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ANOTHER COUNCIL SLATE BEING FORMED

Barron Fires Second 67, Grabs Open Lead With 134

Harrison's 137 Second; Three Tied With 140s

2,000 Gallery Trails Heafner

Herman Barron of White Plains, N. Y., a $25,000 money winner in 1946 who hasn't finished higher than third this Winter, pieced together five birdies and thirteen pars for a round of 67 and a total of 134 to grab the early lead in the fourth annual Charlotte Open today.

First round leader Willie Goggin, also of White Plains, was still on the front nine at the time, but Barron appeared to be the best bet to assume the second-day lead.

Known as the Hank Greenberg of golf because of his Jewish extraction, Barron went out in 34 and came home in 33 over the Myers Park Club course. His honors for the day, though, were being threatened by Chick Harbert of Battle Creek, Mich., who was five under par on the back nine. Harbert wasn't a menace to the leaders at the moment, though, for he carded a par 72 on opening day.

Barron is one of golf's veterans, but 1946 was the best year of his career. Of the $25,000 he won, $10,500 came in the All-American Open at Chicago, where he came home in front of Ellsworth Vines by a stroke. His highest finish this year was third at Los Angeles. He's won just $2,500 since the turn of the year.

Running second to him among the early finishers was Dutch Harrison of York, Pa., first Charlotte Open winner in 1944. He shot a 70 to go with his opening 67 for 147. Bunched at 140 for third place were Lawson Little, Dick Metz and young George Payton. Little had a 73 to go with a 67, Metz a 71 to go with a 69 and Payton a second 70.

HEAFNER'S GALLERY

Biggest gallery of the day followed Charlotte's tournament favorite, Clayton Heafner. The big blond and his threesome of Jimmy Demaret and Porky Oliver were swamped by more than 2,000 eager followers. A hurry call went out for more marshall help by the time the three hit the first green.

Leading amateur on opening day, home member Bill Dowtin slipped to a soaring 81 for a total of 153.

Surprise of the day came when Vic Ghezzi, winner of the Greensboro Open, picked up. He was suffering from a cold, had shot a first-round 75.

Early finishers:

(*Denotes amateur).

Herman Barron, White Plains, N. Y., 67-67—134.

Lawson Little, Detroit, 67-73—140.

Horton Smith, Detroit, 68-73—141.

Dick Metz, Chicago, 69-71—140.

Vic Ghezzi, Kansas City (withdrew).

Jim Milward, Madison, Wis., 71-75—146.

George Payton, Hampton, Va., 70-70—140.

Henry Picard, Cleveland, 70-76—146.

Fred Main, Roxboro, 78 (withdrew).

***Virgil Bernsen, St. Louis, 76-81—157.**

Earl Estridge, Badin, 78-78—156.

***George Brownlow, Winston-Salem, 79-81—160.**

Charley Emery, Bangor, Me., 81-75—155.

Arthur Ham, Lenoir, 78-80—158.

Doug Hawk, Phillipsburg, N. J., 81-78—159.

***James Bertoci, Hampton, Va., 90-82—172.**

***Jimmie Riggins, Charlotte, 77-75—152.**

Dutch Harrison, York, Pa., 67-70—137.

***Bill Dowtin, Charlotte, 72-81—153.**

George Schneiter, Salt Lake City, 73-73—146.

Harold Oatman, Norfolk, Va., 81 (picked up).

Walter Reynolds, Columbia, S. C., 78-78—156.

***Bill Yates, Charlotte, 88 (picked up).**

Sam Bates, Virginia Beach, Va., 79 (picked up).

Joe Chevis, Wadesboro, 79-81—157.

***Paul Baker, Charlotte, 78,78—156.**

Felix Serafin, Pittsburgh, 76-75—151.

***Powell Crichton, New York, 85-82—167.**

Ted Huge, Cleveland, 83-76—159.

Jim Gantz, Charlotte, 81-79—160.

Jack Palmeter, Clear Lake, Iowa, 80-76—156.

Johnny Gaucas, Albany, N. Y., 76-75—151.

Ted Dorius, La Mesa, Calif., 81 (picked up).

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NCEA Upset

South Piedmont Plan Advocates Elect R. L. Fritz

ASHEVILLE—(AP)—Advocates of the South Piedmont salary plan swept to victory over their more conservative fellow-teachers here today by electing a president and vice-president of the North Carolina Education Association.

Shattering a precedent as old as their organization, the teachers chose R. L. Fritz of Hudson as their new leader, flatly rejecting the bid of their retiring vice-president, Claud Grigg of Albemarle.

