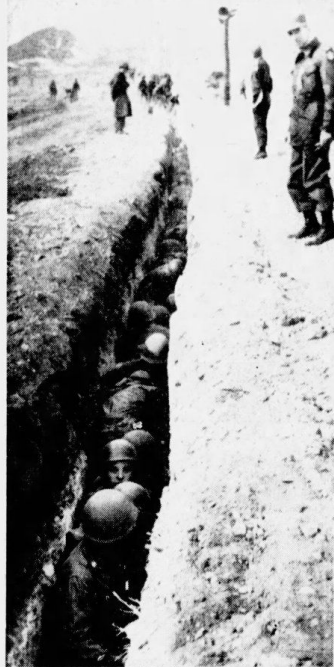




## Hodges Opposed To Plan To Privatize N. C. Schools



**THIS REHEARSAL FOR A BOMB TEST** was unnecessary again today. The plane drop of an atomic bomb, scheduled for 7:30 a.m. today at Yucca Flat, Nev., was postponed again because of bad weather. These soldiers, when the test comes, will stay in the 6-foot deep trenches about 4,000 yards from Ground Zero, then walk through the blast area to see the damage inflicted on equipment. (AP)

### Water Control Bill Offered In Assembly

#### Proposal Carries Out Committee's Ideas

RALEIGH (AP)—Drastic legislation to regulate North Carolina's water resources was introduced in the General Assembly today. Rep. Clifford Blue of Moore and Dr. Bruce Elberher of Dare introduced in the House a bill drawn by a committee named by the late Gov. W. W. Holden to study the state's water problem. Sen. William Medford of Haywood planned to send forward an identical measure in the Senate. Gov. Hodges has urged the passage of a strong water regulatory measure, but he has specifically endorsed the bill introduced today. "During these two years as speaker of the House the bill 'is very far reaching and we invite you to give it very serious consideration.'"

Blue told the House the bill "is very far reaching and we invite you to give it very serious consideration." Blue made it clear the bill's sponsors had introduced the bill to get something before the General Assembly, and were not committed to support the measure in its entirety. He said he did not know if it would be passed as it was introduced.

"The committee was told to bring in what it thought was the best bill possible for the legislature would pass," Blue said. "YES AND NO" Gov. Hodges made similar comments on the water proposal at his press conference. Asked if he supported the bill, Hodges said "Yes and No." He said he understood several bills dealing with the water problem would be introduced by various legislators.

"What I am most interested in to get started," Hodges said. He said he doubted if the people of the state have "enough information" to go into the water bill. He said that in water streams and lakes "is hereby declared to be public waters and public wealth of the state, and subject to appropriation, and the control and development and use of water for beneficial purposes shall be in the state." It adds that the act shall not deprive any person of any vested right in the use of water.

#### NEW RIGHTS

The bill provides for the acquisition of new rights to the use of surface waters and sets up administrative and judicial procedures for determining who has the right to use the water. The Board of Water Commissioners would be established with supervisory powers.

A person with water rights under the bill could lose them if he failed to utilize them for three consecutive years. The Board of Water Commissioners would "determine and establish the rights of all owners of real property who, on the effective date of this act are making beneficial uses of water" in order to establish the water rights of property owners.

"Persons 'intending to acquire an appropriation right to any of the surface streams, lakes and other watercourses of the state for beneficial use,' would have to get a permit from the board. LICENSE FOR DAMS "Persons desiring to build a dam or reservoir on any watercourse of the state, or to alter the course of the board, A water course is defined as "any natural water, river, creek or other natural water course or channel having definite banks and beds" with flowing water.

Persons convicted of taking water from a stream, lake or watercourse without approval of the board would be guilty of a misdemeanor. A landowner would have absolute ownership of water "from the surrounding lands which reach and collect by natural flow upon his land in natural basins without an outlet but which at times by evaporation, percolation becomes dry."

#### EVENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help us this day, individually, to love the Redeemer Christ personally, devotedly, beyond any other call. Help us to do all things in His name, and to do them perfectly. Help us to do the greater things of putting Christ above all else. Then mayest thou order the lesser things of our lives. Amen.



**THIS WAS AN ALMOST-NEW AUTOMOBILE** before a 30-ton tank came running along the Columbus, Ohio, street. The tank driver, Sgt. John Haller, who was delivering the tank to the Ohio State University ROTC department, said he chose hitting the parked auto in preference to a head-on collision with another automobile. (AP Wirephoto)

#### First To Announce

### Van Every Seeks Return To Office

By DICK YOUNG  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

First formal announcement of the 1955 municipal election campaign came today with Mayor Van Every's bid for re-election. His statement:

"For four years, I have tried to serve the citizens of Charlotte as City Councilman and mayor. I have particularly enjoyed serving as mayor for the past two years. I believe I have gained much experience as I regard as the best

"My platform: Honest, efficient government." Mr. Van Every's initial announcement in the upcoming campaign is expected to quicken interest in the slow-moving municipal race. Mr. Van Every's first bid for a place on the City Council.

He was so successful as a council candidate that he received the highest number of votes of any candidate. In line with the tradition of honoring the top vote-getter, members of that council appointed Mr. Van Every mayor pro-tem. In the 1953 race, Mr. Van Every sought the mayoral honor and

against stiff competition was elected. He now asks return to the chief executive's position. When he was elected two years ago at the age of 39, he was the youngest man ever elected to the city's highest office. Mr. Van Every is the president of Lance Inc., a peanut products concern, and became president of that widespread organization at the age of 29 years. He started out with the company which his grandfather founded and which his father expanded, as a salesman at the age of 18 years.

