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## Shrine Plans More Seats

### Move Underway To Construct 5,000 In Memorial Stadium

By RONALD GREEN  
Charlotte News Sports Writer

The Shrine Temple of the Shrine has a move afoot to add 5,000 or more permanent bleacher seats to Memorial Stadium, The News has learned.

The plan, which calls for bleachers to be erected as an extension of the concrete stands on each side of the stadium, would increase the normal seating capacity to 21,000 or more.

The addition of temporary bleachers would allow the seating capacity to over 23,000.

The great demand for tickets to the Shrine Bowl game, an annual football game between the top high school players of the Carolinas, prompted investigation of the possibilities of enlarging the stadium among Shrine officials.

**SPONSOR PROJECT**  
Although no official confirmation could be secured, it was learned that Shrine officials are considering sponsoring a project separate from the Shrine Bowl to raise funds for the addition to the stadium.

It is a rule of the Shrine that no funds raised for charity, such as the Shrine Bowl, proceeds which go to the Shrine's Hospital for Crippled Children in Greenville, S. C., may be used for any purpose other than that for which they were originally raised.

Members of the Shrine have talked with Marion Diehl, of the Park and Recreation Dept., superintendent of the stadium, about the possible addition.

**WOULD WELCOME**  
Diehl told The News, "I feel sure that the Park & Recreation Commission would welcome such an addition to Memorial Stadium."

"We do not have the funds to do it ourselves. Furthermore, we may not feel justified in spending the taxpayers' money for more seats when only one game, the Shrine Bowl, fills the stadium each year."

"I have talked with members of the commission about the possibility of increasing by the Shrine and they seemed very receptive."

**WOULD PAY**  
Diehl said the cost of maintaining the stadium would increase if more seats were added.



ALL-STAR ON THE LOOSE  
Always A Packed House

ed. He said he felt certain the Park & Recreation Dept. would pay for this maintenance.

In recent years, tickets to the Shrine Bowl game have been sold out in early summer, shortly after the game is held. It has been estimated that at least 25,000 people would attend the game if enough seats were available.

Although the possible increase in the size of the stadium would be directed at accommodating Shrine Bowl crowds, it would also help in turning big college teams to the city for regular season games.

Potential of the Oasia Temple is Paul A. Jones of Winston-Salem. Athletic Director is Stan Crowley of Charlotte.

## ATLEE QUILTS AS LABOR PARTY HEAD

### Three-Way Fight Is Shaping Up For Leadership

By TOM OCHILTREE

LONDON.—(AP)—Pipe-smoking Clement Attlee, the mild-mannered Socialist who directed creation of Britain's welfare state, resigned today as leader of the Labor Party.

A three-cornered fight for the top post in the British opposition party appeared shaping up among deputy leader Herbert Morrison, 67, 49-year-old Hugh Gaitskell and Aneurin Bevan, 53, fiery Welsh leader of the party's left wing.

Bevan was given almost no chance, however, against Morrison or Gaitskell, both followers of Attlee's moderate policies. Morrison's age could count against him.

**TIP TOED OUT**  
Characteristically, the 72-year-old Attlee almost tipped out of the job leadership he had held for 20 years—a record in modern British politics.

He handed in his resignation at a closed meeting of labor members of Parliament which lasted less than half an hour. His colleagues saluted him with "For us a jolly good show."

Attlee was visibly moved. His lips quivered.

Age and ill health were responsible for his retirement from the minority leadership in the House of Commons. The man who served Britain's Prime Minister from 1945 to 1951 had found direction of the party's opposition to the conservative government an increasing burden in recent months. Labor's defeat in the general election may have speeded his decision.

Last summer he suffered a slight stroke. He recovered, but still has not fully regained his strength as he conducted the party's parliamentary battles, often for long all-night sittings of the House.

It was generally assumed Attlee would accept an erudite and popular post as head of the party in the House of Lords.

**FOLLOWED CHURCHILL**  
Attlee's resignation from labor's post came eight months after his longtime political adversary and wartime leader, Winston Churchill, quit the chairmanship of the Conservatives at the age of 80.

Attlee served as deputy prime minister to Churchill during World War II. Then he supplanted Churchill as head of the government when labor swept to victory in the 1945 election. As Prime Minister, he presided over a series of sweeping changes in Britain and the empire.

At home a socialized health system was established. The railways, coal mines and several other industries were nationalized. Taxation policies and social benefits reduced the difference between the status of the rich and poor. Labor announced it was giving "free shares" to all but was plagued by a series of financial crises which, among other things, led to devaluation of the pound.