Not only did the group fail to elevate Grigg to the presidency—as has been the custom in past years—it went one step further and elected A. C. Dawson Jr., of Southern Pines to the vice-presidency, giving the South Piedmont faction an inside track for the office of president in 1949, an all-important legislative year.

Fritz, according to results of the balloting announced today at the final session of the NCEA's 63rd annual convention, received 8,130 votes to Grigg's 6,981.

Fritz, supervising principal of Hudson District schools in Caldwell County, served as a member of the NCEA legislative committee under the retiring president, C. W. Phillips of Greensboro, but did not go along with the committee in

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R. L. FRITZ

Proposal At Moscow

Return Of War Prisoners Urged

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

MOSCOW — (AP) — Britain proposed tonight to the Soviet Union, France and the United States that all prisoners of war be returned to Germany by the end of 1948.

This action was disclosed as the Foreign Ministers Council decided to come to grips Monday with the key questions of German economic, military and political problems, in line with Secretary of State Marshall's plan to complete discussion of these matters by Wednesday night.

The British recommended that France, Russia, Britain and the United States furnish to the Allied Control Council for Germany not later than June 1, 1947, their plans for repatriation of the prisoners, including provisions "whereby such repatriation would be completed by Dec. 31, 1948."

Russia holds more prisoners than any of the other nations.

An authorized source, meanwhile, said talks were taking place between Soviet and British officials concerning revision of the British-Soviet alliance, but that no concrete developments were expected for some time. The discussions grew out of the talk Monday between British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Prime Minister Stalin.

In a one-hour session, the shortest of this conference thus far, the ministers agreed on a schedule for the German discussions and set up a special committee to attempt to draw up a directive on the lesser problems of the report of the Allied control council for Germany.

The agreed agenda for Monday, summing up three weeks of proposals made thus far, was:

1. Germany as an economic unit, including reparations; plus a review of the levels of industry, including industrial demilitarization.

2. The form and scope of a provisional German Government.

Boat Found Bottom-Up

HONOLULU — (AP)—The missing liftboat from the broken tanker Fort Dearborn was found last night by the steamship China Victory, but there was no sign of the twelve men who disappeared with it on the stormy night of March 12.

The China Victory, en route from the Philippines to San Francisco, radioed the Hawaiian Sea Frontier that Fort Dearborn was upside down in 3 fathoms of water, with the lifeboat still in its place.

"Boat badly damaged. Propeller gone from shaft. No sign of life," the China Victory radioed.

The twelve who launched the lifeboat minutes after the tanker cracked in half were the only crewmen unaccounted for. Thirty-two men were rescued from the bow and stern sections by naval and merchant ships.

An extensive search of vast areas of the Central Pacific was made for the lifeboat by Navy planes, a cruiser and fifteen destroyers.

Phone Service To Be Opened To Germany

NEW YORK—(AP)—The American Telephone & Telegraph Co. announced yesterday that telephone service between the United States with Germany would be opened to the public next Tuesday. Calls must be filed four days in advance.

Murder And Suicide

Parents Of 5 Found Slain In Asheville

ASHEVILLE—(AP)—Charles Henry Moore, 29, and his wife, Estelle Thorpe Moore, 28, parents of five young children, were found shot to death today at the Moore residence three miles south of Asheville, and Deputy Sheriff J. C. Gibbs and Buncombe County Coroner R. P. Terry termed the deaths murder and suicide.

The couple had been estranged for some time, sheriff's officers said, and Moore has been living at Rock Hill, S. C.

Of the Moores' children, the oldest was seven years old and the youngest six months.

Moore is said to have returned to the home early today. Shortly afterward, Billy, 7, eldest of the children, visited a neighbor, Mrs. Marie Biddix, to say that he was going to a movie with his father.

Urged by the neighbor "to go home and get ready for the movie," Billy returned to find his father dead from .32 caliber foreign-made pistol wounds and his mother, shot twice through the right breast, fatally wounded, Deputy Gibbs said.

Gibbs added that a letter from Moore to his wife, found at the house by officers, begged Mrs. Moore to return to her husband.

4,000 Ruhr Coal Miners Go On Strike

Protest Of Food Ration Made

ESSEN, Germany — (AP) Four thousand Ruhr coal miners at Dortmund struck today in the latest German demonstration against short food rations.

It was the first such action since unrest over the food situation developed several days ago.

Hunger strikes and marches by an estimated 500,000 persons have taken place here in the last two days and an angry demonstration occurred yesterday at Duesseldorf, where crowds upset and stoned British military vehicles.

There are approximately 250,000 coal miners in the Ruhr Valley.

