

'Defrauding Bridegroom's' Case To Be Heard Here

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RUSSIAN TRAVEL

Contract For \$500,000 City Gets Pledge On Crossing Fund

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Formal contract pledging \$500,000 of state funds for financial aid in the city's grade elimination program was received at the City Hall today.

Mayor Van Every made the announcement with delight and said that Charlotte "is starting the New Year off right."

The contract sets forth that \$500,000 will be forthcoming from the State Highway Commission to assist in construction of a crossline south of the city connecting the Southern Railway's Columbia division tracks with its westside main lines.

With formal assurance that this half million dollars will be forthcoming from the state, work on the crossline project will get under way shortly through the acquisition of land for the right-of-way.

The crossline is a major phase of the city's over-all grade separation program as its construction eliminates the operation of Southern Railway freight trains on the eastside of the business district.

PROSPECTS GOOD

These long, slow-moving freight trains have added greatly to congestion of street traffic and Mayor Van Every said the prospects are brighter for "long-crossline."

'BABY RAY' READER AUTHOR DIES IN S. C.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—The creator of the "Baby Ray" school books from which hundreds of thousands of Americans learned to read is dead.

Miss Sarah Withers, 82, died Sunday at a hospital after a two months' illness. A native of Chester, S. C., she had lived here for the last 10 years.

Her beginning "Baby Ray" reader long ago had an established place in the primers of America, with its "Baby Ray has a chick. Baby Ray loves his chick."

For many years she was editor of the Johnson Publishing Co. at Richmond, Va., from which she retired 15 years ago.

Security Risk Firing Total Reaches 8,008

By DONALD SANDERS

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Eisenhower administration reported today the number of persons fired from the federal payroll and classified as security risks has reached 8,008, of whom 2,956 had "subversive data" in their files.

Of the total, 3,002 were listed as fired outright and 5,006 as having resigned before final determination of their cases. The total represented about one third of one percent of the approximately 2,317,309 federal workers.

This new report on operations of its controversial security program was issued by the administration just two days before the convening of the new Democratic-controlled Congress, which promises to give the operation close scrutiny.

FIGURES CHALLENGED

Many Democrats have challenged the figures, calling them "hoax" and a "numbers game." Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D-S.C.), in line to head the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee in the new Congress, has said that group will conduct a full inquiry.

He has already asked for a full report on the program from the Civil Service Commission, which keeps an eye on the operation for the White House and submits periodic reports such as the one it issued today.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and mild today. Increasing cloudiness to night. Tomorrow partly cloudy. Low temperature this morning, 38 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 42 degrees.

High temperature yesterday, 67 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 65 degrees.

High temperature expected tomorrow, 58 degrees.

Sunrise: 7:32 a.m.; sunset, 5:23 p.m.

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Circuit Court To Hear Plea In Fraud Case

Husband Alleged To Have Stolen Money

By HARRY SHUFORD
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Percy William Herman, who hit national headlines last spring when he was accused and convicted of defrauding his "bride" of about \$250,000, will have his appeal heard at the Fourth U.S. Circuit Court here Wednesday.

The 48-year-old Herman was sentenced to eight years in prison after he married Mrs. Dyll Prather Havens, 67, at Palm Beach, Fla., in March, then allegedly disappeared with large sums of money which she says she turned over to him.

The case reached even more prominence when another woman, Mrs. Mary Shelley Bogerson, entered the case with the story that she had turned \$55,000 cash and \$30,000 in bonds over to Herman in 1948 shortly before they were to be wed. She said she disappeared in that case also.

Herman's appeal, which will be heard by the three-judge Circuit Court presided over by Judge John J. Parker, is based on seven points.

TRANSPORTATION CHARGE

His conviction was on a charge of transporting in interstate commerce from Virginia to New York properties obtained by fraud from Mrs. Havens.

She testified that the Government in the appeal summarizes Mrs. Havens' testimony at the trial to say that Herman met her at an auction gallery early in the year and proposed five days later at Palm Beach.

She testified she represented herself as a big dealer in gold in Mexico, and induced her to sell her gold to him. The gold was worth \$250,000 which she turned over to him in cash for safe keeping.

Also, that while on their honeymoon he deserted her in Virginia, taking the suitcase full of currency with him.

City Building Total Listed

Construction in Charlotte and its perimeter area totaled \$31,106,792 in 1954.

H. N. Sutton, chief safety inspector, said the construction figures include \$22,104,406 in the city and \$9,056,386 in the perimeter area one mile beyond the city limits.

Last year was the first time that permits were required for new buildings in the perimeter area and there is no basis for comparison of the city-county total.

But the city's figure of \$22,104,406 is under the 1953 mark of \$30,937,384.

