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Witness Dies

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sidney Lewis, a New York City publishing house official, fell dead of a heart attack in the Senate Office Building today. He was there to testify before the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee.

Folsom Resigns

WASHINGTON (AP)—Marion Folsom resigned today as Secretary of Welfare Administration, President Eisenhower picked Arthur Flemming, president of Ohio Wesleyan University, to succeed him.

Agency Plan Hit

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower's proposal for a new top-level space agency under civilian control ran into bipartisan criticism today before the Senate Space Committee.

More Rebels Die

ALGIERS (AP)—The French today reported killing or capturing 273 Nationalist Algerian rebels, bringing insurgent losses to 1,613 since April 28.

Buses Still Out

LONDON (AP)—Londoners went to work by car, subway and foot today as the big bus strike entered its third day. There was no sign of a settlement.

Reds In Fight

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—A responsible military source said today the first Communist jet fighters and bombers have arrived in Indonesia.

Journey Ends

GANDER, N.F.L.D. (AP)—Princess Margaret flew home today from a 14,000-mile tour of British possessions around the Caribbean. Her plane made a 90-minute refueling stop here this morning.

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Tornadoes, Flooding Bring Wide Damage To Carolinas



E. L. Parrish Looks At His Four Tobacco Barns Leveled By A Tornado That Struck Near Angier

Highways Covered, Buildings Destroyed

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Tornado winds in South Carolina and flooding streams in North Carolina have caused undetermined damage to private and public property.

A squall line, highlighted by a tornado here and there, tore across Southern South Carolina yesterday, causing undetermined damage to crops and property.

A tornado ripped through lightly populated areas near Waterboro and St. George.

A farm house belonging to M. Stanley, about seven miles west of Waterboro, was blown from its foundations.

All of the eight occupants, including several children, escaped injury, Mrs. Stanley suffered slight cuts on her legs.

SAW IT COMING
"I was in the yard when I saw it coming," Mrs. Stanley related, "and I barely got to the steps of the house and inside before I felt the house being moved."

Mrs. Stanley said that at least five pigs on the farm were killed. She said other livestock and some pet dogs were missing.

The twister that struck St. George uprooted a barn and two tenant houses. No injuries were reported.

Tobacco barns demolished by tornado winds last night left a North Carolina community south of Angier.

The winds whipped out of a rain and hail storm which lashed across the state.

NO INJURIES
Although property damage appeared heavy, there were no reports of injuries in the damaging winds which struck a section between Angier and Barksboro.

Tobacco barns were scattered across fields and highway, some utility poles were down, trees were uprooted, and there were reports of unroofed roofs from some farm homes.

North Carolina rivers were pushed out of their banks and roads were washed out in some sections today in the wake of flooding spring rains.

The Weather Bureau promised a gradual ending today of the showers which poured down as much as five inches of rain in some places yesterday.

The downpour appeared likely to send the Neuse and Tar Rivers to their banks at a number of points.

Water covered county roads and was across some main highways in a number of eastern counties.

Carolina locations yesterday. There were washouts reported on several county roads in Halifax and Northampton counties.

A section of U.S. 301, a north-south artery, was under a major disaster in Northampton County late yesterday. One-way traffic was maintained, with equipment on hand to pull out stalled motorists.

ASIAN ENTRY
SYDNEY (AP)—Australians are talking about letting a quota of Asians into this vast underpopulated country—but action in the near future seems doubtful.

Abortion Guilt Finding Voided

RALEIGH (AP)—A Union County Negro doctor's conviction on abortion charges was reversed today by the North Carolina Supreme Court.

The court said the doctor's counsel was not permitted to investigate his claim of racial discrimination in the selection of the grand jury which indicted the doctor.

The court reversed the judgment and verdict in the case and remanded it back to Union County Superior Court for further proceedings.

The defendant, Dr. A. E. Perry of Monroe, was indicted and convicted last October in the Union County on a charge of performing an abortion on Mrs. Lillie Mae Raper, a white woman.

Dr. Perry, vice president of the Union County chapter of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, was given a 1 to 2 year sentence.

