

Charlotte, York Top in Pedestrian Safety

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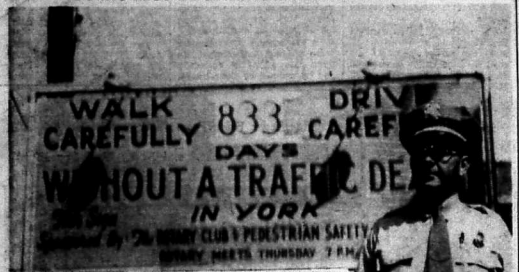
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YORK'S RECORD AND THE MAN RESPONSIBLE



Chief W. T. Ivey, father of the greatest pedestrian safety record in the country, walks down the sidewalk in York, S. C., beneath a big overcast that keeps him on the number of days that have passed since the last traffic death in town.

THANKS TO CHIEF

990 Out Of 1,000 Points Go To York

By TOM FEFERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

YORK, S. C.—This town of 6,000 persons has been declared the safest for pedestrians in the U. S., and released fellow citizens are giving most of the credit to Police Chief W. T. Ivey.

York has won the Grand Award for all cities under 100,000 population in the fourteenth American Automobile Association's Pedestrian Protection Contest sponsored by the American Automobile Association.

Chief Judge announced that York scored 990 out of a possible 1,000 points, by far the best showing ever made by any city in the history of the contest.

CHIEF TO ACCEPT

A nationally prominent man, whose name hasn't been as widely respected as it should be, is expected to accept the award.

MIGS Missing As Battleship, Planes Hit Reds

By GEORGE A. MCARTHY
REOU, Thursday 10.—Allied bombers pounded Viet Red targets Wednesday unopposed by a battered Red air force that refused battle, and the battleship New Jersey dealt Wonsan a surprise blow.

The battleship delivered a salvo of 16-inch shells from the Yellow Sea, where it had hammered the west coast port of Chinnampo only Monday, and landed mines across North Korea. Sabre jets dared the Red BIGs to interfere, but the few Communist jets that appeared seemed to be in the overcast skies.

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Charlotte And Rochester, N.Y. Split Award

Identical Scoring In 100,000 Classification

Charlotte and York, S. C., only 22 miles apart, have been declared winners of Grand Awards in competition with 1,827 states and cities in the fourteenth National Pedestrian Protection Contest.

Contest officials said both cities had spectacular records in pedestrian safety during 1952.

Among cities of more than 100,000 population, Charlotte and Rochester, N. Y., tied for the Grand Award, each getting 830 out of a possible 1,000 points.

Among cities of less than 100,000, York won the Grand Award with 990 out of a possible 1,000 points, by far the best record in the history of the contest.

Both Charlotte and York won first place in their respective population categories.

The contest is sponsored annually by the American Automobile Association's Committee on Pedestrian Safety.

A remarkable drop in the number of pedestrians killed here within a year is the chief reason.

In 1950, an even dozen pedestrians were killed in Charlotte. In 1951, the total again was twelve.

But in 1952, only two pedestrians were killed. One was an elderly person who was struck by a truck while walking against a signal at an intersection. The other was a child playing in the street.

In 1951, Charlotte had a total of 26 persons killed in traffic accidents of all types. In 1952, the total was cut in half, to thirteen.

WELL-ROUNDED

Charlotte had a well-rounded safety program," the Captain said. "A lot of people had a hand in it."

Henkel was one of those people. His department tightened up on traffic violations, and he says City Recorder J. C. Seiberg "is a very safety-minded judge," who properly sends drivers for being reckless.

Capt. Henkel's office maintains a file of file of Charlotte drivers. The file now has 22,000 names in it.

PUT RECORD

Every time a driver is cited for an accident or is cited for a traffic violation, this information is put on his record. When a driver has had two accidents and violated the law once, or has been cited twice and been at fault in one accident, he is called in for a personal interview.

After a year, Capt. Henkel interviewed 216 persons. Only six of these have repeated violations since their interviews.

Another well-known personality to Charlotte's score is Ernest Presley. A regular City policeman, Mr. Presley has directed almost 400,000 drivers in their safety school for thousands of Charlotte school kids. He's now on an

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Comic Dictionary

POPULARITY

Knowing a lot of uninteresting people.

SAFETY AT THE CROSSROADS



These pedestrians are at one of the busy intersections in the Charlotte-Independence Square-hub of the street network that has been declared one of the safest in the U. S. With Traffic Engineer Herman Henkel, Traffic Captain Lloyd Henkel and other officials concentrating on safety, Charlotte tied for the Grand Award in the AAA's annual National Pedestrian Protection Contest.

