

Weather
Cloudy and mild today, tonight and Thursday. Few scattered light showers Friday.
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Police Hunt Escaped Convicts Who Killed Trusty

TUMBLING DOWN FROM FORMOSA

Arkansas Countryside Terrorized

Officer Wounded In Road Block Fight

By HARLEY PERRISH
LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—(AP)—A man armed for three or four months who terrorized the countryside, shot a private marshal and had two brief gun battles with officers reached the outskirts of Little Rock today.

State Police Sgt. R. E. Brown expressed certainty that the hunted men are the convicts who broke out of Tucker State Penitentiary early Saturday after killing a trusty guard. Four convicts made the break.

There was a possibility that one of the fugitives had been "robbed out" by his pals, but there was no confirmation.

Scores of heavily-armed officers and trusty guards, with the aid of private citizens and bloodhounds, began scouring the area east of Little Rock today.

Night City Marshal Kenneth Brentley, 40, was shot and wounded in the arm in an exchange of shots with a man in a dark car near a road block near Lenoxx.

The car was about 25 miles east of Little Rock.

This was shortly after Vernon Woodward, a blacked-up fugitive, fifteen miles south of Lenoxx, and his wife and two children, three men, who find in the neighborhood of W. A. Dean, Dean and his two daughters also were killed. They were shot near Woodman. Woodman managed to break loose and no longer is being sought.

After Brentley was shot, the three men in the car sped westward toward Little Rock. State Police Lt. Wilcox and Ray Shipp were following them.

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City's Future Needs In One Package

The Next Ten Years' Top Ten Goals

By TOM PFEFFERMAN
News Staff Writer
A TEN-POINT Ten Year Plan for Charlotte, which could well serve as the basis for the program during the next decade, advanced today for public discussion by the editors of The Charlotte News.

The steps outlined below have already been discussed individually, and generally applauded by Charlotte's citizens as having great merit. But The News has gathered the needs together in one "package" in order to bring them more into focus.

This is done, the editors explain, so that all thinking citizens may be taken into a few moments' glance, to consider the current weaknesses in Charlotte's government and civic making-up, and to discuss improvements among themselves.

The News invites comment from any individual or group on any of the ten points, and all ten points as quickly as legal and financial ability permit. Obviously all these steps cannot be taken in 1950, or even in the next five years. But The News believes that positive action could be taken on all of them by 1960. As they are not presented in order of need, though complete articles could be written on each—indeed, articles on each have been published in the past—they are enumerated here with only the briefest elaboration.

The News' Ten Year Plan for Charlotte:

1. Organization of an Urban Redevelopment Commission.
2. A \$10,000,000 bond issue for public school construction and expansion in city and county.
3. County-wide property revaluation.
4. Maximum feasible consolidation of the City and County Governments.
5. A definite public housing program based on information gathered in the 1950 census.
6. Formation of a group of civic leaders similar to Winston-Salem's Committee of One Hundred.
7. A new city auditorium.
8. A full-scale program for unbottling traffic.
9. Improved air transportation facilities.
10. Positive action to clear Charlotte's creeks of contamination and pollution.

quiring and clearing all blighted areas, developing the land into more useful and infinitely more valuable facilities; and preparing the city for future growth on a scientific plan.

This urban redevelopment program makes extensive use of private enterprise. In order to take advantage of it, Charlotte and other North Carolina cities must get an enabling act passed by the State Legislature early in 1951. Only one

'Fair Deal' Program To Be Pushed

GOP To Go Along On Some Portions

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A broad expansion of Social Security benefits may be the chief contribution to President Truman's "Fair Deal" program from the section of Congress opening tomorrow.

Mr. Truman goes to Capitol Hill in person Wednesday to outline his mid-century year's program, with trust that he will get action on several of the major proposals he will lay before the lawmakers.

Those apparently marked for the shelf include his expected recommendations for compulsory health insurance, Fair-Harley Act repeal, the Brannan plan of farm subsidy payments, any tax increase he may suggest.

But the program seems set to wipe out such wartime curbs as price controls and such transportation of labor during the war, whether or not the President supports them.

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'MERCY' DOCTOR



DR. HERMANN SANDER

President Stands Firm On Decision

Aid To Continue In Other Forms

By JOSEPH C. GOODWIN
WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman is reported standing pat against any use of American troops to try to block Communists from the island of Formosa.

It is understood, however, that such a decision would not preclude continued economic help and political support, as well as military aid to the Chinese Nationalist Government.

Chiang Kai-Shek in his fight against expected Communist attempts to take over the island stronghold of the Chinese Nationalists.

Mr. Truman's reaffirmation of his stand against the use of American troops in Formosa is said to have been made during a meeting of the National Security Council Thursday. Mr. Truman presided over the meeting at the White House.

Responsible informants said the council made no change in the American attitude toward Formosa despite many demands from members of the House of Representatives that the United States should in effect place the island under the protection of American forces.

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Older Citizens Look Back On Rapid Growth Of Charlotte During Century's 1st Half

Five men who have seen Charlotte grow from a small town to an important, steadily-growing city, look back on the century's first half as the first half of the Twentieth Century. They recall the rapid growth and success of the metropolis of the Carolinas.

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Once Over Lightly

By WALTER BISHOP
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