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'NEVER DULL'

A 2-Year Look At Mr. Sid's 'Busiest Board'

By JOHN KILGO

A visitor walked out of the County Commission chamber at the Courthouse this week, shook his head and said, "You can say what you want to about those commissioners, but you can't accuse them of holding dull meetings."

The four commissioners who are causing most of this action will seek reelection in next Saturday's Democratic primary. Only veteran Commission Chairman Sid Y. McAden of the present board is not in the race.

He's calling it quits after 22 years in public office. What kind of board has this been since it took office in December, 1960?

County Police Find Suicide After Stabbing

By JOHN WRIGHT

The body of a 46-year-old Charlotte man was fished from the Catawba River early today, two hours after his "girl friend" was found brutally stabbed in his car on the Rozell's Ferry Bridge.

County Police termed the case an apparent attempted murder and suicide. The body of George Arthur McLean of 1427 Norris Ave. was pulled from the river by members of the Mount Holly Life Saving Crew.

Officers T. B. Smith and W. H. Howie said McLean apparently tried to kill Estelle Lewis Brown, 32, of 1414 Cummings Ave.

THE BROWN WOMAN was found in the back seat of McLean's car. She was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital with stab wounds in the head and chest. Officers said one eye was almost cut out and she has a possible skull fracture.

Police were called to the bridge at 2:35 a.m. by two men fishing in the area. The two, Samuel V. Tadlock of 601 Pinosa St. and Keith C. Childers of 2014 Dickson St., said they heard two people arguing on the bridge.

They said they heard a splash and when they investigated they found the woman's unclad body lying in a pool of blood in the car.

Officers M. L. Eargle and E. O. Brooks went to the scene and found bloody handprints on the bridge railing. They called the Mount Holly and Gaston County Life Saving Crews and McLean's body was found about 4:45 a.m.

Officers said they went to McLean's home and told his wife. She said her husband had been seeing the Brown woman and was "having trouble with her."

She told the officers that McLean had said he would kill himself.

Hospital officials said this morning that the Brown woman was in "fair only" condition. According to police, she told a nurse that McLean tried to kill her.

However, County officers questioned the stabbing victim at the hospital late this morning and said she could not remember being attacked.

The officers said the last thing she could recall was getting into McLean's car earlier in the evening. She could not remember where they went or what happened.

Our Weather

Fair and hot today and tomorrow. Fair and warm tonight. Outlook for Monday: some cloudiness and a chance of cooler temperatures.

High today 94
High tomorrow 93
Low tonight 65
Low this morning 65
High tomorrow 94

Sunset today 7:54 p.m.; sunrise tomorrow 5:16 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN McADEN

Gunman Stops Woman, Takes \$2,000 Cash

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — A gunman wearing a sheer stocking over his head held up a Candler woman last night and robbed her of \$2,000 in cash. He was looking for an additional \$1,200.

Mrs. E. C. Harris had just driven home from the market and service station and her husband operated. The bandit stopped her in the driveway of her home. Her daughter Sharon, 13, was with her.

Mrs. Harris had receipts from the store in the car. She and her daughter were seated in the car in their driveway when the gunman approached the side window and stuck the gun in Mrs. Harris' face, she told police.

When he demanded her money and she argued the point, she said he turned the pistol on her daughter and asked, "You think a lot of her, don't you?"

The girl told her to give the man the money, and Mrs. Harris reached into her large purse containing two smaller purses. She gave him one containing \$200 in currency.

A purse containing \$1,000 and a metal box on the seat containing about \$200 in coins were unnoticed by the bandit.

He ordered Mrs. Harris to drive into a garage, but she said it was too small for her car and the man turned and fled.

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Evening Prayer
Dear Lord, help us to understand that the deepest sea is in the hollow of Thy Hand and that by Thy Grace heaven is ours. Amen.

Our Reservists Win Thanks Of The Town
Charlotte said "thank you" to its Army reservists this morning in a brief, but impressive ceremony on the steps of the City Hall.

Mayor Stan B. Brookshire presented the men of the 801st Signal Post Depot and the 318th Army Postal Unit with citizenship awards.

The men, the signalmen from Fort Rucker, Ala., by plane, and the postal men from Fort Jackson, S. C., by car, arrived here yesterday. They leave Charlotte tomorrow.

AFTER THE ceremony at City Hall, the men went to the Charlestown Mall to view the elaborate Armed Forces Week display there and to attend a luncheon in their honor given by the Mall Merchants Association.

The reservists, members of the former Charlotte-based reserve outfit, were called to active duty last October as part of President Kennedy's answer to the Berlin crisis.

The men are scheduled to be released from active duty in August.

A Marine Corps relief ceremony at 5 p.m. today at the Federal Building is another highlight of the Armed Forces Week ceremonies.

Major William F. Poveromo, adviser to the 100th Engineer Battalion of the N.C. National Guard, is in charge of the Armed Forces Week activities here.

