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### PUDDLES AND HIS PAL

left a British village this week with the villagers ringing in their ears. Master Sgt. Jack Lyons, an airman whose departure from Cassington was regretted by the people, is shown with his British wife and children. There's Johnny, left, and Tyrella. Puddles is the pet. When Sgt. Lyons was transferred to Louisiana, the village turned out en masse. His charitable and civic projects during three years while stationed at a nearby air base had won for him many friends. (AP Wirephoto)

# House Votes To Reject Criticism Of Juries

### Carmen On Strike

### Walkout Hurts Train Service

An undetermined number of local Southern Railway trainmen stayed off the job today in an apparently growing strike which threatens to bring the railroads to a complete standstill.

A. W. St. Clair, general manager of Southern's Eastern Lines, said at noon today that two northbound trains, 38 and 48, and two southbound trains, 37 and 47, are continuing to run. All others, he said, have been cancelled until further notice.



HIGH WATER from the Ohio River all but covered this "No Parking" sign just outside Huntington, W. Va., floodwall. The sign is on a road leading to an area where river boats dock. (AP Wirephoto).

### Judges Could Not Comment On Verdicts

#### Proposal Approved By Wide Margin

RALEIGH (P)—The House today shouted overwhelming approval of a bill aimed at stopping judges from "cussing out" juries because of their verdicts. It then began debate of a measure to allow the State Milk Commission to set minimum retail and wholesale milk prices.

### Insurance Bill Gets Favorable House Report

RALEIGH (P)—The Blue bill which tackles the problem of insurance companies' canceling or failing to renew health and accident policies was given a favorable report today by a subcommittee of the House Insurance.

Rep. Hunt, chairman of the subcommittee, told the committee that while the Blue measure "has more good points than bad" the subcommittee felt it "is not the entire answer to the problem."

### Loss Narrowly Averted Winchell Tip Upset Market

By ED CREAGH

WASHINGTON (P)—A Stock Exchange official testified today that a stock tip by Walter Winchell on a TV show two months ago threw the exchange into a turmoil. But for prompt action by officials, he said, it would have cost those who followed it an \$50 million loss.

### OFFICIALS SPLIT OVER CHARLOTTE BUS SIZE

RALEIGH (P)—A local bill involving the size of busses in the City of Charlotte stirred up a disagreement among state officials at a meeting of the Senate Roads Committee today.

The bill, introduced by Sen. F. Blythe of Mecklenburg, would permit Charlotte City busses to be 102 inches wide, as compared to the present state limit of 96 inches, and 40 feet long instead of 35 feet. Blythe said the larger vehicles were needed to help solve Charlotte's city traffic problem by cutting down the number of busses in use.

### Folk Dies In Arizona

### Woman's Torture Slayer Executed

FLORENCE, Ariz.—(P)—With a pair of white trunks on his bulky body and a look of pain on his face, Carl J. Folk died today in the state prison gas chamber.

Folk, condemned for the torture murder of a young Phoenix woman, entered the chamber at 5 a.m. (MST). The door was closed at 5:50 and he was pronounced dead two minutes later by prison doctor E. L. Heap.

### PICKET LINES

Carmen at other points in North and South Carolina, including Spartanburg, S. C., when members of the carmen's union walked off after four of their number were "removed from their jobs" for failing to sign work sheets.

### Now Soviet Citizen

### Scientist Holds News Conference

By RICHARD KASSICHKE

MOSCOW (P)—Prof. Bruno Pontecorvo held the center of the stage for an hour and 40 minutes at a news conference today. He disclosed little except that he has been a Soviet citizen since 1952. He declared he is working only on a peaceful atomic project.

### LODGED COIN IS FATAL TO YOUNG BOY

DETROIT (P)—For 10 days, the parents of 15-month-old little Sherman thought he had the cough.

### EVENING PRAYER VOICE BREAKS

Gracious Father, undergird us anew with Thy power that we may do our utmost in making Thy Church fruitful and vigorous throughout the hour of the world's need. By the power of the Holy Spirit bind close together all Christian believers everywhere and strengthen us to do the work of our Lord Amen.

### Postal Pay Boost Voted

WASHINGTON (P)—The House Post Office Committee today voted an average 7 1/2 per cent increase for half a million post office employees at an annual cost of 150 million dollars.

### OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warm today and tonight. Partly cloudy with scattered showers tonight and tomorrow. Clearing tomorrow afternoon.

Low this morning, 54.  
Sunlight, 62.  
High tomorrow, 76.  
High today, 76.  
High yesterday, 65.  
Sunrise, 6:19 a.m.; sunset, 6:21 p.m.

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### What Is the Poll Tax That Menfolks Must Pay?

#### Many People Just Don't Know

By HARRY SHUFORD  
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Most people don't like poll taxes.

And a curious thing is that still more people don't even know what poll taxes are.

Despite this hazy public sentiment against the minor "capitation" tax, nothing has been done to take it off the books in modern times.

It is true that nearly all states which still have a poll tax have removed it as a requirement for voting, but have retained the tax itself.

One of the troubles that legislators have in finding out how people think about the poll tax is that so many people don't know anything about it. It is almost "ignored."

To find out just how "ignored" the poll tax is, a News reporter made a quick survey and found that only 20 per cent of the people he talked to had a good idea of what the poll tax is.

The report, 70 per cent of the people talked to said they thought the poll tax is unfair or unjust. Just another way to raise revenue.

The other 30 per cent felt it was just as good a way for the government to raise money as any.

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posses a problem. Needless to say, all trials who list clerks with the county for taxation are billed.

But a lot of people don't have to pay any property tax, and a lot of others don't list even though they are required by law.

Assistant county tax supervisor R. K. Williams said that numerous county residents are on the books for poll tax when they have no poll tax. This city poll tax is limited to \$1 per head by the Constitution.

Contrary to much popular opinion, receipts from poll taxes don't go to pay for election machinery. Instead, the Constitution provides that funds collected shall go to the benefit of the public schools and the poor of the county.

Just how the city and county go about collecting poll tax from all males between 21 and 50

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