A lawyer for the doctor moved at the trial that the indictment be quashed, saying "Negroes have been systematically excluded from serving on the grand juries of Union County." He said this was a violation of his rights guaranteed to him by the due process and equal protection clauses of the federal constitution and by the state constitution.

The motion to quash further requested that the defendant be given the right to investigate the alleged violation of his constitutional rights. After the motion was denied, the trial proceeded.

Associate Justice F. Hunt Parker, who wrote the Supreme Court's opinion, said "after a careful examination of all the facts in the case it is our opinion that the trial court denies the defendant a reasonable opportunity and time to investigate and produce evidence, if such exists, in respect to the allegations of racial discrimination as to the grand jury set forth in the motion to quash."

"Whether the defendant can see ABORTION on page 2-A

Arsenic Poisoning Widow Charged In Four Deaths

MACON, Ga. (AP)—A young widow faced murder charges today in the arsenic poisonings of her 9-year-old daughter, two husbands and a mother-in-law over a six-year period.

Mrs. Annette Donovan Lyles, 32, was arrested in a hospital room yesterday and placed under guard. She reportedly has been hospitalized since shortly after her daughter, Marcia Elaine Lyles, died April 8.

Sheriff James I. Wood said the county physician will examine Mrs. Lyles and confer with other doctors to determine whether she can be moved to the county jail.

Through her attorneys, Mrs. Lyles said, "I have committed no crime."

In addition to the death of her daughter, Mrs. Lyles is accused of murdering her first husband, Ben F. Lyles Jr., on Jan. 25, 1952; her second husband, Joe Neal Gabbert, on Dec. 2, 1955; and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Ben F. Lyles, on Sept. 29, 1957.

The warrants were obtained by Coroner L. H. Chapman, who said tests by the Georgia State Crime Laboratory showed arsenic poison in the bodies of all four victims.

Mrs. Lyles said she assumed that name through a court order after Gabbert's death — operates a restaurant in Macon.

The sheriff, whose office is handling the investigation, would not release information on a possible motive. He said he has many facts which need verification before they can be released.

Gabbert, 26, a pilot for Capital Airlines, was buried in Bibb (Macon) County but the body later was exhumed and sent to El Paso, Tex., home of his parents.

Mrs. Lyles has another daughter, Carla Ann, 7. She was placed under the custody of juvenile court after the mother's arrest.

The coroner said he received a report three weeks before Marcia died that the child had been poisoned. The information was so sketchy, he said, that he was unable to take action.

The day after the child died, vital organs were sent to the crime lab, which reported they contained arsenic.

Girl Outtalked Surrender Urge

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Defense counsel for Charles Starkweather says he made a statement that his girl friend talked him out of an urge to surrender.

That was after six persons had died in a killing spree that brought death to 11 last January.

Counsel released parts of the statement to reporters at the end of the second day of Starkweather's first-degree murder trial for which a jury is not complete.

He dealt with Starkweather's story of a talk with 14-year-old Carl Ann Fugate after the slaying near Bennet, Neb., of Robert Jensen, 17, and his date Carol King in an abandoned storm cellar.

In the statement, taken by Deputy County Atty. Dale Fahrbruch, Starkweather said he became miffed at Carl as the two drove away from the storm cellar and told her, "I am going to give myself up."

Starkweather quoted Carl as replying, "No, I wouldn't," and then saying she "wasn't going to give up and she wasn't going to let anything stand in the way of her giving up (sic)."

Our Weather

Cloudy with light rain and drizzle today. Cloudy tonight, gradually clearing tomorrow.

High yesterday 67
High expected today 62
Low this morning 47
Low expected tonight 45
Sunrise, 5:26 a.m.; sunset, 7:13 p.m.

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There were Lord Justice Morris, Lord Justice Omerod and a chairman, Lord Evershed, who bears the court title "master of the rolls." (You think we're making all this up, don't you?)

THE TESTIMONY
The learned court heard this testimony:

While Mrs. Sayers was waiting outside in the street, he had two delicate tropical fish he was taking in a pet doctor for treatment. Mr. and Mrs. Sayers planned to go on from there to the bird show.

