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Close-Up

THURSDAY THOROUGHFARE: Or, Passing on a Hill . . .

UH-HUH Dept.: A tourist overtook a young man running rapidly along a road. He stopped and invited the perspiring runner to hop in.

"An emergency, I suppose?" the driver asked.

"No," puffed the young man, "I always run like that when I want a ride. It seldom fails."

WISE WORDS: The man who invented the eraser on the pencil had the human race sized up about right. —Kate's Korner.

ALSO: A man owes it to himself to be successful. After he is successful he owes it to the Bureau of Internal Revenue. —William C. Rogers.

New Sign Noticed

SIGN: Charlottean Beulah F. Hummel noticed a sign near Bonham, Tex., at the location of the Iron Bridge Dam.

It was on a bank and read, "Best Bank in Texas By a Dam Site."

NAME: New name for a mother-in-law is referee with an interest in only one scrap.

AGAIN: I hate South Blvd.

New Building

SAD DAY: It was early this week when J. A. Jones personally returned to Greendale after Christmas vacations at home. This cold up thar, too.

TELEGRAM: The hotel reservation clerk opened a wire which read, "Do you have any accommodations where I can put up with my wife?"

SKETCH: Reporter Emery Wister came up with a story a few months back about the building of a new office structure here. He gave City Editor Bob Saunders a picture of the architect's sketch and hoped that it would be run. It wasn't and it became a minor bone of contention.

Well, Jan. 3 the new building was ablaze when a tanker hit it.

Saunders pulled it out—telling Wister that he would use it, if as he promised, the day the new construction starts.

PUBLIC SERVICE: A couple of young men here, Wayne Earnhardt and Wayne Dickson, have tape recorder will travel. For free, too. They want experience with a recorder, offer their services to you for experience only. Phone EDISON 3-6281.

Success Story For 1958

Many Adults Beating Path To Children's Museum Here

By BOB SLOUGH
News Staff Writer

Charlotte's Children's Nature Museum is fast becoming a place for all ages.

Activities are planned so people get that impression. Museum Director James Manley said.

The museum wants not only the child but the child's parents to see what they have to offer.

Manley estimates that 30,000 people took advantage of the museum last year. He said 21,317 of that number returned visitors to the museum not in formal groups.

Manley also said 629 groups visited the museum during 1958. The past year has been the most successful in the museum's history. Much of the museum's success is attributed to the re-opening of the Saturday and after school programs.

"During 1957 we were able to handle only 88 youngsters in after school and Saturday programs. The 1958 program included four clubs with about 20 students in each club.

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JIM MANLEY

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TEDIOUS PACE FOR BUILDING County Offices Years Away

By JERRY REECE
News Staff Writer

Preparing for the future can be a slow process, according to persons concerned with planning and building the new county office building.

The three forces actually concerned in the project are making progress but spokesmen for all three are quick to admit it is slow.

The three are the county commissioners, the City-County Planning Commission and the architectural firm of Sloan, MacKintosh, Wheatley & Benton.

County Commission Chairman Sid Y. McAden said today the county commissioners play in the project will start with acquiring adequate land for the building.

The site has been set for the block bounded by 3rd, 4th, Alexander and Myers Sts. There are a total of 11 property owners on the block and they all have different ideas about selling to the county.

Mr. McAden said County Attorney Henry C. Dockery has written letters to all of the property owners for discussion with commissioners concerning the sale.

Commissioners are making every effort to acquire the land without going to court for condemnation proceedings.

CONSTRUCTION DELAY
Mr. McAden said it might be several years before actual construction on the building can begin.

William E. McIntyre, head of the planning commission, has been concerned with the new building purely in an advisory capacity.

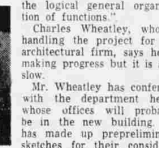
Mr. McIntyre says his office is only concerned with placement of the building and that the building "is related to the overall concept of the civic center."

Mr. McIntyre's office has been working on plans for a civic center plaza which will occupy the previously mentioned block and two adjoining it.

Under the master plan of the planning commission the county office building will only be a part of the civic center.



McADEN



McINTYRE

center and Mr. McIntyre says he has two primary interests in it.

CLEARING AHEAD
"We are thinking of the overall land area especially since clearance of that area is forthcoming in the next decade and government facilities will have to be expanding."

And we are concerned with developing the proposal for

the logical general organization of functions."

Charles Wheatley, who is handling the project for his architectural firm, says he is making progress but it is also slow.

Mr. Wheatley has conferred with the department heads whose offices will probably be in the new building. He has made up preliminary sketches for their consideration.

After they have studied the drawings, Mr. Wheatley will ask them what changes or suggestions they have. He will again submit plans to them and after they have been gone over the second time he will draw up "final preliminary plans" which will be submitted for commission approval.

Another force which is interested in the unaffiliated capacity is the 26th Judicial

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C-C MEET TONIGHT Kennedy: Hodges Top Veep Choice



SEN. KENNEDY

There are a number of good candidates, he said. "But that's still almost two years away."

Sen. Kennedy also said he should see party leaders will be successful in preventing a bolt of Southern Democrats in case a strong civil rights platform is adopted at the national convention next year.

UNITED PARTY
"I certainly hope so," the Senator said. "It will make a more united party and will mean more than any political strength. I'm just expressing my opinion but I believe we can prevent the Southerners from leaving the party."

He called the new Senate rules which require two thirds majority of the senators present at any session to invoke cloture, "a limit debate," an improvement.

"I think we can live with it," he said.

He listed national defense "in the area of missiles and anti-missile missiles," relations with Latin American nations, cost of living, inflation, farm problems and provisions for the nation's older citizens as among the major issues which will come before Congress this year.