The Supports U. N. Principles In Korea

WASHINGTON 10.—President Eisenhower laid new stress on American and allied support of United Nations principles in the Korean

truce talks at almost the same time Sen. Taft was saying last night: "We might as well forget the United Nations as far as the Korean War is concerned."

How much if any of a split this indicated between the views of the two top Republicans was not immediately clear today.

The White House would not talk about any subject related to that question.

"I am not going to elaborate on the President's statement," Press Secretary James C. Hagerty replied to questioners at his news conference.

SILENT ON TAFT

Hagerty added there would be no White House comment on the Taft remarks which were in a speech read for the Senator in Cincinnati. Taft himself is in a Cincinnati hospital for a checkup. The address was read by his son, Robert A. Taft Jr., at a dinner in his father's honor.

Eisenhower's comments were in a statement which the White House said was issued to clear up unspecified misunderstandings. They were a quick follow-up, whether intentional or not, to a semi-formal complaint from South Korea that the latest Western proposals for peace terms in that country are "completely unsatisfactory."

Eisenhower aimed especially at the issue of forced repatriation of prisoners, as demanded by the Communists. He said there will be no abandonment of the principle of no prisoners will be driven home against their will. Taft did not make any point of that issue.

He said: "I think we should do our best now to negotiate this, and if we fail, then let England and our other allies know that we are withdrawing from all further peace negotiations in Korea."

WINDSORS IN FRANCE

LE HAVRE, France 10.—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor have arrived today on the liner United States and left by car for Paris. The Duke said reporters that he probably will stay in France for about five months, visiting Paris, the Riviera and Biarritz.

City Also To Shut Off Funds To Home

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

City Councilmen agreed today to withdraw all municipal funds for operations of the Industrial Home, to abolish the Property Revaluation Board as such and to recommend the appointment of Vaughn Hawkins as assistant tax supervisor in charge of revaluation.

The Council met in informal conference this morning prior to scheduled 2 P. M. session with County Commissioners for consideration of 1953-54 appropriations for departments jointly managed by the City and County.

The decision regarding the abolition of the Property Revaluation Board and the appointment of Mr. Hawkins will have to be officially passed on at the joint session this afternoon.

At that session the two boards sit as a unit with the vote of each of the seven City Councilmen weighted at 5-7 to even it with each vote of the five-man County Commission.

Six Councilmen were present for the morning conference with Councilman Steve Dellinger absent. All six were in agreement on the recommended tax office reshuffle.

During the discussion on the tax office it was reported that at least two County Commissioners will go along with the City Council's decision.

In that event the necessary majority action to withhold any further funds for operation of the Industrial Home came after a report of the Council's Home representatives including Councilman James S. Smith and Everett Wilkinson.

Mr. Smith said that he and Mr. Wilkinson had visited the home and had made further investigation by talking with judges and other court officials.

He came up with the belief that the home is not doing the job it was originally intended to do and that it is a financial drain on the city.

The City's action in refusing any appropriation is its first exclusive action since the home was founded.

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McCarthy Plans Ten-Day Trip On Senate Business

WASHINGTON 10.—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) announced today he is leaving the city tomorrow for a 10-day mission for his Senate investigations subcommittee. But he declined to say where he is heading, or what he may investigate.

McCarthy turned over to others the handling of his demands for a government crackdown on friendly nations which continue to trade with the Reds.

He predicted the Navy Department will modify its refusal to name publicly the British-owned ship which he said was used to transport Chinese Red troops during the Korean War.

The navy has indicated it may declassify the names of these British-owned ships and the firms which own them, McCarthy told reporters.

He said Sen. Mundt (R-S.D.), as chief chairman of the subcommittee "has full authority" to call a public hearing to take the testimony if the Navy agrees.

The subcommittee already has the information, McCarthy added, but is barred from making it public by Pentagon and State Department rulings that public disclosure might hinder U. S. efforts to curb trade with Communist China.

Copland, who was a Pulitzer Prize in 1944, made a statement in 1947 as a cultural representative of the State Department. That tour and his work as an adviser to the government on propaganda information activities brings him within the scope of the subcommittee's inquiry, McCarthy said.

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OUR WEATHER

Fair weather today, tonight, and tomorrow. Not so hot today. Not much change in temperature tonight and tomorrow.

High temperature expected today, 75 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 71 degrees.

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POINTING OUT SAFEST ROUTE

Police Sgt. Raymond Cantile of York says a city map to show the safest route for her daughter to follow to school.

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