed a success by the Chief Rattlesnake of the International Assn. of Rattlesnake Hunters, Harold Smith, after a total of 2,244 rattlers weighing 4,478 pounds were sold at auction. The longest was 6 feet 1 1/4 inches.