Asked if he thought the ambitious program will mean an increase in taxes he answered a terse "no."

The senator spoke to a News reporter on the telephone following a busy morning in his office. He is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and also is active on the McClellan Sub-Committee investigating improper labor practices.

Sen. and Mrs. Kennedy are flying here in a chartered plane. He will leave the city late tonight on a brief vacation before returning to Washington.

The senator will be introduced by North Carolina Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Thomas L. Robinson, 1958 Chamber president, will speak briefly as will incoming president Philip H. Hanks.

Chamber of Commerce officials said the banquet is a complete sellout with over 1,100 persons expected.

Seated at the four head tables will be a number of distinguished cashiers including Gov. Luther H. Hodges, Rep. Charles R. Jones, Mayor and Mrs. James S. Smith and a number of other guests in the pool and staff members of the Chamber.

Cloak Of Mystery

City Court Cases End But Questions Linger

Bondsman Leo Reynolds Fined On Lesser Count

By JOHN KILGO
News Staff Writer

The City Recorder's Court investigation is officially over, but several vital questions remain cloaked in mystery.

Yesterday in Superior Court Bondsman Leo Reynolds, charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice, pleaded guilty to a charge of forcible trespass. The plea was accepted and he was fined \$50 and costs.

With that case, trials resulting from the city court investigation, came to an end.

It ended without the public ever finding out who pleaded Negro laborer George White guilty to three charges in the city court on May 5, 1958, without his knowledge or consent.

The public still doesn't know how cases were dismissed and days when the court wasn't even in session.

WARRANT STAMPED
The public still doesn't know who stamped Judge J. C. Sedberry's name to a pro pressed (dismissed) warrant—six months after he left office.

"That's still a mystery to me," Judge Sedberry said recently.

"And there were several other warrants with my stamp on them that were dated when I was campaigning for Congress and wasn't even about the court."

Will the questions ever be answered? No one seems to know.

NO SUCCESS
Police and newsmen tried without success to discover what happened in the cases mentioned above.

Two of the five persons indicted by a grand jury, which investigated the city court, were cleared of charges against them.

Judge Basil M. Boyd was cleared of a willful neglect of duty charge, and Bondsman C. B. Bridges was cleared of obstructing justice charges.

Allen White, former city court clerk, pleaded guilty to willful neglect of duty and failure to turn public monies to the proper person.

He was fined \$50 and handed a 12-month suspended sentence.

FOUR COUNTS
Bondsman J. H. Brantley was fined a total of \$300 on four counts of conspiring to obstruct justice and obstructing justice.

Reynolds was cleared of a conspiracy to obstruct justice charge. The obstructing justice charge against him ended in a mistrial when the jury became deadlocked 8 to 4, reportedly in favor of conviction.

The obstructing justice charge was changed yesterday to forcible trespass and Reynolds pleaded guilty.

At the present time, Bridges and Reynolds can post cash bonds in Superior Court and County Recorder's Court.

City Court Clerk L. Carl Cook said Mrs. Merie Reynolds is a bonding licensee and her agents are Bridges and Ralph C. King. Brantley, at the present time, isn't making bonds in the City, County, or Superior Court.



Cashier-dispatcher R. L. Fox (right) collects fares from City Coach Lines driver F. O. Sing on Mr. Fox's day of retirement. The veteran transportation official has served 42 consecutive years.

FROM TROLLEYS TO DIESELS—Veteran Busman Looks Back

By DONALD McDONALD
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Clang, clang, clang went the trolley, and at the Square, with his wife, the former Pauline E. King, and their first two children, Ruby and Julian Roy, in 1917.

"In those days we had tracks going out to Camp Lee and Camp Four at old Camp Green."

"And I was conductor on the car going into Camp Four. We hauled plenty of soldiers back in those times."

"No, we never had any serious accidents back then. The only accident I can remember happened on that run to Camp Four. We were heading out to Camp Four one morning—and it was a rainy day with a lot of fog."

"Old Uncle Sam Hill was the motorman and I was the conductor."

FREIGHT TRAIN
"Down on 1st St. right below Graham St. I ran into the back end of a freight train. We didn't see the locomotive. I was thrown to the floor, but I wasn't hurt. There was only one passenger that was hurt, and she wasn't hurt bad—just shaken up."

"Charlotte's structure was the 'open air' variety in summer, with space for passengers enclosed by glass in cold weather. But in both summer and winter, motorman and conductor braved the elements.

Fares were five cents, and

transfers were free.

Mr. Fox, 81, is named "Toots" and "Cooter" by his associates—was the first man to operate the one-man cars when they came into fashion in the late 20's. But he never drove the motor buses as a regular job.

There were no coin changers or money belts in the early days, and drivers used to keep all change in their overstuffed coat pockets. "They had to line the pocket with leather to keep it from wearing out," Mr. Fox explained.

The streetcar lines which operated in Charlotte, at Hoskins Mill in Hoskins, at Avondale Ave. and East Blvd. in Dilworth, at Pecan Ave. in the Elizabeth section, at Parkwood and Pogram Sts. in the Belmont section, and at Highland and Park Mill in North Charlotte.

BUILT NEW HOME
Mr. Fox and his family lived first in the Dilworth section, but seven years ago he built a new home at 1700 Seneca Pl.

His family increased to six children, but one son—Air Force Lt. Lawrence H. Fox—was killed in action on Jan. 29, 1945, while flying "The Hummer" a China Sea he has never heard from since.

His daughter, Ruby, is now a nurse. Ruby, is now

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GRADY SINGS All kinds, South's Packer News Mrs. since '27. Adv.

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