4 MINES AFFECTED

The North German Control Office here said four mines were affected by the Dortmund walkout.

The miners announced they would return to work Monday, but said that if no improvement in their food ration was seen by that time they would walk out again.

The strike occurred as other residents of Dortmund paraded the city's streets demanding more food.

The demonstrators, numbering about 2,000, sent deputations to both German and British municipal authorities, demanding that the food ration of 1,550 calories per person per day be fulfilled.

They claimed they had been receiving rations of two-thirds of the official ration. The officials made no specific promises but said they were hopeful more food would be available soon.

ORDERLY SHOW

British officials said the demonstrators were orderly and that the deputations presented their demands without bitterness.

Workers in virtually every city in the British zone have gone on record with complaints against food and housing conditions. Thus far there have not been any repeat performances in any city.

Statistics Given

Prices Rise Faster Than Worker Pay

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Pay of production workers in manufacturing industries increased 14 per cent during 1946, while consumer prices were rising 18 per cent, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today.

The Bureau said average earnings of these workers increased almost $6 a week.

Greatest increases, amounting to more than 20 per cent, were in the lumber and textile groups. At the start of 1947, however, workers in those industries still averaged less than $40 a week, the BLS said.

Reporting for the month of February on the basis of preliminary estimates, the Bureau said production workers' earnings averaged $47 a week for the third successive month.

Telephone workers, threatening a nation-wide strike for a $12 weekly pay increase, averaged $43.19 a week in January, the last month for which final figures are available. The average work week in the industry was 38.5 hours, and average hourly earnings $1.133.

The average weekly earnings for all manufacturing was $46.79; the average work week was 40.2 hours, and average hourly earnings was $1.165.

Dead Sister's Skin Saves Girl

PHOENIX, Ariz. — (AP) — Two-year-old Nancy Irene Robles has been released from St. Monica's Hospital here after treatment for burns for which doctors said she died from an identical twin sister killed in the fire that destroyed their home.

The Rev. Emmett McLoughlin, O. F. M., superintendent of the hospital, said yesterday that the rare operation had proved successful although only 20 per cent of the grafted skin adhered to the little girl's body.

He said the skin which adhered made it possible for Irene to gain sufficient strength to undergo further operations in which portions of her own skin were transferred from one part of her body to another.

These later operations were credited with saving the child's life.

Coyote May Be Roaming Near Charlotte

Mysterious Animal Attacks And Kills Pigs In Outskirts Of City

Some vicious animal is on the loose in the western part of the city where last night four shoats were ripped wide open.

Jesse D. Smith, 1926 1/2 W. Trade St., 72-year-old Negro, reported to City Police today that his four young pigs, penned in a field on the banks of Stewart's Creek just at the city limits had been killed last night.

When he went to the pen this morning he found all four of them dead, their bodies ripped and torn as if they had been attacked by the most vicious sort of animal.

Smith ventured the guess that the wanton attack may have been made by a coyote as he said he had been informed that hunters had loosed a few of these predatory animals of the Western plain in order to provide themselves sport in tracking them down.

If that was done and these animals are left to multiply, cattle-owners had best beware and take protective measures against attacks from the coyote.

Smith also reported that a piece of leather that might be a dog leash was found outside the pig pen. But whether dog or coyote, the havoc and destruction were complete and all four pigs were slain.

Easter Halts Solons

Recess May Delay Relief Bill Vote

By ALEX B. SINGLETON

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Congressional plans for an Easter holiday lengthened the odds today against final action on the Administration's $400,000,000 Greek-Turkish aid measure before the middle of April.

The homeward trek by the lawmakers—many want to talk over the diplomatic issues with constituents — also stymied the separate measure to authorize $350,000,000 of relief for Italy, Greece, Hungary, Austria, Poland and China.

There appeared some doubt that a quorum can be mustered in the House next week for action on a $2,451,497,863 deficiency appropriations bill, which includes another $300,000,000 for relief in American occupation zones.

Should a quorum call be demanded in a challenge over any of the deficiency bill's contents, it might force a delay in action until the House recess has ended April 9. In any event, Senate approval of this measure seemed highly unlikely before then.

Thus, the Administration's three-pronged program for strengthening its curb-Communism drive may depend upon what reaction the lawmakers obtain in their face-to-face talks with the folks back home.

Meanwhile:

1. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee ordered a public hearing on the Greece-Turkey Bill for Monday and planned to go into closed-door sessions beginning Tuesday in an effort to obtain committee action on Thursday—final day before the Senate recess.

2. The House Foreign Affairs Committee is scheduled to hear former Rep Fish, Republican, New York outspoken pre-war non-interventionist, and a representative of the American Veterans Committee on Monday. The Committee's plans for the rest of the week are still to be made.

