

Highway Problem

In the opinion of the director of the Federal Public Roads Administration, overland trucks are detouring American highways. Editorial discussion of the problem as viewed in two states is on the editorial page today.

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## Pet Show

Three little kittens (above) belonging to Nikki Bassett, 7, of Rt. 10, Austin Drive, may have lost their mittens, but they came home with honorable mention at the City-County Pet Show this morning. In the various categories, "Cocker," a nine-day-old cock and its Shetland pony mother, Sue, (below) stole the judges' hearts to win first prize for "most unusual"; while "Sugar" and "Cream," (right) cocker pups owned by Florette Chandler, 1817 Kenwood, snuggled up in the shade and watched the animal sale. The cocker and the mother owned by Richard (in photo) and Robert Vinroot, sons of Dr. Wood G. E. Vinroot, of Meadow Wood Lane, Richard was nervous to get to the show, he whine his parents at 6 A. M., while he got started.



## The Contest Was A Howling Success

### Local Youngsters Show Off Their Pets

By DONALD MACDONALD  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
"I went to the animal fair. The birds and beasts were there."  
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Cats that were present were: "Power Puff," a giant, Spitz-like Samoyed dog, was the first grand prize winner chosen after hours of judges' deliberation. The pet of Mrs. Don and Donna Woodside, 1230 Blinn Drive, "Power Puff" won a 1949 table model radio.  
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little Miss Carolyn Willis; and "Mittens," the celebrated cat that walks on a leash, owned by ten-year-old Susan Rose, 238 Colonial Ave.  
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## Preliminary Meet Set For Paris

### High Officials To Take Part

By ANTHONY GAYSON  
LONDON.—(AP)—A Foreign Office spokesman said today Britain, France and the United States will hold preliminary talks in Paris before sitting down with Russia in the big four conference on Germany May 23.

The spokesman said the three powers would be represented by "senior persons" at the pre-conference talks. The French Foreign Office already has announced that Dr. Philip Jessup, U. S. Ambassador-at-large, is flying to Paris this week-end.  
"While I am not able to give you any details of who may be expected to participate in such conversations," the spokesman told newsmen, "it is a fact that there will be certain preliminary discussions in Paris before the season of the conference of foreign ministers."  
These, of course, are the result of contacts which there were between Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, British Minister Robert Beuhman and Secretary of State Dean Acheson in Washington.

He added that in the Washington talks last month "certain agreed positions were adopted and in the light of commitments undertaken, there will be talks in Paris."  
In Paris, the four foreign ministers are expected to discuss records of old backings, when they sit down together, and start from scratch on a German settlement.

British officials said yesterday the ministers will have an open agenda. Observers said this means the representatives of the United States, Russia, Britain and France hope to avoid reopening old quarrels.

Meanwhile, American, British and French experts have begun to exchange ideas on conference strategy. They are making every effort to avoid giving Russia the idea that they are "ganging up" on her.

British Foreign Office experts have begun work on a new statement of political and economic principles which should govern any American settlement, official sources said.  
In this they are taking into account developments since the last four-power conference in London in December, 1947.

These include the three Western powers' agreement to:  
1. Merge the three Western occupation zones into Trizonia.  
2. Put Germany's industrially rich Ruhr valley under control of the United States, Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg.  
3. Raise the level of German industrial production and reduce drastically the program of dismantling German industries.

4. Give The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg portions of Germany's border territory.  
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## Voice Of America Tries New Move

### U.S. Seeks Radio Block Break

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The United States and Britain fire their opening guns today in an unprecedented peacetime radio war with Russia.  
In an attempt to smash through a Soviet radio blockade, they planned to use a battery of 61 transmitters, all blasting at once, to hurl a barrage of Russian-language broadcasts in the direction of Moscow.

Assistant Secretary of State George V. Allen announced the campaign yesterday.  
He said the State Dept.'s Voice of America programs would carry an announcement charging Russia with "deliberate interference" which "follows a pattern similar to the systematic jamming of shortwave broadcasts conducted by the Nazis during the war."

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## Mayor Of Dearborn Seeks Ford Peace

DETROIT.—(AP)—A peace move in the strike of 50,000 Ford workers was instituted by Dearborn's Mayor George E. Brown today.  
The mayor proposed a meeting of Ford and CIO United Auto Workers officials at his office this Thursday for a "supreme check" to end the walkout.

There was no early reply either from the company or the union, which are locked in a fight over the UAW-CIO's charge of a "speed-up" in Ford plants.

Since noon Thursday Ford's great Rouge plant in suburban Dearborn and its Lincoln-Mercury factory in Detroit have been idle.  
The UAW in a General Motors plant—came also a charge of speed-up.

A Chevrolet assembly line unit voted 118 to 17 to go on strike, subject to the international union's approval.  
A union spokesman in Detroit, however, said it was felt the dispute could be settled at the plant level.

A pinch on small Ford supplier plants was beginning to be felt as the strike entered its third day.  
A number of shutdowns and impending closings, were announced. Several thousand men would be affected.

Meanwhile, resentment of strikers toward management was observed on the picket lines at Rouge.  
This followed Ford's announcement yesterday of the firing of fourteen men in connection with the strike.

One of the strikers' men was Mike Donnelly, chairman of the UAW unit in the Rouge plant. He was fired for leading a strike in the assembly line building, center of the speed-up dispute.

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## WEATHER

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## Death Toll Placed At Four

### Tornado And Flood Harass Texas Section

LUBBOCK, Texas.—(AP)—One woman was dead and scores were marooned by a flood at Lubbock today as a vicious tornado swept through the city at Sundown, 40 miles to the west, tolling through scattered wreckage in a grim search for tornado victims.

The tornado ripped through the north edge of Sundown last night, killing at least two persons and inflicting at least 100 injuries. But three to five other persons were reported killed by the roaring twister. The hunt for bodies continued.

Another tornado struck near Morton, Texas, also in the big-brother country, destroying two homes, farm buildings and equipment.

Water rose into homes. Rescue operations were being pressed. Business was paralyzed.  
Mrs. J. C. Duke was rescued when she pulled a light car after water rose into her house.

The flood was rainwater—there are no creeks or rivers in the area.  
The rain fell all night, but stopped today. At mid-morning the flood was subsiding. All highways to Lubbock were cut off by high water.

The identified dead in the Sundown tornado were the Rev. Mrs. J. C. Duke, 22, who was killed; Pamela, 4. Seriously hurt were Scott's wife, Wanda, 22, and his seven-month-old son, Randy. Mrs. R. L. Simpson of Lubbock was reported injured and later reported missing. Mrs. Curtis Edwards of Sundown was treated for minor injuries.

Rainstorms swept through Texas today. During a storm, one person was killed and 34 injured when a loaded Greyhound bus overturned on a slippery curve in the town of Lorraine in Mitchell County, Texas.

Overturned on Highway 80 where the bus was en route from El Paso to Dallas. T. M. Harris, of Bartlesville, Okla., was killed.

The cold front which invaded the Southwest yesterday, producing the violent weather, was stationary today over west Texas. Unsettled weather was expected to continue.

## Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SCHMIDTKE



The inside gets the storm, the husband gets the show. Some of these young folks put on a lot of mileage in a few years.