

Baseball crowds football and basketball off the sports pages today with a welcome to Florence at the new Tri-State member. Furman Blaser reports this and other stories from Miami

Thousands View Freedom Train's Historical Papers BLAST LINKED TO NUMBERS RACKET

Freedom Train Visits City



CROWDS AT TRAIN—This picture, snapped at 9:30 this morning, shows the vanguard of the thousands of citizens from Charlotte and the surrounding area who stood in line to see the red, white and blue Freedom Train. Bustards of

children and adults arrived at regular intervals during the day for a look at the historical documents aboard the train. The train will be open to the public at the Southern Railway freight yards until 10 P. M.

Parker And Caudle Talk At Opening Ceremonies

Long Line Forms At Train Door

By RALPH GIBSON
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Thousands of citizens from all walks of life streamed into the Southern Railway freight yards today to see the Freedom Train, the patriotic shrine which brings to Charlotte the official documents that have won and perpetuated 171 years of freedom for Americans.

Arriving in the early hours of the morning, the seven-car streamliner was opened to the public at 10 o'clock with ceremonies at which T. Lamar Caudle, assistant to the United States Attorney General, and Judge John J. Parker of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, spoke on the importance of cherishing the American heritage of freedom, the foundations of which are written into the papers aboard the Freedom Train.

On the flag-draped platform with Mr. Caudle and Judge Parker were Mayor H. H. Baxter, Joe Orier, general chairman of the Charlotte Freedom Train committee, Walter O'Brien, chairman of the Freedom Train, Brendan Byrne, Area Representative of the Heritage Foundation, and J. C. Robert, Jr., commanding officer of the Marine detachment which travels aboard the train.

In his address, Mr. Caudle said that the Freedom Train speaks for the white man and the Negro, for the man who labors, and for the man who provides the capital.

It speaks for free enterprise, for human dignity, for the right to vote and seek election, for the right to speak and print, and it speaks of man's responsibility to any time, any country and his faith.

"No exhibit at any time anywhere in the history of the world has had so much human treasure crowded into such a little place."

Striking at subverters, Mr. Caudle said that our principles have been challenged but not threatened.

"The American people are interested, deeply, reverently, with all their souls and hearts, in the Constitution of the United States, in the Bill of Rights, in the Declaration of Independence, in the great papers from the Columbus era to the United Nations charter."

"The American people love their heritage as your presence here proves."

PARKER'S SPEECH
Judge Parker followed Mr. Caudle on the speaker's rostrum and spoke stringently of the American heritage and the necessity for preserving the heritage as your presence here proves.

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Pictures Of Explosion



CAFE BLASTED—A terrific blast that killed one man and injured two others person tore apart the Rendezvous Cafe, 317 S. Church St., about 8 o'clock last night. Police think the explosion

came from a deliberately-planted bomb. This picture shows the storage room of the cafe which took the full effect of the blast.

Police Push Probe Of Restaurant Explosion

Blast Is Fatal To Oliver Kerr

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The veil of mystery today still enshrouded the blast that wrecked the Rendezvous Sandwich Shop at 317 S. Church St. and killed Oliver P. Kerr, 2317 Chesterfield Ave., and injured two others two minutes before 8 o'clock last night.

As city police probed diligently to pierce the veil of mystery Chief Frank N. Littlejohn announced that he would request the Federal Bureau of Investigation to assign an explosives expert to assist in clearing up the mysterious explosion which is believed to have some connection with the local numbers racket or other gambling operations.

The blast exploded with violent force, wrecking the interior of the eating place and in addition to killing Kerr injured his wife, Evelyn Kerr, 24, and Fred Amer, 34, 2317 St. Dennis in the building, which was estimated at \$50,000.

First impressions of police investigators that the blast was a deliberately planned affair still persisted today but officers were without any lead to point to the identity of the individual with fiendish plan such a scheme as deadly to endanger the lives of neighbors.

Belief that operation of the numbers racket or some other gambling enterprise was involved was substantiated in a reasoning of investigators who developed the fact that Kerr had gone into the numbers racket two weeks ago last Sunday.

Julian Fowler, 228 W. 2nd St., was the only person in custody today but he was not being held in connection with the explosion itself but for what Chief Littlejohn described as "discrepancies in his statement."

Kerr's 29-year-old wife, Evelyn, was under treatment today at Memorial Hospital for a fracture of her left forearm and abrasions and cuts on her body and face.

Aster, who was one of scores picked up by police in an intensive raid on the local numbers racket last year, was released by the hospital last night after being questioned by police.

Mrs. Kerr's statement in which she also admitted that her husband had recently gone into the numbers business was not obtained until this morning when Detective Homer Gardner questioned her at Memorial Hospital. Her statements were taken down by Sammy Carter, police stenographer.

The blast that rocked the downtown business area and drew thousands to the scene at 8:02 P. M. and occurred just a few minutes after Kerr, his wife and Amer had gone to a storage room at the rear of the cafe's kitchen, separated only by a wall from the public toilet on a corridor leading from Brevard Court where the explosion occurred.

INVITED TO DRINK
Kerr and his wife had been invited to join Aster in a drink at the back but Mrs. Kerr said she had just poured her drink and had not taken it when the rear of the blast split the air.

