



BLACK JACK IS ONE FELINE that can hold his own with any dog in Mecklenburg County, at least as far as prestige goes. The animal, shown here with his 2 1/2-year-old mistress, Bonnie Lee Wall, is the only cat in the county listed for taxation. Black Jack has been a regular entry on tax listing books for about five years. Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly Wall of Seaboard Rd. list him for sentimental reasons. Then, too, if he is killed, tax records will show that he had a certain monetary value. State law requires that dog owners list their pets, but nothing is said about Black Jack and his cousins.

Brightest Of Series

Third Atom Blast Set Off

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—The third shot of the 1955 atomic tests converted the pre-dawn darkness into daylight for a brilliant moment at 5:30 a.m. today.

Observers here said it was the largest flash of this year's series. It flared yellow at first, then orange and finally faded away.

The flash lighted up light clouds and flash seemed to go up unusually high.

The flash was plainly visible in Los Angeles 250 miles to the southwest.

Shortly after the flash, the familiar mushroom cloud appeared, rising straight into the still sky. In darkness, the cloud was a deep blue-purple shadow. Gradually the top turned pink from reflected light of the sun, which had not yet risen.

In Nuclear Weapons

Churchill Says U. S. Far Ahead

LONDON.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill said today the United States has an overwhelming lead over Soviet Russia in the "knowledge and the power to make nuclear weapons."

Opening a debate in the House of Commons on Britain's defense plans, the Prime Minister declared:

"Only three countries possess, in varying degrees, the knowledge and the power to make nuclear weapons. Of these, the United States is overwhelmingly the chief."

Churchill said Britain has started making a hydrogen bomb.

The United States exploded its first hydrogen device in the Pacific in November, 1952. The Soviet Union declared last month that Russia leads the United States in hydrogen bomb production. U.S. Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson promptly challenged this. He said the United States was in the lead and that the Russians and Britain must be able to



SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

event of war to strike at a number of Communist bases in the first few hours and deal a paralyzing blow at the outset.

"There is no defense—no absolute defense—against the hydrogen bomb," he said.

"Nor is any method in sight by which any nation or any country could be completely guaranteed against devastating injury, which even a score of them might inflict in wide regions."

An estimated 100 acres of sugar cane fields and timber were ablaze with molten lava. More than 400 persons fled their homes in the path and still about 200 are craters rising higher by the hour.

The state of emergency will permit officials to order people out of their homes. Some have refused. Sightseers are stopped at Pahoa.

Through the night, officials at Red Cross headquarters in Pahoa showed a steady stream of refugees from the lava flow. They were reported breaking out of a new rift of dormant craters five miles from here.

If that erupts, Pahoa will be in danger, said Robert Spence, Red Cross disaster chairman.

Early today the main lava stream had traveled about 2 1/2 miles and still about 40 miles from the ocean.

Police said it was amazing no one was hurt among the estimated 30,000 sightseers whose cars choked

Expansion Possibility For Nike Plant Plans

Possibility that the Nike guided missile plant here may be larger than originally announced was seen here today.

Harry S. Reinhard, public relations man of the Philadelphia Ordnance District, said advancements in design and construction of the missile could make the operation here larger than at first expected.

But he said reports of a planned expansion of the local plant are "very, very premature."

The Nike will be assembled here by the Douglas Aircraft Co., which holds a sub-contract from the Western Electric Co. The missile will be built in the former Charlotte Quartermaster Depot, now being converted for missile manufacture at a cost of 16 million dollars.

Present plans call for using four and one half of the six existing buildings at the depot. However, several advancements of the Nike have been made. A new missile, called Nike B, has been perfected.

NIKE B HERE?

Mr. Reinhard said "there are some thoughts" that if and when Nike B is put into full production, it will be made at the Charlotte plant.

"It is perfectly obvious the Government is trying to use the plant's full economy," he said.

He added that if Nike B is produced here, it is likely that all six buildings will be used. This would mean that all the

OUR WEATHER

Cloudy, windy and cool with showers today. Partly cloudy and cooler tonight and tomorrow.

Low this morning—61.

Low tonight—55.

High yesterday—77.

High today—72.

High tomorrow—65.

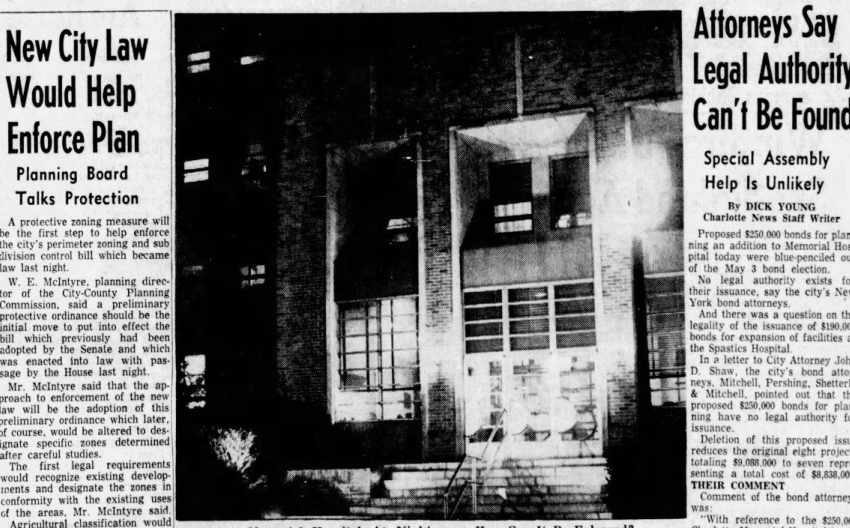
Sunrise 6:33 a.m.; sunset 6:19 p.m.

