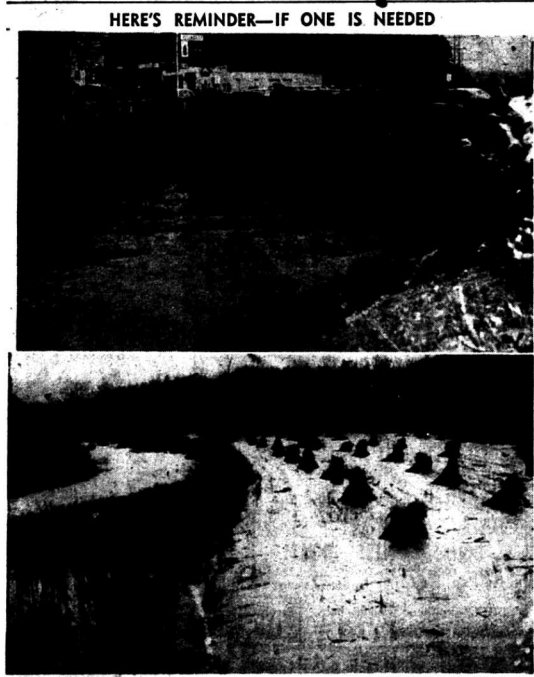


# THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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## U. N. Official Submits Plan To End Blockade

### BROADENING OF OFFICIAL SECURITY



Millions of gallons of water poured into Charlotte Creek during the week-end rains. Top photo shows Sugaw Creek at the Morehead St. bridge. Extensive dredging operations in the creek paid heavy dividends as the waters never reached the danger stage. But it was a different story with Briar Creek. Lower photo shows a flooded corn field at the intersection of Briar and Sugaw Creeks at Park Road and Selwyn Ave.

## New Rainfall Record Set

### Cold Weather To Follow Rain

By EMBRY WISTER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A cold front blowing out of the frozen North, headed for the Carolinas today to put an end to the four-day rain-spell that saw a new precipitation record set for November for the second consecutive year.

The temperature, which hit a chilly 39 at its lowest early this morning, was due to begin dropping early in the afternoon in the wake of clearing skies. A low of 30 degrees is forecast for tomorrow and Wednesday mornings and blue skies are predicted both days.

From the time the rain began about 10 A. M. yesterday until it faded into a mist late yesterday afternoon 3.68 inches poured down on the city to raise the monthly total to 8.35 inches. The weather bureau said that there is a possibility of more rain before skies cleared today but that it will be no nothing compared to that of yesterday.

In November, 1948, thus stands as the wettest in history, eclipsing

last year's record rainfall of 7.94 inches by 20 inch. It marks the only time in the history of the local Weather Bureau a monthly rainfall record has been broken on two successive years.

**4.14 INCHES FOR SPELL**

The downpour was only part of the rain spell which began here Friday night. From the time the rain began until it stopped yesterday 4.14 inches fell in the gauge atop the Federal Bldg.

November, normally the second driest month of the year, thus becomes the wettest. August, with 4.18 inches, runs a poor second. Normal for November is 2.57 inches.

The hard and consistent rain raised creeks to flood stage and in some places the streams actually overflowed their banks. Late yesterday afternoon water poured over the banks at the intersection of Briar and Sugaw Creeks outside the city's southern limits. By this morning, however, the water level had dropped several inches and the danger appeared past.

The heavy rains filled to over-

flowing the Duke Power Co.'s great chain of lakes in North and South Carolina, but engineers were in perfect control of the waters and flood conditions were prevented.

Duke headquarters here reported that the recent rainfall was greater in the Charlotte area than in other areas of the Catawba River watershed of North Carolina. Water falling in the vicinity of Charlotte passes only through the South Carolina ponds of the chain. Rainfall in the Plugh Forest and Morganton areas flows into the Catawba headwaters and thence through all the Catawba-Waterres ponds.

The rains brought assurance that ample supplies of electric power will be available to industries in the Piedmont industrial area this winter. Duke engineers were running great volumes of water through gates of the dams to prevent overflow that might damage appurtes by erosion.

The peak of the rainfall came here Sunday.

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## In Today's Farm Pages

The story of a man who bought a farm with seemingly all the odds against him—but he won out in a big way.

How a 4-H Club boy has good some mill property there ties pay him and pay him well.

These are just two of the many interesting features you will see in the farm pages in today's News.

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22 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

## Red Reaction Is Reported

### 'Favorable' Western Powers Like Formula

By ROMAN JIMINEZ  
PARIS — (AP)— Argentine Foreign Minister Juan A. Bramuglia said today he had sent to the Big Four powers his newest formula for settling the Berlin blockade crisis.

Bramuglia told the three Western powers' Security Council delegates the reaction of Russia's Andrei V. Vishinskiy "seemed favorable." A British diplomat said the Western powers almost certainly would accept the new plan.