Abroad, the old British rule—the raj—was terminated in six hours. A murmur of "He's still alive" ran through the crowd of spectators.

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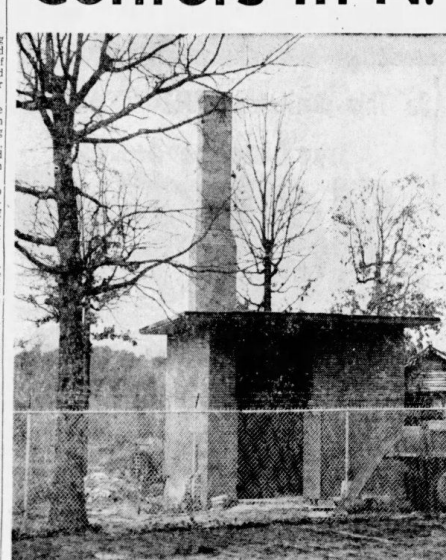
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## Posse Beats The Bushes

# Search For Prison Escapee Centers In N. Mecklenburg



Boiler house from which killer fled to freedom. Steam Tunnel exit is in this building outside of prison camp fence.

## 26 Germans Die In Blast In New Apartment House

By TOM STONE  
FRANKFURT, Germany.—(AP)—A terrific explosion destroyed a new apartment building in midtown Frankfurt before dawn today and buried 26 Germans in a 100-foot-high mass of wreckage.

Twenty-six persons, including seven children, were believed dead.

It was the worst disaster in West Germany's vast postwar rebuilding program.

Six hours after the blast shattered the five-story building like a block-buster bomb, the damaged wall of an adjoining building threatened to collapse on 150 German and American rescue workers. They ran from the debris but soon resumed work.

Seven injured persons—three men, two women and two children—were rescued from the wreckage. One, a 12-year-old boy, was carried out on a stretcher after being buried six hours. A murmur of "He's still alive" ran through the crowd of spectators.

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## Convicted Murderer Crawled To Freedom

# Search For Huntersville Prison Camp Escapee, Serving Life Sentence for Murder, Centered Around a Wooded Section Northwest of Huntersville Today. Prison Officials Term the Prisoner Dangerous.

By DONALD MACDONALD  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The search for a Huntersville Prison Camp escapee, serving a life sentence for murder, centered around a wooded section northwest of Huntersville today. Prison officials termed the prisoner dangerous.

A posse of prison camp guards, sheriffs deputies, county police and state highway patrolmen was literally beating the bushes for the convicted wife-slayer who escaped yesterday by crawling through a steam tunnel.

Searchers concentrated on the Torrence Creek wooded section between McCoy Rd. and Ham bright Rd., northwest of the prison camp. But by noon, the hunt had turned up nothing.

Sentenced in Harnett County in 1948, he escaped as 41-year-old Fred Hall. He is five feet eleven inches tall and weighs about 165 pounds, and is believed to be wearing blue dungarees.

County police said Hall brought to Huntersville Prison Camp last March from Central Prison in Raleigh. He was working as a laborer at the camp when he made his escape.

**MISSED AFTER NOON**  
He was missed shortly after noon yesterday when it was found that he had crawled through a steam tunnel leading from inside the prison to a boiler room outside the camp barriers.

The Huntersville Prison camp is being remodeled to house white male prisoners.

Hall and 37 other prisoners were brought there as a construction crew to help remodel the camp.

Yesterday's hunt was concentrated in a wooded area northwest of Huntersville. County police, sheriff's deputies, State Highway Patrolmen and prison crews used bloodhounds in the search.

The posse believed Hall to be surrounded inside a thicket and prepared to close in on him about 3:30 p.m. But somehow the escapee once more eluded officers.

Hall was sentenced May 28, 1948, for murdering his wife in the couple's two-room house in Johnsonville township, Harnett County.

He had not previously attempted an escape.

**MURDER CASE GOES TO JURY**  
A Criminal Superior Court jury of 11 white men and one Negro today began deliberating the innocence or guilt of a 69-year-old Huntersville Negro, Rodgers Hutchinson, charged with the second degree murder of another Negro.

The case went to the jury about 11:20 a.m. Judge Hugh B. Campbell told the jury it could find Hutchinson guilty of second degree murder, manslaughter, or not guilty. He is being tried for the 25 shotgun slaying of Harry Haynes, about 45, Et. C., Hutchinson pleaded self-defense.

Prices for premium gasoline are down too. Some stations have cut to 31.9, three and a half cents under their standard 34 rate. Independent stations are selling it for as low as 29 cents.

Indications are that prices may fall again in a day or so.

