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# Ike Says West Long Ahead In Weapons

(News Staff Photos by Tom Franklin's—Martin)

**SCHOOL BELLS WILL RING for Leslie Cole next fall, but in the meantime she got just a little taste of school today. She was one of the group of children who expect to enter the first grade at Park Road School in the fall and who pre-registered there today. In the top picture Leslie looks on while her mother, Mrs. Harrison D. Cole, helps public health nurse Mrs. Anne Patterson fill out a health record. Later, Mrs. Cole and Leslie and Mary Marcia Taylor examine a classroom. Pre-school registration, to continue all this month at all elementary schools, will be held at Villa Heights today and Merry Oaks Friday. The Park Road registration was the first of the series.**

## Bill Would Boost Prisons Head's Power

### Separation Study Also Approved

RALEIGH —(AP)— Legislation to give the state prisons director more authority and more independence of state highway commission control was given the blessings of the House Committee on Penal Institutions today.

The house committee also gave its approval to a resolution calling for a study of the feasibility of separating the prisons entirely from the Highway Commission.

The committee's actions followed a public hearing on the measures by the joint committee on penal institutions.

House Roads Committee, meanwhile, was killing a bill to increase punishment for speeders. The measure, by Rep. F. Wayland Floyd of Robeson, would have required the motor vehicles department to suspend for 30 days the driving licenses of persons convicted of speeding more than 50 miles an hour in a residential district where the limit is 35 and more than 35 in a business district where the limit is 20.

**FAVORABLE REPORT**

The committee gave a favorable report to a measure which would allow "ham" radio operators to display license plates bearing their station call letters in place of ordinary license plates.

Rep. Ed O'Herron of Mecklenburg, chairman of House Roads meanwhile introduced a bill to give the Motor Vehicles Department power to issue license tags of arious colors to persons who have been convicted of traffic law violations or who have had their driving licenses suspended or have been issued restricted or limited driving licenses.

Harvey Matusow Demonstrates Stringless Yo-Yo He Says He Invented. (AP).

## Doesn't Know How Long Lead To Last

### Dodges Questions On Re-Election Bid

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said today the Western world has enjoyed all along a great lead over Russia in development of hydrogen bombs and atomic weapons.

He said he thinks it would be pointless to speculate on how long the lead may prevail. He just doesn't know.

Eisenhower's news conference remarks were in response to a request for comment on Prime Minister Churchill's statement yesterday that the United States has "many times" the H-bomb strength of the Soviet Union. Churchill added that Russia would be in a position, however, to launch a full-scale nuclear attack against the United States in two to four years.

**ESTIMATE ASKED**

A reporter asked whether Eisenhower felt that Russia might be able to pull even with this country in three or four years.

After a pause, the President said any conclusions he might make in that field would be nothing more than speculation.

He went on to say we do know that the Western world has enjoyed a great lead in the H-bomb and the atomic weapons field in general.

How long that lead may last he just doesn't know, Eisenhower said.

There does come a time, he said, when if you get a big enough supply of a particular weapon, there is doubt as to whether it is important that you acquire a lot more such weapons.

**OTHER TOPICS**

The news conference also touched on these other matters:

POLITICS — Three times the President laughed off attempts to find out whether he will seek re-election next year. Once was when he was asked for comment on a statement by Sen. Goldwater (R-Ariz) that the Republicans probably couldn't win next year without Eisenhower as their candidate.

Eisenhower laughed, too, when asked whether he wanted to send any message to Vice President Nixon regarding Nixon's statement yesterday that he hopes Eisenhower will run again. The President said he had no message for the vice president but probably would have something to say to him when Nixon returns Saturday from his Latin American trip.

The third attempt came when a newsman asked whether it could be taken for granted that Eisenhower will attend the Republican nominating convention in San Francisco in August 1956. Eisenhower shot back a crisp no. The President would have no occasion to go to the convention unless it was to make a speech accepting

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### In Matusow Hearing

## Publishers' Story Awaited

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Sen. Welker (R-Idaho) said today, after listening to the testimony of turnabout witness Harvy Matusow, "I think the gentleman is interested in money."

"And," Welker added, "he has an avenue of getting money."

Welker declined to elaborate, but he told newsmen they would be "more enlightened" after the Senate internal security subcommittee has taken testimony from the publishers of Matusow's book "False Witness" and others.

The subcommittee is inquiring into Matusow's repudiation of sworn testimony he gave congressional Red hunters and as a paid government witness in the trials of convicted Communist leaders.

In other testimony yesterday Matusow said he was the inventor of "a stringless yo-yo" but he refused to say under his fifth amendment privilege whether the manufacturers are "a Soviet or Communist firm."

Matusow declined to tell newsmen how his "stringless yo-yo" would work. He said that was a trade secret.

**MORE QUESTIONS**

The subcommittee called Matusow back for more questioning this afternoon amid signs it may be nearing the end of its examination of him.

