

Queen City Athletic Club Plans Huge Indoor Arena

Soap Box Derby Winners
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THE CHAMPION—Young Drew Hearn, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hearn, 229 Tranquil Ave. is pictured here after he won the Soap Box Derby championship of Charlotte and surrounding counties in a thrilling race here yesterday afternoon. Hearn had last year's runner-up, Charlie News and the Pyramid, in a thrilling race here yesterday afternoon. Hearn had last year's runner-up, Charlie News and the Pyramid, in a thrilling race here yesterday afternoon.



WINNER-UP—Billy Coley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Coley of Newton, won the Soap Box Derby championship in yesterday's Soap Box Derby and took second place honors in a thrilling championship race with Drew Hearn, Class A.

Grim Battle Occurs In River

Waitress Killed By Husband

KEARNY, N. J.—(AP)—A nocturnal battle, knee-deep in the Passaic River early today, ended in the death of a 29-year-old Newark waitress who was strangled by her husband in a struggle to elude her assassin.

Detective Sgt. Olanier Schilling said that the victim's husband, Louis Elips, 36-year-old truck driver, signed a statement in which he admitted he beat his wife, Jean, the waitress after he had failed four times to thrust her head under water in an attempt to drown her.

Schilling said Elips, held at headquarters for questioning, declared in the statement that he tricked his wife into going to the river bank, where he intended to drown her and then commit suicide.

Schilling said no charge had been filed against Elips.

Elips said he loved his wife, but she was tired of his beating her. He said he had tried to drown her in the river, but she would not let him. He said he had tried to strangle her, but she would not let him. He said he had tried to strangle her, but she would not let him.

Senate Passes Money Bill

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Senate today passed a bill providing \$1,200,000,000 to finance America's foreign policy operations, including the \$600,000,000 Greek-Turkish aid program. It goes back to the House for action on Senate amendments.

It also carries \$750,000,000 to pay the occupation and relief costs in Japan, Korea and Germany for fifteen months, as compared with \$550,000,000 for twelve months ap-

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\$400,000 Project Is Proposed

Ice Show Owners Show Interest

By TOM FESPHERMAN

Charlotte News Staff Writer

The Queen City Athletic Club was studying plans today for constructing and operating a large indoor arena in Charlotte for housing sports events, shows and meetings.

Cost of such a building—to serve as a sort of "Madison Square Garden" for Charlotte—is expected to be approximately \$400,000.

The arena would have permanent individual seats for about 5,000 people on four sides of the building, and a performance space in the center equipped to serve for basketball games, boxing and wrestling, trapeze, dancing, ice shows, speaking platforms, or stage shows.

Club officials said that adequate parking space would be maintained adjacent to the arena building, and that bus transportation also would be available.

ICE SHOW INTERESTED

Morris Chalfen, president of Holiday On Ice Shows Inc., who he revised completed a seven-night engagement last night at Memorial Stadium, said that his organization is ready to invest at least \$75,000 in a Charlotte arena.

Charles R. Dell, president of the Athletic Club, and Bob Allen, executive vice-president and general manager, conferred with Mr. Chalfen and Emory F. Gilbert, vice-president of Holiday On Ice, about the proposed arena.

Mr. Chalfen said he and his associates will serve in an advisory capacity during the planning stage, and will buy a large block of stock in the arena corporation.

Mr. Allen said this morning that the Athletic Club was studying plans of sports events now being completed in Toledo, Ohio, and will get suggestions and ideas from that and similar buildings in other large cities.

Tentative plans of the local organization are to sell stock to its own members and to other business and professional men here.

The Toledo arena will be completed in October. It seats 5,000 or more people, and is expected to cost about \$700,000. It is believed that Charlotte will not need an arena that large.

Holiday on Ice officials have a large interest in the Toledo building.

The ice show officers and directors, thoroughly experienced in entertainment and sports facilities in all sections of the country, spent several days in Charlotte while their show was performing at the Stadium, and they said they were convinced that this city could make a full and profitable use of an arena.

IMPRESSED BY AREA

Mr. Chalfen told a News reporter he was particularly impressed by the hotel-popular area surrounding the stadium, and that the area which should surround the arena should be good at least to that extent.

Mr. Allen said preliminary discussions have led to plans for installing permanent refrigeration equipment in the arena floor, and having a movable wooden floor which could be put in place overnight and made ready for various events.

Seating space in the building would vary according to the space needed for the particular event in the arena. The Charlotte arena is needed, for staging a basketball match, or temporary seating for 2,000 or more people, and people could attend an event that took up the entire arena space.

Mr. Allen said that members of the Athletic Club have expressed interest in the proposed arena, and are anxious to go ahead with it.

The proposal received impetus during the days on which the ice revue played here. "Holiday On Ice" is more or less permanent show with a new program each year, and the club makes a regular annual circuit of the country. The Charlotte arena, which drew more than a financial stake and proved to be a financial success for the organization and the Athletic Club, was the "Holiday On Ice" of the 1947 edition of "Holiday On Ice."

1948 edition is now being rehearsed and will be opened in White Plains, N. Y. next month.

Mr. Chalfen said that present plans are to bring the ice show's permanent home in the Charlotte arena. The Holiday On Ice organization also owns a roller-skating show called "Strolling Vagabonds."

CLUB OWNS CLIPPERS

The Queen City Athletic Club is an organization of local business and professional men.

Is There An 'International Brigade'?

World Still Wondering About Situation In Greece

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Is there an "international brigade" fighting in northern Greece against the troops of the established Greek Government?

More than two weeks have elapsed since Athens reported that elements of such a force had crossed the Albanian frontier in company with helping Greek guerrillas, but the world at large is still in the dark as to whether this is fact, fancy or propaganda.