Argentine sources said the plan covers three points:

1. Bramuglia, as November president of the Security Council, would appoint an expert commission to study the Berlin currency issue.

2. The Security Council would recommend lifting the Berlin blockade, its full implementation to coincide with the introduction of the Soviet mark as the German city's sole currency in accord with the commission's findings.

3. An explanatory communication by the Western powers would be smaller powers on the Council, which are pressing for the commission's report.

**DEADLINE NOT SET**

Argentine said the timing of the whole proposal is not yet fixed. It is possible that Dec. 31 would be the deadline as the expert commission's goal, it was said.

Russia blocked Berlin in August 1948. The Western powers then formed currency in the city. Russia vetoed a previous neutral powers attempt to compromise the issue.

Bramuglia said he wanted to launch the new plan and have it considered by the Western powers and Russia before the Argentine presidency of the Council expires at midnight Tuesday.

The Argentine Foreign Minister who talked with Bramuglia said he was seeking a clarification of some translation difficulties during the morning.

Bramuglia received representatives of the U. S., Britain and France before noon and conveyed the plan to them.

American, British and French leaders said they are under adequate four-power control. The two sides have been unable to agree thus far on what would constitute adequate control.

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## IT'S AN OCCASION FOR TEACHERS



Miss Virginia Neely, of the faculty of Dilworth School, gets the attention of her first grade pupils in the classroom this morning. To night, however, it will be Miss Neely's "night off," with a gala reception being given in her and other city school teachers' honor at the Hotel Charlotte. She will again be getting attention of interested people. The reception is being sponsored as "a gesture of respect and recognition" by the Charlotte Association of Civic Clubs.

## At Reception Tonight

### Teachers Get The Limelight

Teachers of the children of Charlotte come in for a bit of recognition tonight when leaders of local civic clubs give a reception for them at the Hotel Charlotte.

The reception is sponsored by the Charlotte Association of Civic Clubs, an organization of ten civic clubs of the city. President of the association is John Paul Lucas Jr.

Invitations have been extended to 465 teachers in the public schools of Charlotte, and a large attendance, both of teachers and members of the sponsoring civic clubs, is anticipated.

The schoolmarms and masters will be greeted informally by the presidents of the ten clubs which will be in charge of presentation of favors. Receiving will begin at 7:45 o'clock in the hotel ballroom.

Arthur M. Jenkins, Jayross Belmont, will preside at the refreshment table from 8 o'clock until 8:40. The group will then be called to order by B. W. Barnard, general chairman of the reception group.

Mr. Lucas will then speak for the host organization. Special guests will then be introduced, after which a toast will be given by C. S. Reed, president of Kiwanis.

Miss Ursula Blankenship, principal of Dilworth School, will respond for the teachers. Dr. D. G. Welton, president of Rotary, will be in charge of presentation of favors.

A social hour will be observed from 9:15 until 10 o'clock, with every civic club member designated as an acquaintance committee-of-one.

General theme of the reception, Mr. Lucas has said, is a joint gesture of respect and recognition of Charlotte's public school teachers.

Clubs belonging to the civic organization are Rotary, Kiwanis, Civitan, Lions, Optimists, Exchange, American Business, Fraternity, Junior Chamber of Commerce.

## Servicemen Would Come Under Plan

### Sharp Boost In Pensions Asked

WASHINGTON — (AP)— Proposals for a broadened Social Security program—being submitted to the White House today—reportedly would bring soldiers, sailors, fliers and Marines under the civilian old age pension system.

Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing had the proposals drafted. They include a \$1,000,000,000 bill approved by Congress.

Among other things, Ewing asks a sharp boost in the amount of pensions and survivors' benefits paid under the present law.

Mr. Truman is known to support at least 50 per cent increase. Ewing was reported by an administration source to believe that even a greater increase in the pension benefits paid to men in white House endorsement.

**"NEW STABURATION"**

The present \$39.90 pension for an old couple, Ewing was quoted as saying, amounts to "new staburation."

Upwards of 2,000,000 men under Social Security protection, the spokesman said, in addition to the 3,000,000 already covered, if the PSA proposals are adopted.

Farm workers, domestic help, self-employed, employees of the Federal, State and local governments, private hospitals, nursing and other institutions not now protected would be embraced.

Under the present law, the 1,400,000 or more members of the armed services was urged in Ewing's annual report to the President several months ago.

Overseas men were not originally covered because it was deemed that the armed forces' own retirement system was adequate.

Growth of the "civilian army" concept, in which great numbers of men in military, military and civilian employment, has changed the picture, Ewing said.

Periods of military service interrupt the accumulation of benefits under the present law.

That would not be true if the armed forces were brought under the civilian pension system.

The proposal also would be proposed also to the other Federal retirement systems in with the Social Security program.