Chairman Eastland (D-Miss) said the testimony of Angus Cameron and Albert E. Kahn, New York publishers of Matusow's book, will be "much more important than this man's."

After yesterday's fast-paced hearing, marked by increasingly sharp exchanges between Matusow and committee members, Eastland said "I think there is a case for the Dept. of Justice." He added, "We may have several cases."

Matusow told the subcommittee yesterday he guessed he had obstructed justice by taking the former Arvilla Bentley, divorced wife of Rep. Bentley (R-Mich), to Nassau in 1952 when a Senate elections subcommittee wanted to question her in its probe into the financial affairs of Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis).

Later she and Matusow were twice married and twice divorced, and he testified that his former wife told him she gave McCarthy $70,000 instead of the $7,000 referred to in the elections subcommittee report.

### Would Make Deeds Secondary

## Zoning Bill Raises Questions

By JULIAN SCHEER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The Mecklenburg delegation to the General Assembly has tossed a new zoning measure into the legislative hopper which has already caused raised eyebrows from Raleigh to Charlotte.

House Bill 422 reads: "To amend . . . General Statutes so as to provide that zoning regulations take precedence over restrictive covenants contained in deeds or other instruments." The measure is a statewide bill, but would, of course, apply to local situations.

The bill, introduced yesterday and signed by Reps. Jack Love, James B. Vogler, Arthur Goodman and E. M. O'Herron Jr., raises a "constitutional question," however, according to Attorney-General Harry McMullan.

Mr. McMullan told The News this morning that it is not his business to pass on bills drawn in his office, but HB 422 "does raise a constitutional question."

This came after local planning officials and city officials expressed surprise at the measure and some of them questioned the constitutionality of the proposed legislation. The bill was sent to House Judiciary Committee No. 1 for study.

**EXAMPLE IS GIVEN**

Briefly, the bill would provide for a law in a situation of this type:

An area, formerly residential, has been zoned for business property use. You get set to build a grocery store in the area, but nearby residents complain. The area is now zoned for business use, but they pull out the deed, possibly many years old, and it states clearly that you cannot build business property.

Presently, courts have no case law on which to act. They judge, therefore, the balance of equities. The court must determine whether the property zoned under business but deeded to residential has so changed character that an inequity to the person presently owning the property may exist.

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## Atomic Test Called Off

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—(AP)—Atomic Energy Commission scientists, after a last-minute conference, called off the "big shot" scheduled for just before dawn today. They said weather conditions were unacceptable.

A spokesman said that no shot would be fired tomorrow either, but that a weather evaluation session would be held tomorrow to determine if the detonation would be rescheduled for Friday morning.

No reason was given for the last-minute postponement other than "weather conditions." Presumably winds were too strong aloft. The shot, to have been fired from a 500-foot tower, was the one originally scheduled to open the spring test series. It has been postponed repeatedly.

Weather conditions were considered near perfect when yesterday's small nuclear shot was fired from a 300-foot tower on Yucca Flat.

Although the blast was in the lower range of nuclear devices, the flash was seen in five states within a radius of 475 miles. Atmospheric conditions were near perfect. The atomic cloud stretched out nearly 200 miles and no radiation fallout was reported outside the test site.

The AEC said the device, designed by its Livermore, Calif., laboratory, had a yield of "several kilotons." This is a fraction of the standard A-bomb's power of 20 kilotons, or 20,000 tons of TNT.

### Shooting Prohibited

## Three Walk Away From Prison Camp

MOUNT PLEASANT—(AP)—Three prisoners "walked off" from the Cabarrus County prison camp Tuesday because prison guards are forbidden by law to shoot misdemeanant prisoners.

This was reported today by Camp Supt. N. L. Lockhart who said, "I expect to have some more, probably some more today."

The escapes at the Cabarrus camp followed the discharge last week of Guard Glenn Nolan for shooting a prisoner in an escape attempt.

Lockhart said two of the prisoners, John M. Parker, 21, of Monroe and Clay Dean Deese, 25, of Albemarle, told a road gang guard, "We'll be seeing you and just walked off through the woods. They didn't even bother to run."

He added that a third prisoner, Joe W. Tschellers, 37, of Gastonia, had escaped from one of the camp's road gangs earlier yesterday.

"He just walked up on the bank and off through the woods," Lockhart said. "The guard hollered at him. He turned around and looked at him (the guard) and just walked on off."

Lockhart said that although the three are serving terms for misdemeanors, they are "pretty tough customers."

### Youths To Be Sentenced

## 8 Plead Guilty In Break-Ins Here

Eight of the principals involved in last week's city-county store-breaking roundup entered pleas of guilty before Judge Francis O. Clarkson in Superior Court today.

All were young people, most of them teen - agers. Two adults charged with receiving goods stolen in the break-ins entered "not guilty" pleas through attorneys.

Judge Clarkson was not expected to pass sentences on the eight defendants before an early afternoon recess.