3. Key legislators supporting the Greek-Turkish program expressed the hope that United States Delegate Warren Austin's report to the United Nations on this country's objectives would dull the edge of criticism that the independent move had snubbed the United Nations.

4. Senator Edwin C. Johnson, Democrat, Colorado, proposed amendment of the aid bill to require that Greece's king step down and a democratic form of Government take over before this country releases any funds.

Red Curbs To Be Urged

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities said today the group may vote 5 to 4 against outlawing the Communist Party, but is sure to recommend drastic new legal curbs on Communist maneuvering in this country.

The member, who withheld use of his name, said the nine-man committee may be unanimous in support of anti-Communist legislation short of making the whole party an illegal organization.

Chairman Thomas, Republican, New Jersey, told reporters the results of a week of hearings "will have to crystallize before the committee can adequately decide what it is going to do about outlawing the Communist Party."

The Committee made public last night a report which it said furnished historical proof running back to 1919 that the party in this country is "the agent" of Russia.

The report listed 92 documents which it called "typical directives from Moscow directing the Communist movement in the United States." Thomas said these were proof that the party is "a fifth column pawn of Moscow."

Included were excerpts from Russian broadcasts, Communist books and records of party conventions.

WAYS TO FIGHT

If various members pool their ideas, the Committee may report that it can fight Communism vigorously by continuing to expose it and also by:

Saying in one or more laws, with appropriate penalties, that it is illegal to urge or conspire to overthrow the Government by unconstitutional methods or by force and violence.

Tightening up on fingerprinting of aliens, on passports and visas, and on registration.

Strengthening the law against treason to get at borderline cases. Requiring the Communist Party to publish its membership lists and sources of income.

Recommending that the FBI be strengthened and perhaps that it be made independent of the Justice Department.

Nash-Kelvinator Pay Hike Granted

CHICAGO —(AP)— An agreement granting a ten cent per hour wage increase to 15,000 members of the CIO United Auto Workers employed by the Nash-Kelvinator Corp. in plants in Kenosha and Milwaukee, Wis. and Grand Rapids, Mich., was announced today by the union.

Joseph Mattson, regional director of the UAW, said the agreement was signed by officials of the corporation and the union and is retroactive to March 10, date of expiration of the company's contract with the union.

Noted Icelandic Volcano Erupts

REYKJAVIK, Iceland — (AP) — Mount Hekla, Iceland's most widely known volcano, erupted today for the first time in 102 years.

There were no immediate indications that any persons were casualties, and the nearest farmers are a considerable distance from Hekla, which is approximately 60 miles east of here.

Mount Hekla, about 4,900 feet in height, has been in eruption 22 times since 1104, the last time in 1845.

Oil Fraud Charge Made

WASHINGTON —(AP)— James A. Moffett declared today that oil companies "deliberately defrauded the United States Government" in charging the Navy $1.05 a barrel for Arabian-produced petroleum.

Moffett testified to the Senate War Investigating Committee that the British Admiralty had been buying oil in the Persian Gulf area for less than 40 cents a barrel. He said the Navy should have been able to make purchases at a similar price.

Moffett, an oil man and former Federal Housing Director, said that a 1941 offer of Arabian oil to the Navy for $30,000,000 had been "overlooked by Government authorities" when contracts were signed in 1945.

Under the 1945 contracts, the American - Arabian Oil Company and the California-Texas Oil Company delivered $59,879,594 worth of oil to the Navy.

"CULPABLE"

Asked if he thought oil companies were "culpable" in not offering a contract at the 1941 price, Moffett testified:

"I say they deliberately defrauded the United States Government in my opinion."

Chairman Brewster, Republican of Maine, said the Committee has been assured that President Truman will seek to make copies of the 1941 files relating to oil negotiations available to investigators. The papers are in the hands of executors of the estate of the late President Roosevelt.

Pair Sentenced On Dope Charges

NEW YORK — (AP) — Convicted by a Federal court jury of conspiracy to smuggle into this country 432 ounces of pure heroin, valued at approximately $1,296,000, two French seamen, Cesar Negro, 28, and Rene Bruchard, 32, have been sentenced to prison terms.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Joseph Martin said the seamen from the French freighter St. Tropez, were members of a well-organized smuggling ring which had been trying to supply dope peddlers in the United States since the end of the war.

After the seamen were convicted last night, Federal Judge John W. Clancy sentenced Negro to seven years, and Buchard to two years and a $10,000 fine.