Today was the original deadline for the PSA to submit proposals to present their legislative proposals. An PSA spokesman said Ewing's report was in time.

The deadline was extended to Dec. 15 for agencies which could not prepare their proposals in time.

**TRUMAN TO DECIDE**

Mr. Truman is expected to make his recommendations to decide which to present to the new Democratic Congress in January.

Federal aid to education, for which Ewing has proposed a \$100 million increase, \$300,000,000 for medical scholarships and other devices to increase the number of teachers, scientists and medical technicians.

Mr. Truman's oft-repeated proposal for a new Federal life insurance also is included in the PSA recommendations, at a starting cost of \$150,000,000.

Larger direct assistance to the needy blind, proposed by Ewing, also is included in the PSA recommendations.

## Battle Shifting Nearer Nanking

By HAROLD K. MILKS  
NANKING — (AP)— The critical battle for Central China appeared to be shifting nearer Nanking to the very approaches of this Chinese capital.

It was learned reliably that the estimated 200,000 Nationalist troops behind H. Frank C. Hooper, meteorologist in charge of the Asheville Weather Bureau station, said air weather from Suchow and Murphree delayed Knoxville buses. For a time yesterday and last night Knoxville buses normally traveling the Great Smoky Mountains National Park route to Asheville were routed by Newport and Sevierville, Tenn. Most buses were running behind schedule yesterday and last night, but normal traffic was maintained today.

## Auto Dealer Admits Jewish Nation

### His Friends Favored

WASHINGTON — (AP)— One of the nation's largest Chevrolet dealers admitted to Congressional investigators today that his "very personal friends and very good customers" get new cars more quickly than other people. So do Congress members, he said.

He said his friends had received "immediate delivery" from Ourisman.

Ourisman was the first witness at a House subcommittee headed by Rep. Macy (R-N.Y.) resumed today in the sales policy of Capital area automobile firms. It questioned Hudson and Oldsmobile dealers several weeks ago.

Ourisman said he has been a Chevrolet dealer since 1921 and has sold about 50,000 cars. His two firms make him one of the largest Chevrolet dealers in the country, he added.

He said his salesmen do not give preference to prospective buyers who have used cars to trade in.

Ourisman said the committee called "Wagon Wheel" investigator for it to the witness chair.

Ourisman promised the committee to see DEALER ADMITS on page 6-A

## Senate Foreign Relations Chief

### Connally Sees End To Blockade

WASHINGTON — (AP)— Senate Foreign Relations Chief Connally (D-Texas) today voiced a personal belief that "the Berlin currency issue must be lifted soon."

Connally, who will again be chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee when Democrats organize the Senate, said, however, was not speaking "with authority."

In his first news conference since returning from Texas, Connally also expressed belief that:

(1) The Senate Foreign Relations Committee will take quick action in January on a Western defense pact.

(2) That no American troops will be sent to aid China.

(3) That any agreement on the Berlin currency issue must be reached with joint control set up to guarantee no nation would be financially hurt.

Connally said there must be a joint control set up to guarantee no nation would be financially hurt.

Connally said the "row over the Russian mark circulating in Berlin" does not justify the cost of the airlift to feed Berlin and does not "reliere us any bread of conflict."

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By EDWARD CURTIS  
PARIS — (AP)— Law applied formally today for membership in the United Nations.

Britain, which has been lukewarm to the new state carved from Palestine, "will in no circumstances make use of its privileged vote to block the admission to the United Nations of any state which secured an unqualified majority of seven votes in the Security Council," Sir Alexander Cadogan told the UN second political committee. Britain is expected to abstain.

Benjamin V. Cohen, U. S. delegate, told the committee France, China, the U. S. and Britain agreed on the principle of no vetoes in the Security Council. Britain has used twelve vetoes to block applications, he indicated support for Israel.

The Jewish state applied for a world vote exactly a year after the UN General Assembly voted to split Palestine between the Jews and Arabs.

The first UN Political Committee meeting, dealing with Russian and Polish resolution calling for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Palestine.

## BULLETIN

MIAMI, Fla. — (AP)— The University of Texas today was to receive a \$100,000 award for the fifteenth annual Orange Bowl classic New Year's game.

Confirmation that the runner-up, the Southeastern Conference had accepted a bid for the colorful post-season spectacle will be made by W. M. Preston, chairman of the Orange Bowl Committee.

Longhorns will face a team that only last year lost 10 games, and accumulated 272 points against their opponents' 100 points.

It will be the Longhorns' first visit to the Miami Bowl and Georgia second.

## WEATHER

Clearing and rather windy this afternoon followed by a cold night. Fair and cold tomorrow and Wednesday with low temperatures of 39 tonight and 31 tomorrow night.

Temperature at 7:30 today... 58  
High at low last night... 60  
Sunset today... 5:11  
Sunrise tomorrow... 7:11

More Weather Data on Page 6-A