The case against Ralph Belk, 47, Rt. 8, Hickory Grove-Newell Rd., one of the two adults requesting jury trials, was non-suited after insufficient evidence was presented to show that Belk knew the cigarettes he reportedly purchased had been stolen.

Harvey D. Deason, 37, 1730 Medford Dr., also charged with receiving stolen goods, was to have his case heard before a jury early this afternoon.

A third adult, James H. (Moe) Burleyson, 38, 529 W. 11th St., entered a guilty plea on one charge of receiving stolen goods.

Defendants who entered guilty pleas on the store-breaking and larceny charges are the following:

Bill Richard Jones, 18, 716 N. Pine St., eight counts; Mrs. Ann Carden Jones, 17, 716 N. Pine St. who married Jones in jail last week, seven counts; Charles William Jones, 25, 716 N. Pine St. brother of Bill Jones, two counts.

Raymond Howard Honeycutt, 18, 425 N. Poplar St., five counts; Vann Douglas Elder, 19, 322 N. Smith St., three counts; Leroy Marshall Cole, 20, 508 N. Graham St., two counts.

Richard Thomas Honeycutt, 20, 425 N. Poplar St., one count, Shellie Thomas Beal, 35, Billingsley Dr., one count.

The break-ins attributed to the group took place between August of last year and early this year.

Three other persons already serving jail terms have been charged in the same series of break-ins, and county police were scheduled to serve warrants on another teen-ager, David Godwin, in Elmore, Minn.

## Never Mind Calendar: It's Already Spring

By EMERY WISTER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Yeah, we know it's spring. You can tell it by the calendar and feel it in the air.

And it doesn't make any difference if the thermometer drops to freezing tonight. It'll still be spring in the Weather Bureau's book.

That's because the weather men figure March as a spring month. Spring officially begins March 21, but they can't have their March records showing half winter and half spring. So for the record, it's spring now and will be until June 1 when summer will begin.

It doesn't make much difference anyway. The temperature is holding the spring line and little change is expected today or tomorrow. Mild, partly cloudy weather is in store for today, tonight and tomorrow. A high of 70 today, a low of 48 in the morning is predicted. Today's low was also 48.

If the weather follows its usual course, little more winter is in store for Charlotte and the Carolinas.

**FIGURE GOES UP**

The average temperature, for instance, rises eight degrees between March 1 and 31.

The normal average for the first of March is 47 degrees. By the end of the month the average has risen to 55 degrees.

In fact, temperatures have been known to go as high as 91

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### Possibility Indicated In 1943 Assembly Action

## Will Hospital Issue Own Survey Bonds?

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The possibility that Charlotte Memorial Hospital Authority can issue its own bonds to finance a planning program for additional facilities was being investigated today.

On the heels of announcement yesterday from the city's bond attorneys that the proposed $250,000 bonds for preliminary planning was not legal, came disclosure that the hospital authority may have legal power to issue its own bonds.

Some such course as this will North Carolina Legislature sets forth under the hospital authority's enumerated powers the following:

"To borrow money upon its bonds, notes, debentures or other evidences of indebtedness and to secure the same by pledges of its revenues in the manner and to the extent hereinafter provided."

Under this power as enumerated in Chapter 780 of the 1943 session laws, the Memorial Hospital Authority evidently has the right to issue its own bonds for the financing of the planning program.

The question remains as to whether this course would be feasible and practicable in view of the lack of adequate funds on the part of the hospital.

the appropriation, if it were au-

have to be followed if the original plan of preliminary planning is carried out.

Indications from councilmen today were that they were hesitant about trying to finance a $250,000 program from current funds.

**NO FUNDS**

In the first place, there are no funds in the 1954-55 budge d tan funds in the 1954-55 budget and the appropriaiton, if it were authorized, could not be made until the new budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

There was still another legal question as to whether this course would stand up under the law in view of the lack of an approving vote of the people.

It was explained that tax funds cannot be voted for such purposes unless approval is given by the voters.

### Bonds Are Assured For Spastics Hospital

Inclusion of the $190,000 Spastics Hospital bonds on ballots for the special bond election May 3 was assured today.

City Attorney John D. Shaw advised the city's New York bond attorneys to include these bonds in the special referendum.

It was disclosed yesterday that the city's New York bond attorneys, Mitchell, Pershing, Shetterly & Mitchell, had raised a ques-

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## EVENING PRAYER

Lord, grant us, who call ourselves Christians, the grace of winsomeness and Christ-like love toward all who are round about us. Blessed Lord, help us to be truly a people peculiar unto Thee—and not a people queer in the eyes of our fellowmen. For the glory of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

## OUR WEATHER

**Forecast . . . partly cloudy and mild today, tonight and tomorrow.**
**High yesterday, 72.**
**High expected today, 73.**
**High expected tomorrow, 74.**
**Low this morning, 48.**
**Low expected tonight, 48.**
**Sunrise, 6:32 a.m.; sunset, 6:19 p.m.**

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