A subcommittee of the United Nations Balkan Investigation Commission has visited the scene to inquire into the situation, but has not yet submitted a formal report. Efforts to obtain a firsthand, on-the-spot account from reliable American news correspondents have been fraught with many difficulties and thus far have been unsuccessful.

Here, however, are the facts as they are known to date:

First reports of a purported "international brigade" came on July 11 from Salonika, where Greek newspapers told of the discovery of 120 members of such an organization participating in an action in the Kogerio region south of Mount Grammos.

These reports were unsubstantiated and were not represented as factual or official. They were given some credence in Athens, however, because Communist publications throughout Europe had been predicting for some months that an "international brigade" similar to that which fought against the Franco forces in the Spanish

Civil War would be sent into Greece to fight against what the Communists called the "Pascari" Government.

On July 12, the Greek Government announced that more than 1,000 men—"large contingents, including parts of an international brigade"—had crossed into Greece from Albania and attacked Konitsa.

On July 14, Vassili Dendramis, Greek Ambassador to the United States, presented a petition from his Government to the United Nations Security Council urging speedy action on the Balkan case before the Council in view of the "dramatically more serious" conditions of the Greek-Albanian border.

Dendramis mentioned the existence of an "international brigade" to support his description of the "dramatically more serious" situation, but did not say that such an organization was actually participating in the fighting. His petition said only that it was "known" that on Albanian soil near the border "supplies and medical services are concentrated for the purpose of organizing an action of an international brigade of irregulars and communists."

On the same day an announcement issued at Athens after an emergency meeting of the Greek and Navy Ministers with the British and French Staff asserted there were "foreign elements" among the "invaders" from Albania, but termed reports of an "international brigade" participating in the fighting as "unsubstantiated."

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War Declared Over

GI Bill Limits Go Into Effect

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman today declared the war over, insofar as veterans' benefits and a batch of other war and emergency statutes are concerned.

The President's declaration ended the war which had been declared by Congress in 1941, and which had been continued by successive Congresses.

Senate joint resolution making it operative some 175 laws whose effect would be ended on the date of the declaration, and announced that he had asked Attorney General Clark to continue his studies on the ending of the remaining war statutes.

In interpreting the 175 acts, the President said, the proclamations of World War-II, the limited emergency and the unlimited emergency "shall be construed as terminated and peace established."

T-DAY

It is therefore T-Day—termination-of-war day—for about 16,000, 000 war veterans and servicemen.

It marks the beginning of the end of the educational, unemployment and loan-guarantee benefits of the GI Bill of Rights. Veterans' benefits will no longer be available to them.

NEW ENLISTED. Men and women who enter the services after the President's signature will be considered peace-time personnel. When they leave the services, they will be considered non-war veterans, not war veterans.

BARRELY RETURN. Kem's assertion that he had been under the impression that Barkley was "in charge of a filibuster" brought this retort from the Kentuckyan:

"That is a gratuitous and unwarranted statement. Barkley denied there had been a filibuster and declared the matter closed. He had come four times as much time to the Senate while the matter had been pending."

REP. FLORES. Republican Missouri, said in a statement that failure to obtain a Congressional record of the 1946 Kansas City primary election this session would only be a "technicality" in the "peculiar Parliamentary procedure" by Minority Leader Rayburn's

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Elliott Roosevelt's Ex-Wife Mentioned

Marriages Of Divorced Persons Attacked By Bishop Manning

NEW YORK—(AP)—Bishop William T. Manning, in a letter to the current issue of "The Living Church," has protested the action in which the first wife of Elliott Roosevelt was permitted to marry a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The retired bishop of the diocese of New York also protested the fact that the Very Rev. Rev. R. O'Connell, dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, was allowed to marry a divorced woman.

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Greeks Repel Guerrillas

By L. S. CHAKALIS

ATHENS—(AP)—A War Ministry spokesman said Greek Government forces, using rocket-firing planes and tanks, repelled guerrilla attacks today on Grevena, about 40 miles east of the Albanian border.

The Ministry said a guerrilla force of from 1,000 to 1,500 men, equipped with heavy weapons, launched the attack at 3 A. M.

The spokesman said the initial guerrilla force was repelled, and the remainder of the force was driven back into the mountains.

"The attack was repelled and the guerrillas were decimated," the spokesman said.

Guerrilla sources said the attack was part of the guerrilla units which were active in the south of the Mount Grammos region and ten miles east of the Albanian border.

The Greek Second Army Corps said at Larissa that reinforcements were being moved toward Grevena and other guerrilla strongholds.

Second Corps officials said the guerrillas would "either be repelled or driven back into the mountains, where they actually entered the town. It was said."

The Story Of Ecusta

The most completely modern manufacturing plant in the United States is not in one of the great cities of the East, but in the valley of the French Broad River in Western North Carolina.

The story of Ecusta—the vast cigarette paper manufacturing enterprise—is a story of the triumph of the human spirit.

In his plea said: "I never get a single thing from the Garmons or anywhere else."

"I never did a thing in Kentucky or anywhere else," he said.

"I stand here today on the edge of the court. If I go to jail my grandchildren will be put in the hands of the law."

"Regardless of what has been said in malicious press... I am not a criminal."

Among the reasons called by the lawyers for a new trial was the production made by the Garmons to radio discographers of the trial and read newspapers before reaching their verdict.

Palestine Commission Returns To Beirut

ROME—(AP)—The Palestine Commission, which returned here last week, is expected to depart today for Beirut to complete its report.

Italy Gets Back Airport

ROME—(AP)—Italy's airport at Rome, returned to Italian control today, after it had been under German control since the end of the war.