#### Funeral Services Sunday

### L. W. Williams, Former News Executive, Dies

Ira Wyche (Doc) Williams, 70, former advertising manager of The Charlotte News, and for many years a widely known newspaper executive, died early this morning in a local hospital. He had been ill for several months and critically ill since last Saturday. Mr. Williams had lived in Charlotte, at 2125 Briarwood Rd., since late 1929 when he moved here from Philadelphia to become advertising manager of The News, a position he held until his retirement in December, 1949. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. W. H. Homan, Jr., of Swetlow, N. J., a son, Henry Williams of Charlotte, four grandchildren, William and Kathryn Homan of Swetlow, N. J., and Henry J. Williams of Baltimore, and an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Collier of Raleigh.



L. W. WILLIAMS

Mr. Williams was a native of Franklin County where he was born on Sept. 2, 1884. His parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams. He attended the Franking Junior College and the Baltimore Dental College at Baltimore, Md. After leaving college in 1905 he went to Philadelphia where he engaged in the newspaper business and they made their home there for many years in Brookline, a Philadelphia suburb. He was an active member of Temple Lutheran Church during his residence in Brookline.

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#### Calls Abatement Money-Making

### Smoke Expert Offers To Help City

By DICK YOUNG  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Enforcement of a smoke abatement ordinance is one ordinance that makes money for the citizens. This was the statement today of George E. O'Neal, smoke abatement engineer at Asheville. The success of the smoke elimination program in the mountain city has been marked and has attracted wide attention. In a telephone conversation in Asheville this morning, Mr. O'Neal said he would be happy to come to Charlotte to confer with city officials regarding re-institution of a smoke abatement division.

And councilmen agreed to enforce the ordinance. The success of any smoke abatement program, Mr. O'Neal said, depends upon 90 percent of public education and 10 percent of intelligent engineering.

#### BIG FUEL WASTE

Smoke is wasted fuel and Mr. O'Neal said it could run as high as 20 percent of unburned fuel. This is one ton out of five tons. When those facts are intelligently presented the savings in fuel costs are usually readily realized and most businessmen are glad to cooperate, Mr. O'Neal said. This then means, Mr. O'Neal went on to say, that actually the enforcement of the smoke abatement ordinance makes money for the citizens. Whenever they eliminate smoke they save money in their cost of operation, he added. The Asheville smoke abatement department operates on an annual budget of \$18,000. When Charlotte's smoke abatement division was abandoned in the summer of 1952 appropriations slightly in excess of \$19,000 had been made for it. Mr. O'Neal says he has two assistants who are constantly patrolling and making observations. SCHOOL IS HELD One of the effective parts of the program there is an annual school for firemen of commercial and industrial plants. There they are taught the proper methods of firing boilers and furnaces, getting the most out of the fuel and at the same time reducing or eliminating smoke. This school is always held in September just before the firing season. During the summer Mr. O'Neal said, his inspectors are making inspections of equipment, spotting needs for repairs and supervising improvements. Proper maintenance, he explained, is economy and that phase is emphasized to the plant operators and businessmen. Mr. O'Neal said that he has

### Three Textile Firms Merge

BOSTON (AP)—Three well-known textile firms—American Woolen, Texton, Inc., and Robbins Mills—were merged today into one giant corporation, Texton American, Inc. American Woolen stockholders ratified the merger overwhelmingly yesterday, the last of the three concerns to agree to the merger. Legal details involving the unification are expected to be cleared away Feb. 24, when directors of the new corporation will meet in New York. At that time, the following officers are expected to be named: Royalty, chairman of Texton, as board chairman of the new corporation; Robert L. Huffines, president of Texton, as president of the combined companies; and Joseph B. Ely, president of American Woolen, as chairman of the executive committee.

### Pineau Backs Paris Pacts

PARIS (AP)—Christian Pineau, seeking approval as next premier of France, told the National Assembly today he intends to work for quick ratification of the Paris treaties for German rearmament. "If we wish to remain faithful to our alliances and to Atlantic solidarity," said Pineau "we must first form a European union of the West, and then discuss the Paris and London agreements."

Pineau was given only a small chance of being approved by the Assembly to end the two-week-old crisis opened by the resignation of Premier Mendes-France. Pineau said he also would work for new diplomatic negotiations with Russia, a greater trade between East and West, an armaments agency for the six nations of the Western European bloc and the disarmament. The government, he said, "will not content itself with taking care of the immediate demands of security. It will seek simultaneously, never admitting discouragement, all the means to ensure the peace between East and West, susceptible of assuring a relaxation of international tensions and the settlement of problems in suspense. Negotiate, negotiate again, always negotiate—that must be the slogan of our time, the final attraction of the Paris and London agreements."

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### Parents Of 2 Discover They're Brother, Sister

HEREFORD, England (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hughes have discovered after three years of marriage and two children that they are brother and sister. Already separated by the grim knowledge, they are working on an annulment. The 24-year-old mother told reporters today the tragedy began in 1934 when her parents died and she and her brother, who is two years older, were sent to an orphanage. Margaret was named Stanham and took their name. As Margaret Stanham she met young Geoffrey Hughes in 1938. Three years later they were married. Their first child, Robert, is now 2 and their youngest, Michael, is five months old. "Soon after Michael's birth," Margaret said, "a woman told me my real name was Hughes

### OUR WEATHER

Fair this afternoon and tonight. Increasing cloudiness with rain tomorrow. Low tonight—34. High tonight—46. High tomorrow—60. High today 57. High yesterday—62. More weather data on page 4-A