Chinese Execute Jap

SHANGHAI—(AP)—Central News Agency reported today that a Chinese firing squad at Canton Thursday executed Lt. Gen. Kuichi Tanaka, commander of Japan's South China Army and Occupation Governor of Hong Kong, convicted of war crimes by an American Military Commission and by a Chinese tribunal.

$160,000,000 To Charity

Estimate Of Huge Donation Doubled

HOUSTON, Texas — (AP) — The "selfish" Houston multi-millionaire who originally planned to donate $80,000,000 to charity had doubled his estimate of the gift making the total $160,000,000.

H. R. Cullen, Texas oilman, who was paid $3 a week at the age of twelve, rechecked the figures on his vast oil field properties yesterday and estimated yield at some 30,000,000 barrels. The current price is $2.10 a barrel.

Cullen announced the gift Thursday night, as he addressed a meeting of the Texas Hospital Association. He based the value then on a yield of 40,000,000 barrels.

Cullen said a foundation would be organized to aid educational, medical and charitable institutions from moneys derived from the sale of oil on his lands.

Cullen had declared he and his wife were "selfish people" because they wanted to see their money spent during their lifetime.

The bequest is the largest ever made in Texas and second only to the rich Rockefeller Foundation, the nation's largest.

Previous Cullen gifts include $4,063,000 to the University of Houston; $1,000,000 each to Methodist, Hermann, Memorial, and St. Luke's Hospitals; $100,000 to the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation for crippled children, and $900,000 to Baylor University Medical School and the Phi Chi Medical Fraternity.

A native of Texas, Cullen was born in Denton County in 1883.

He entered the oil business in 1917 and received a doctor of science degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1928 for his work in conquering heaving shale, a bane of the Gulf Coast oil fields.

Campaign Committee Appointed By Group

David Craig Is Named Chairman

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

An aggressive movement led by an array of leaders admittedly strong and influential today was getting "full steam ahead" in the formation of another slate of candidates for the City Council in the approaching municipal primary and election.

Announcement today of the personnel of the Steering Committee, which will seek the consent of good men to become Council candidates and will direct the campaign for their election followed on the heels of a representative and enthusiastic gathering of between 75 and 100 citizens last night in Hotel Barringer's Gold Room.

David J. Craig Jr., prominent young attorney, who was chosen as chairman and who presided over last night's session, announced the names of the Committee, of which he is ex-officio chairman.

The Steering Committee includes:

A. Chester Whelchel, C. W. Tillett, Henry Newson, Henry Fisher, John Weal, George W. Patterson, James W. Armstrong, Charles Daughtry, J. M. Scarborough, and Irving Boyle.

The meeting last night and the announcement today of the Steering Committee which is already at work, confirms the story of The News last Saturday that another slate would be in the field to add zest to the campaign.

CITES PURPOSE

Mr. Craig said today that the purpose of the movement, which commands the leadership of some of the city's most prominent citizens and astute political chieftains, is to provide progressive, representative candidates, who as Councilmen would serve the best interests of all the citizens of Charlotte.

A council slate of at least five candidates will be offered under the label of "The Charlotte Ticket" which was the designation of the unopposed coalition group of Council candidates in 1945.

While there was no official statement of who will be the candidates to be sponsored by the Charlotte Ticket there were authentic reports that among those who are being considered are Councilman Henry Newson, Bill Parker, GI candidate already announced, A. Parks Little, former City Councilman, and C. Beasley, former City Councilman.

Neither was there any statement regarding a mayoral candidate but indications were that the leaders will pass up the mayor's race and concentrate on the election of the five chosen Council's candidates.

And it was believed that the limiting of the candidates to five which however would include the Council's necessary majority of four, will be a smart political move, affording the voters a choice of two additional candidates from the field of other aspirants.

"Everybody's got friends and such friends are included among the other candidates. We can offer our own five and let the voters mark their own friends for the two additional Councilmen" one spokesman said.

RACE WARMS UP

Unquestionably the entrance of another formal slate will provide a hot and interesting campaign and as one leader said it will afford the citizens a wider choice in the selection of their municipal government.

The new slate will offer stiff opposition to the already announced group, tagged under GI endorsement and the so-called "Bunch With A Punch" will be called upon to display its punch at the polls. Admittedly the punch is there but at the same time the new opposing group will also carry a lot of weight, it will be a hot campaign.

The group which met last night included besides the list named on the Steering Com-

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WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warmer today and tonight. Sunday considerable cloudiness and little change in temperature with showers in the afternoon.

Temperature at 2:30 today.....65
High and low last 24 hours.....62-34
Sunset today.....6:42
Sunrise tomorrow.....6:15

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