Three Charlotte detachments of C Company, 16th Special Forces Group, took part in a massive show at Fort Bragg this afternoon.

Hoffa Hit With New Indictment

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Teamster President Jimmy Hoffa was indicted by a federal court jury here yesterday on charges of violating the Taft-Hartley Law and collecting some \$1 million illegally. He is involved in two other court cases.

The two-count indictment, which involved payment through an auto transport firm incorporated in Nashville, was revealed in Washington by Attorney General Robert Kennedy. The attorney general, along with his brother President Kennedy, then a senator, participated in an investigation of the firm by the McClellan Committee looking into improper labor practices.

Hoffa, who pleaded innocent yesterday to a charge of assault pressed by a union aide, declined to discuss the indictment with newsmen. But a Teamster official in Chicago said Hoffa "shed no tears" when informed of his latest predicament.

HOFFA, WHO flew to Chicago for two scheduled talks after his Washington court appearance, sent Harold Gibbons, executive vice president of the Teamsters, as a substitute at a scheduled Chicago press conference.

"If it (the indictment) is anything like other indictments against labor leaders in this country," Gibbons told newsmen, "the essence of it is anything but true."

If convicted, Hoffa could be sentenced to up to one year in prison and be fined \$10,000 on each of the two counts.

At Orlando, Fla., federal court has under advisement a petition by Hoffa's lawyers to dismiss a federal mail fraud indictment based on a land development deal involving alleged misuse of half a million dollars of Teamster Union funds.

Indicted with Hoffa at Nashville was Commercial Carriers, Inc., a Detroit auto transport firm charged with setting up the Tennessee firm, Test Fleet Corp., and thenuring lucrative " Cadillac" auto hauling business its way. At the time, commercial carriers had a labor contract with the Teamsters Union.

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The Mayor Gives Citizenship Certificates To Reservists



News Staff Photo—Hoffa

'Ohhhhhhh!! I'll Bet That Hurts'
The shaggy dog didn't seem to mind, but the little girl had a definite reaction to the anti-rabies shot. The inoculation was one of hundreds given this week for dogs of the county in the annual spring program.

Grand Jury To Investigate Agent's Death, Estes Case

BRYAN, Tex. (AP) — A grand jury will look into the mysterious death of an Agriculture Department agent who had been investigating Billie Sol Estes' dealings in cotton allotments.

District Attorney Bryan Russ ordered the probe yesterday "to clear the cloud connecting this with the Billie Sol Estes case — if there is any connection."

The jury will meet at nearby Franklin, Tex., Monday.

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Torrential Rains Slow Maneuvers

By TONY ESCODA
BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Monsoon-drenched U. S. Marines prepared today to join Thai Army units in military maneuvers near Thailand's tense border with Communist-ruled Laos.

Torrential rains lashed the rice paddies where the bulk of the 1,800-man marine battle group in northeast Thailand is camped only 30 miles from the Mekong River border with Laos. The Marines plodded through deep mud this morning to clean up their impressive array of shooting iron.

No immediate program for the battle-ready Leathernecks was announced, but U. S. military sources said they are expected to join Thai troops in field exercises this weekend to familiarize themselves with the surrounding flat and scrubby terrain.

Gen. Paul D. Harkins, overall commander of the U. S. force in Thailand, flew to Northeast Laos today to inspect the situation, which Soviet Premier Khrushchev warned might explode into a shooting match like the Korean war.

HARKINS also head of the U. S. Military Assistance Command in South Viet Nam, declared that the American forces in Thailand are under holding orders. But he warned that danger still lurks from pro-Communist forces in Laos where recent offensive brought American troops rushing to Thailand to discourage any further Communist advance.

Li Gen James L. Richardson and U. S. Ambassador Kenneth T. Young accompanied Harkins on the flight to Udon, 250 miles northeast of Bangkok. They arranged to drive to the town of Non Han, where the marines are camped.

Harkins is scheduled to return to his headquarters in Saigon tomorrow, leaving Richardson, an expert in jungle warfare, in command of the U. S. military buildup in Thailand that is expected to reach 5,000 men.

Communist radio broadcasts claimed Royal Lao troops attacked and drove back pro-Communist Pathet Lao rebels from an area near the royal capital of Luang Prabang earlier this month.

But reports from Laos indicated a lull in military activity as attention focused on diplomatic maneuvers between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Laos and end the need for U. S. troops in Thailand.

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Before leaving Paris, Souvanna said he did not believe U. S. troops would intervene in Laos. He said American troops were in Thailand because of an agreement between the U. S. and Thai governments and "that is none of our business."

CUTTING SHORT a vacation in France, Souvanna flew into London for a breakfast meeting with British Foreign Secretary Lord Home before proceeding on to Laos.

Britain is co-chairman with the Soviet Union of the 14th Geneva Conference on Laos, which tapped Souvanna to head a coalition of neutralists, conservatives and pro-Communists.