The sandwich shop was wrecked by the force of the explosion, which shattered glass windows in the of the cafe across Brevard Court. A gaping hole was blasted in the floor of the cafe and the spot of the explosion, which blew away all toilet fixtures and ripped a great section out of a larger sewer over-turned and a large stainless steel ice box was tilted over. All glass windows were blown out and a giant hole was torn in the first floor ceiling. A column of fire upstair was turned topsy-turvy and all window panes were shattered.

Steel timbers were broken as if they were twigs and others were shredded into toothpicks. Splinters were embedded in the brick masonry of the building across Brevard Court where a few windows of the nylon division

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WEATHER

Mostly cloudy today and Friday, with rain beginning late tonight; cooler Friday.
Temperature at 2 P. M. today... 85
High and low last 24 hours... 85-61
Sunrise tomorrow... 7:11
Sunset tomorrow... 8:18
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Palestine Toll Mounts

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The death toll mounted today in Palestine's civil strife as an Arab strike protesting partition went through its third and last day. New disorders broke out elsewhere in the Arab world, even as appeals were made by both Arabs and Jews for a halt to the violence.

A violent highway battle raged in the Arab town of Ramle, midway between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. It was touched off when an Arab mob attacked Jewish buses being conveyed by armored police cars. Many were reported injured.

All security forces were alerted for 24-hour duty in the Holy Land as the death toll, by an Associated Press tabulation, reached 24—19 Jews and 15 Arabs, in the three-day wave of pillage, burning and destruction.

One Arab was killed and several Jews and Arabs were wounded in renewed fighting in the no-man's land between all-Jewish Jaffa and all-Jewish Tel Aviv. A Jewish factory worker was reported shot to death by police in the Jaffa sector. A Jewish truck driver died of knife wounds sustained in yesterday's Jerusalem fighting, and the slashed body of another Jew was found in the center of the holy city.

For the fourth day Cairo experienced a tumultuous anti-partition demonstration. A crowd estimated at 15,000 paraded, smashed shop windows and fired trunks and automobiles. Police discounted a report that three students were killed and eight were wounded, saying they had no news of casualties.

Police fired volleys over the heads of the crowd and charged them. See PALESTINE on page 8-A

Bulletin

LONDON—(AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov today accused the United States, British, French and Belgian governments of enslave Austria by aiding that country economically. His charge was laid against an accumulation of three hours' news broadcasted by the Council of Europe entirely to disassemble the independence treaty for Austria.

No agreement was reached during the meeting.



16 SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS



THE REDEDICATION SCROLL is signed by Judge John J. Parker of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and T. Lamar Caudle, special assistant to the United States Attorney General. Mr. Caudle and Judge Parker were the principal speakers at Freedom Train opening ceremonies held this morning at 10 o'clock.

Siamese Babies

Operation To Part Twins May Be Tried

INDIANAPOLIS—(AP)—Physicians at the Indiana University Medical Center planned today to make X-ray pictures of the brains of the Spier babies, five-day-old Siamese twins who are joined at the tops of their heads.

Dr. Donald Casey, medical director of the center, said air would be injected into the central nervous systems of the infant boys to enable the physicians to make the pictures. The babies are joined by a bone three inches in diameter located at normal "soft spots" of their heads. Dr. Casey said they apparently have a common brain tissue. Physicians have expressed hope that a separation operation will be possible.

The babies, who were brought to Riley Hospital for children after their birth at Bedford, Ind., last Saturday, were "reasonably active and took nourishment without difficulty" yesterday, hospital attendants said. They were reported doing well on an ordinary milk formula.

The mother of the babies, Mrs. Edward R. Spier of Bedford, learned only yesterday that they were joined. Her physician, Dr. Ben Sphegner of Bedford, said that she was "greatly shocked" but that she was recovering rapidly from the effects of a Caesarian section. He said she appeared to be "completely out of danger." Her first child died at birth several years ago.

Foreign Aid Is Debated

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Asserting that Russia is waging everything but a shooting war against the U. S., Rep. Cox (D-Ga.) told the House today it must approve foreign aid "as an investment in national security."

The American gained the floor soon after the House began debate on the \$800,000,000 emergency aid measure for France, Italy and China—a measure the Administration contends is needed to check the spread of Communism.

On the opposition side, Rep. Leo Allen (R-Ill.) raised a question whether a Europe strengthened with American help might not be Communist in any event with the result that "all we give in the way of aid may eventually be used against us in one way or another."

Cox told the House the aid cannot be justified solely on humanitarian grounds but is essential as a security measure. It may not stop Communism's spread, he added, but it is a gamble that we are compelled to take.

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WHERE MAN DIED—Another view of the shattered cafe shows this small room where Oliver Kerr died when the explosion occurred. Mrs. Kerr was also

in the room and she was badly injured. (Photos by Don Martin of Tom Franklin Studio.)

'New Look' Brings Woman Boost In Alimony

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—The "New Look" by Wilkerson, 57 Hollywood boulevard, and what it did to Mrs. Vivian Blaser and cafe owner. "Didn't you tell me you had clothes to last a year or more?" "Half my clothes aren't a year old," demanded Wilkerson's lawyer, Greg Bautner. "That was before I took stock."

She had to let down her hair on "my clothes." Judge Fred Miller listened to Bautner's suggestion that \$30 a month was enough for Mrs. Wilkerson, 31, actress and model, but awarded her \$600 a month pending trial of her divorce suit.

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