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Hospital Plan Bonds are Ruled Off Ballot



Memorial Hospital At Night . . . How Can It Be Enlarged?

New City Law Would Help Enforce Plan

Planning Board Talks Protection

A protective zoning measure will be the first step to help enforce the city's perimeter zoning and subdivision control bill which became law last night.

W. E. McIntyre, planning director of the City-County Planning Commission, said a preliminary protective ordinance should be the initial move to put into effect the bill which previously had been adopted by the Senate and which was enacted into law with passage by the House last night.

Mr. McIntyre said that the approach to enforcement of the new law will be the adoption of this preliminary ordinance which later, of course, would be altered to designate specific zones determined after careful studies.

The first legal requirements would recognize existing developments and designate the zones in conformity with the existing uses of the areas. Mr. McIntyre said. Agricultural classification would naturally constitute the bulk of the zoning districts in this preliminary measure, Mr. McIntyre added.

Of course later the agricultural classification would be changed to meet the needs as related to the subsequent land use surveys and studies.

Areas immediately adjoining the city limits would be zoned in this first effort according to the existing municipal zoning regulations, the planning director pointed out.

He hastened to explain that the preliminary law would be for zoning protection purposes and would merely be a starting point for ultimate zoning classifications after detailed studies.

Mr. McIntyre said that Charlotte's perimeter development has been according to well-defined lines and the new law comes at just the right time.

Some time in the future might be too late to do an effective zoning job but the opportune moment, he said, is here to carry out a comprehensive overall planning program which of course would include zoning.

An most of the perimeter area particularly on the eastern side of the city, the developments have been along residential lines with no interference from disturbing commercial or industrial developments.

On the other hand, in other areas along certain main thoroughfares the developments have been for

House Committee Acts Milk Price Fixing Approved

RALEIGH (AP)—House Agriculture Committee today gave its approval to milk price fixing legislation.

Before a subcommittee of the committee, a public representative and the commissioner of agriculture, the Venters amendment would increase the commission membership from seven to nine by adding two public representatives.

Meanwhile, legislation aimed at the illegal traffic in hardwired drugs and providing stiff punishment for violators was endorsed by representatives of the State Board of Pharmacy, the State Pharmaceutical Assn., and state

Attorneys Say Legal Authority Can't Be Found

Special Assembly Help Is Unlikely

By DICK YOUNG
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Proposed \$250,000 bonds for planning an addition to Memorial Hospital today were blue-printed out of the May 3 bond election.

No legal authority exists for their issuance, say the city's new York bond attorneys.

And there was a question on the legality of the issuance of \$100,000 bonds for expansion of facilities at the Spastics Hospital.

In a letter to City Attorney John D. Shaw, the city's bond attorneys, Mitchell, Rushing, Shetterly & Mitchell, pointed out that the proposed \$250,000 bonds for planning have no legal authority for issuance.

Deletion of this proposed issue reduces the original eight projects totaling \$2,000,000 to seven representing a total cost of \$8,850,000.

THEIR COMMENT

Comment of the bond attorneys was:

"With reference to the \$250,000 Charlotte Memorial Hospital bonds we regret to advise you that we find no authority for the issuance of bonds for planning an addition to the hospital.

"Furthermore, how would you determine the life of bonds for planning the addition?

"The plans might become valueless in a very short time.

"As you know, when issuing bonds under the Municipal Finance Act, it is necessary to show the estimated life of the improvements for which the bonds are to be issued as set forth in section 160-362 of the General Statutes as a basis for the period of years within which the bonds must mature and taxes levied upon the taxable property of the city for their payment.

"If the requirement the taxpayers have the benefit of the improvement during the time taxes are levied on their property for the payment of the bonds."

Frank W. Stepp Jr., chairman of the Social Planning Council's special committee on the study of Negro hospital facilities, expressed the hope that authority for the \$250,000 bond issue could be obtained.

"SENSIBLE" START

"I believe the plan advanced by the City Council is a sensible way to start," he said. "I hope they will obtain the necessary authority from the legislature for the vote on the \$250,000 bond issue."

City Attorney Shaw said that no discussion with Mecklenburg members of the delegation to the legislature had as yet been held.

He said, however, that he believed the May 3 election is too soon to get any special action that might be necessary in the legislature.

Amendment of the bond authorizations acts to provide for planning might be necessary, he said.

"I think Mecklenburg could be made a special case. It is perhaps possible to work it through the legislature, but not for the May 3 bond election," he said.

SPASTICS SITUATION

In connection with the Spastics Hospital bonds the attorneys wrote:

"With reference to the \$100,000 Spastics Hospital bonds we would like to have a copy of the existing lease before deciding on the legal possibility of issuing bonds for this purpose."

However Mr. Shaw pointed out that the Spastics Hospital set-up is similar to that of the Charlotte Memorial Hospital for which bonds can be issued with the approving vote of the people under Hospital Authority Act.

Mr. Shaw said that the Spastics Hospital property was purchased

JOYS OF MATRIMONY, EXHIBIT NO. 927,843

DENVER.—(AP)—Joseph J. Fried won a divorce Monday after testifying that every time he put his arm around his wife, a man living with them would "risk" the family dog on him.

Fried said he and his wife took in the man 10 years ago and also have sheltered another man the last two years "because we felt sorry for them." He said his wife paints pictures and the two men sell them.

The Frieds had been married 31 years.