Gun's Going To City Hall (We Think)

Efforts will be exerted to have the 200-year-old Spanish cannon installed on the front lawn of the City Hall by May 20, the anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

At today's session of the City Council, City Manager Henry Cannon announced the plan.

A. Vance was instructed to proceed with the previous arrangement of moving the old cannon from the yard of Alexander Graham Junior High School to the City Hall lawn.

Councilman Herbert H. Hunter, who made the motion, asked, "Mr. Vance, can you have it in place by May 20?"

The city manager replied that every effort will be made to build up an earthen mound for the base and have the cannon in place by that date.

James A. Stenhouse, trustee of the Mecklenburg Historical Association, sent a letter to Mayor Smith and members of the council.

Mr. Stenhouse in his letter expressed appreciation of the Mecklenburg Historical Association for the Council's interest in preservation of the old Spanish cannon.

He renewed his plea to place the cannon in Freedom Park "on the hill overlooking the lake just like it overlooked the waters of the West Indies nearly 200 years ago. Freedom Park was dedicated to freedom and to the men who obtained it and kept it."

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Under questioning by Asst. Atty. Gen. James S. Verner, Mrs. Bessie M. Terrell, a clerk in Redeem's office, said she acted under Redeem's instructions in filing applications for marriage licenses by telephone and telegram.

She also said she signed Redeem's name to the applications in his absence. She claimed that she was not aware that either practice was illegal.

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Balloonists Test Techniques Of Space Flights

DEBUIQUE, Iowa (AP)—An astronaut and a veteran Navy balloonist made a sale, real landing in Illinois today after a 12-hour ascent to 40,000 feet on an experimental stars and space flight.

Cmdr. Malcolm D. Ross, longtime Navy aviator, called it "the best landing I've ever experienced." He said delicate equipment aboard the balloon was undamaged.

In Washington, a Navy medical officer said light data suggested a possible built-in hazard in a pressure-breathing arrangement which has been designed as a safety factor.

Both Ross and astronaut Alfred H. Mikesell, 44-year-old father of eight children, were fatigued but in high spirits. It was the first ascent for Mikesell, whose specialty is studying the scintillation or twinkling of the stars.

UNIQUE METHOD

"I am very charmed by this unique method of conducting astronomy," Mikesell had raved during the flight.

The ascent provided the first test of techniques that some day will be used to record man's physical reactions in an orbiting satellite.

Heartbeats, respiration and other physical reactions were recorded by radio and picked 1,300 miles by telephone to a Naval Medical Research Institute laboratory near Washington, D. C.

Observers described the balloon's return to earth as an expert landing. Ross maneuvered the big bag away from river bluffs and came down about a mile from the Mississippi. The landing site was near Highway U. S. 30 about six miles southeast of East Dubuque, Ill.

Between their 8:50 p. m. ascent from an open mine pit near Crosby, Minn. last night and their 8:35 a. m. landing today, the balloonists crossed parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois. They were in a small fibreglass basket, open to the air.

As protection against cold that reached 76 degrees below zero at the 40,000-foot stage, Mikesell and Ross wore several thicknesses of heavy Navy clothing. About 12,000 feet they breathed oxygen. Ross reached 44,000 feet last fall in an ascension in a sealed gondola.

Evening Prayer

Dear Lord, we dedicate to Thee all our time, our talents, our treasure. We know Thou hast given us these gifts and Thou dost rightly expect a real sacrifice from us. Christ has done all for us so the cross, so we want to do all for him. In his name... Amen.

Judge's Hearing Postponed

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—Chesterfield County Probate Judge W. E. Redeem has won a postponement of a hearing probing charges of persistent misconduct and neglect of duty against him.

PENDING ELECTION

Following presentation of the state's testimony late yesterday, Gov. George Bell Timmerman granted an indefinite postponement of the hearing until after the June 10th Democratic primary.

ROLLING ROLL GATHERS LAWSUIT

There were Lord Justice Morris, Lord Justice Omerod and a chairman, Lord Evershed, who bears the court title "master of the rolls." (You think we're making all this up, don't you?)

Big To-Do Over Lady In Loo

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