The city reported that set in 1950 when permits aggregated \$32,011,577.

Mr. Sutton said the 1954 figure of \$22,104,403 included eight million dollars for residential construction. The remainder went for business establishments, industrial plants, churches, miscellaneous structures.

Injuries Fatal To S. C. Doctor

COLUMBIA (AP)—Dr. David F. Adcock, 52, was found critically injured in his automobile today and died shortly afterward in a Columbia hospital.

Police Chief L. Campbell said a .38 calibre pistol was found in the physician-surgeon's hand and that a slug from a weapon was found in the floor of the wrecked car.

Coroner Cecil Wiles, who said he was investigating a report that Dr. Adcock died of a gunshot wound, scheduled an autopsy this afternoon.

NEW MOULD HEARD

NEW YORK (AP)—Mojad Co. honoree manufacturers, has announced the election of Richard C. Kemney as president. Formerly a vice president, he succeeds John K. Voelringer Jr. who retired Dec. 31. The company has plants at Greensboro and Wilmington, N.C., Decatur, Ala., and Long Island City, N.Y.



Little Roni and Lt. Donahoe. (AP Wirephoto).

Diaper Supply Flier's Big Worry

NEW YORK (AP)—The childless wife of a Navy fighter pilot says she is "thruled to death" over her delayed Christmas present—an adopted founding her husband is bringing home from Greece.

Word came from Athens yesterday that Lt. Norman K. "Moose" Donahoe, 27-year-old Korean War veteran, was in Brooklyn. She is staying with her husband in bringing home from Greece.

He said the diaper supply was his greatest concern on the return trip. His wife's reaction to this "Even allowing for some diaper difficulty, I am sure that Norman will handle things real well. After all, we have done some baby sitting for friends, and he loves children."

Donahoe said his wife asked her sister in Brooklyn to contact some friends in Athens to see if a baby was available there for adoption. There proved to be hundreds available.

Donahoe arranged for a leave to go to Greece, giving up a Christmas at home. He arrived in Athens Dec. 18 by aerial hitchhike. Court approval of the adoption was given Dec. 29.

Donahoe said he had technical details before Roni Marie could leave her founding home.

Billy Graham Is Coming Home

Billy Graham, world-famous evangelist, will come home to Charlotte on Saturday, Jan. 15, to speak at a dinner meeting of the Charlotte Executives Club.

Arrangements for his appearance here were completed this morning by S. R. Brookshire, president of the Executives Club, who announced that Mr. Graham will speak at 7 p.m. ladies' night dinner meeting at the Hotel Charlotte.

Detectives said that because of his highly successful evangelistic campaign last year in London.

Mr. Graham is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Graham of Park Rd., and is one of Charlotte's widely known natives.

Mr. Brookshire said that because of a dining room space, the Executives Club will limit the attendance to 600.



DR. GRAHAM

CROSBY IS CAUGHT PAWNING RAY'S HORN

Police said Bob Crosby, no relation to the orchestra leader, stole a trumpet from Johnny Ray, no relation to the singer, and was caught trying to pawn it today.

Detectives said Ray, 633 S. Torrence St., reported the \$13 trumpet missing from his home last week; and Crosby, 528 S. Caldwell St., admitted the theft when caught.

Detectives Thompson and Hucks said trial is set for tomorrow in City Recorder's Court.

BULLETINS Voting Law Changes Urged

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Campaign Expenditures Committee said today the North Carolina absentee voting and registration laws should be revised and should be administered fairly.

The committee investigated reported irregularities in the 9th Congressional District election in which Rep. Hugh Alexander (D-NC) defeated Republican William E. Stevens Jr., by about 5,000 votes.

6 N. C. Prisoners Escape

RALEIGH (AP)—Six Indian prisoners escaped from the Robeson County prison camp near Lumberton early this morning, Prisons Director William F. Bailey reported.

Bailey said the six men apparently made their getaway by picking the lock of their cellblock door. He said the break occurred between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. at about the time the camp guard shifts were being changed.

Davis Cup Back In U. S.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Davis Cup returned to America today for the first time in five years.

Billy Talbert, the non-playing American Davis Cup captain, and J. Hamilton Richardson, alternate on the team which wrested the world tennis title from Australia, arrived with the trophy aboard a Pan-American Clipper at 10:20 a.m. EST.

Vic Seixas and Tony Trabert, the players who beat the Aussies in the finals Down Under last week, remained in Australia for another month of barnstorming.

Moore Asks Shot At Rocky

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)—Archie Moore, world light heavyweight champion, said today he would ask the National Boxing Association to help him get a heavyweight title match this year with Champion Rocky Marciano.