## —But County School Head Is Disappointed

By ANN SAWYER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Disappointment at Mecklenburg's share in the remaining \$22 million in state school bond money was expressed today by County School Supt. J. W. Wilson.

"We were hopeful for a per capita share," Mr. Wilson said, "which would have been about one million for the city and county."

Mr. Wilson said that the county-wide school enrollment is 4 per cent of the total state enrollment.

Under the formula for spending the bond money, Charlotte and Mecklenburg will receive \$700,000. The city probably will receive \$470,000 and the county \$230,000.

**MANY PROBLEMS**  
Mr. Wilson said the county's share will "not begin to solve the problems that will confront us in 1956 and 1957—57 in particular."

The money, he said, will be put where it is most urgently needed. He added that he is not prepared to discuss the greatest needs of the school system now, and that the New York school consultants, Engelhardt, Engelhardt & Leggett, are making a survey of the school situation now.

When the survey is completed, he said, the County School Board will have "reliable information, and he is in a better position to see what the problems will be."

Mr. Wilson admitted that his per capita distribution hopes were more wishful thinking than anything else. But, he said, he feels that a per capita share is the "least we ought to get."

The \$25 million was divided on the basis of the county's need, effort, and ability to pay. Three million dollars of the total amount was set aside to be given on the basis of effort by the counties to meet school needs. Mecklenburg school officials consider the county was strongest on this point.

Eight million dollars was allocated on the basis of ability to pay, and the remaining \$14 million on need.

## \$1,000 Bond Set

# 2 Waive Hearing In Narcotics Theft

Two men, charged with the Monday pre-dawn theft of narcotics from Doctor's Pharmacy, 2316 Central Ave., waived preliminary hearing in City Recorder's Court today. Judge Basil M. Boyd set bond for the Superior Court appearance of the two at \$1,000 each.

One of the two men, Fred Ave. Gastonia, was charged with the attempted armed robbery of the Beauty's Service Station on Wilkinson Blvd. last July, but was found not guilty.

## MR. GOPHER STILL PEERS OUT OF HOLE

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—Harassed by a pecky gopher, farmer Paul Thomas dropped a concussion bomb into the varmint's hole.

But, he said, the gopher pushed the bomb, with fuse burning, back out. Thomas quickly picked it up and hurled it away. The bomb exploded, igniting a hay pile.

Firemen saved the house and barn but 12 tons of hay was destroyed. Thomas claims the gopher still peers out the hole.

## Evening Prayer

O Thou who are the Light and Giver of Life, pour out upon us Thy grace in all we do and say. As we freely give expression to Thy love in us, may we ever unknowingly share that love with others. In the loving Savior's name. Amen.

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## Touches Off Investigation

# Skeleton Taken From Concrete Tomb

CASPER, Wyo. (AP)—A woman's skeleton, chipped by police hammers from a concrete tomb in the home of a respected family of seven, has started a bizarre investigation.

The grisly find solved the disappearance 29 months ago of Mrs. Barbara Alexander, 27. But in turn it led to new and macabre puzzles.

Mrs. Alexander's body, the hands clutching a rust cross at the chest, was found in the basement of the late Casper home of her husband James, 48, a former school teacher.

Some years ago, they had two children and later were divorced. Wittlake said, Alexander then married Barbara Alexander, who had two children by a previous marriage and one by Alexander. All the children live at the Alexander's home here.

Barbara Alexander vanished in July 1953, but for reasons not explained, her disappearance was not reported by Alexander until "about nine months later," the county attorney said.

Asked by the missing woman's parents at Hardin, Mont., to continue an investigation, police questioned the present Mrs. Alexander. On Monday, Police Chief C. J. Rose said, Mrs. Rose Alexander signed a statement relating these details: Alexander resigned as a shop instructor at Casper High School last

year, and in August he and his family moved to Worland, Wyo. There, he works as a machinist. The home here was left unoccupied.

**DOG WHIMPERS**  
Acting on Mrs. Rose Alexander's statement and at her direction, police began drilling in the basement Monday night. At first they were unsuccessful. Then the Alexander's pet dog, a St. Bernard, came to the basement and whimpered over a spot in another corner.

Officers dug there, and within minutes unearthed the body. Alexander identified a wedding ring on the hand of the dead woman as one he had given Barbara Rose, his former husband. Police permitted Alexander and his wife to return to their home overnight.

## Our Weather

Partly cloudy and cool today, tonight and Thursday.  
Low this morning—33.  
Low tonight—36.  
High yesterday—57.  
High today—59.  
High tomorrow—58.  
Sunrise, 7:18 a.m.; sunset, 5:11 p.m.  
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