"Al Weill, Marciano's manager, has been quoted as saying that I must wait my turn. It's my turn now," said the 175-pound champion, who insists he is the only capable opponent for Marciano.

Sheppard Plea Ruling Near

CLEVELAND (AP)—Common Pleas Judge Edward Rhythin said today he will rule late today or tomorrow on the first part of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard's motion to upset his conviction for the second-degree murder of his wife, Marilyn.

Rhythin's ruling will be on the motion by attorneys for the 31-year-old Bay Village osteopath alleging 41 legal errors in the 10-week trial which ended Dec. 21. A hearing is scheduled Saturday on the demand by Sheppard's attorneys for a new trial on the basis of newly discovered evidence.

Remark Brings Recall

BONN, Germany (AP)—West Germany recalled her top diplomat from London today because his wife had described Britain at an official Christmas party as "an enemy foreign country."

The Bonn government expressed regret for this expression, which it termed unacceptable.

Witness Names 7 Reds

WASHINGTON (AP)—A 26-year-old General Electric Co. worker today named seven former GE employees as Communists in testimony to the Senate Investigations Subcommittee.

The seven listed by Dante De Cesare of Schenectady, N. Y., were Sidney Friedlander, Gordon Belgrave, Arthur Owens, Dewey Brashear, Emanuel Fernandez, Robert Northrop and Joseph Gebhardt.

Pair Killed In Accident

ROCKY MOUNT (AP)—Harry J. Lavery of Woodbury, N. J., and his seven-year-old daughter, Lorraine, were killed and four persons injured today in an automobile accident on U.S. Highway 301 near Whitakers, 12 miles north of here.

The General Motors rose camp on the heels of rumors in Wall Street that the company might declare a stock dividend, split with a broken collarbone, a fractured hip and head cuts.

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Nearly Third Of Country 'Off-Limits'

Nation Retaliates
For Red Restrictions

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States today declared 27 per cent of the country off-limits to Russians in a frankly retaliatory move against Kremlin restrictions on the travel of U.S. citizens inside the Soviet Union.

The 14-for-14 gesture was announced by the State Department after Secretary of State Dulles formally notified Soviet Ambassador Georgi N. Zarubin.

For the first time, it creates barred areas and closed cities inside the United States.

The Soviet has had similarly stiff regulations in effect for years.

But the U.S. notice held out a suggestion this country would drop its curbs on travels by Russians if the Soviet government took the first step in that direction.

PART OF 39 STATES

State Department spokesmen said the restricted areas total 27 per cent of the U.S. land area and include part of 39 states, most of the Mexican border and the Great Lakes section of the Canadian border.

In the Soviet, these officials said, about 30 per cent of the land area is closed to travel by U.S. citizens or other foreigners.

The new U.S. regulations take the place of rules set nearly three years ago. Those required Soviet embassy personnel and members of Amtorg, the Russian trade agency, as well as Tass and other Soviet press agencies representatives to stay within 25 miles of the centers of Washington and New York City.

They could travel elsewhere provided they gave advance notice. But no barred areas or closed cities were on the movement of U.S. citizens.

The hope behind this move, spokesmen said, was that it might encourage Russia to relax its travel restrictions. The Soviet list of closed areas and cities was reduced on June 22, 1953, but that still encouraged Russia to relax its travel restrictions. The Soviet list of closed areas and cities was reduced on June 22, 1953, but that still encouraged Russia to relax its travel restrictions. The Soviet list of closed areas and cities was reduced on June 22, 1953, but that still encouraged Russia to relax its travel restrictions.

Southern Railway Official Dies In D. C.

WASHINGTON (AP)—L. Clayton Walters, 63, assistant to the vice president of the Southern Railway in charge of signal and electrical work, died Sunday at Doctors Hospital.

A native of New York, he joined Southern in 1913 as a signal maintainer at Charlotte, N.C.

General Motors Stock Advances

NEW YORK (AP)—General Motors stock advanced strongly today in a high stock market.

GM gained around \$9 at times. The rest of the market made moderate progress with gains running to between \$1 and \$3 at the best.

The General Motors rise came on the heels of rumors in Wall Street that the company might declare a stock dividend, split with a broken collarbone, a fractured hip and head cuts.

Du Pont, which owns some 20 per cent of GM common stock, is expected to announce a similar rise.

A spokesman for General Motors said "no comment."

Brokers pointed out that a high level in either cash or stock would make the stock more valuable.

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Evening Prayer

Our Father, help us this day to embrace Thee in our hearts. In all our ways may we reflect the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Help us to accept our responsibilities to you and to others, to try to be all that you have made us to be. In His blessed name we pray. Amen.