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## The Necktie....



**PRESIDENT EISENHOWER** smiles good naturedly as he finishes adjusting the white bow tie of 12-year-old Oliver Merriam, a visitor at the White House. The boy called with his father, unsuccessful GOP candidate for mayor of Chicago. The President noted the lad's tie was askew and promptly straightened it. (AP)

## CATS' SACRED RIGHTS SAVED IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE—Every dog has his day, but the cats in Prince Georges County will still have their night—thanks to a bill vetoed by Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin today. The bill would have provided for the "control, regulation and restraint of cats running at large" in the county. Tracing the cat's relationship to the lion, tiger, puma and "others of the genus felis which still enjoy the largesse of unlimited liberty in their native habitats," McKeldin explained: "Thus, the cat is, by nature, a roamer and a prowler, and like his distant cousins, prefers the gentle cover of the night, both for reason of romance and pursuit of prey."

## 12 In California

### Post-Inoculation Cases Number 17

By LEE GARRETT  
WASHINGTON—California's post-inoculation outbreak of polio stood at 12 cases today, raising to 17 the number of treated U. S. children known to have contracted the disease. Surgeon General Leonard Scheele, who heads the U. S. Public Health Service, reiterated his confidence in the Salk polio vaccine and added: "There is nothing unusual about the polio picture across the nation. It follows very closely to the five-year median. Without reference to the vaccine, the health service said it had reports of 106 new polio cases in 47 states last week, compared with 117 for the nation in the comparable week last year. Such reports are made weekly. In a special tabulation, the service listed six children who had received their first shot of the vaccine had contracted polio, but the California State Health Department recorded six additional cases on which reports had not yet reached Washington. ONE FATALITY The total this included 12 in California, two in Idaho including one fatality, and one each in Chicago, Denver and Columbus, Ga. All except the Georgia child had

## U. S. MAY SET UP BASE ON FORMOSA

### Plan Considered To Defend Island Against Red Attack

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON—The United States is considering establishing an American base on Formosa under its treaty guarantee to defend the Chinese Nationalist island against any Communist attack.

The base plan is part of a series of arrangements being developed by the State Department, Defense Department and White House which would be factors in negotiating a cease-fire and possibly an eventual settlement of the Formosa problem. Further decisions on the actual steps to be taken are due to be made following the return this weekend of Asst. Secretary of State Walter Robertson and Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. They have conferred at Taipei in the last few days with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and other Chinese Nationalist officials.

Establishing an American base at fighter planes and Marine units, as it is presently contemplated, would have importance in several respects, officials said. First of all, it would be a symbol of American determination to prevent the island's falling to the Communists.

Even more important, it was said, the assignment of an American force more or less permanent to the island, even though a small token force, would increase the Chinese Nationalist sense of security and thereby compensate them for abiding by any cease-fire which the United States succeeded in negotiating for the Communists.

In this connection officials noted that the United States does not have to set up a base there for going along with a cease-fire.

Arrangements for that were made last December. At that time Foreign Minister George Yeh promised Secretary of State Dulles in writing that the Nationalist government would readily accept and maintain except upon agreement with the United States.

The Eisenhower administration thus has a strong leash on Chiang and may be said to have negotiated a cease-fire with him already.

Information available from the largely secret Robertson-Radford mission is that the two men went to Formosa to discuss a wide range of issues arising out of two possibilities—first, that the Reds might shortly launch an attack on Formosa or the offshore islands; and second, that the Reds might try to force the United States to take peace with the Nationalists. Dulles told a news conference Tuesday that this country would be willing to negotiate directly with Peking for a cease-fire.

**ADLAI IS CHOICE**  
MILWAUKEE—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt says Adlai Stevenson is her personal choice for president in 1956 and she believes the Democrats will win.

## Evening Prayer

Dear God, our Father, strengthen us to live our lives so that we can draw constantly from Thy deep resources. We know Thy presence and power are always available to them who put their trust in Thee. Strengthen us to live more each day in the power of Thy love. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

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# Weak Beer Measure Voted Into N.C. Law

## .... And The Petticoats



PETTICOATS are capturing the spotlight among the current teen sets, and these Central High School lassies seem to be competing in a "Who Can Wear the Most" contest. From left to right: Nell Taylor is wearing four petticoats; Susan Edwards, five; Bettina Hinkelstadt, seven; Katherine McCoy, five; and Ann Sullivan, four.

## 41 Counties Exempt From Provisions

### Opens Way For 3.2 In Dry Counties

RALEIGH—The House passed into law today Rep. J. W. Hayes so-called "weak beer" bill.

Forty-one counties were exempted from its provisions and there is a promise that at least three others would seek exemption through special local bills.

The bill allows a municipality in a county which has voted dry to call an election for 3.2 per cent beer on a petition of 15 per cent of the voters.

Regular beer contains 5 per cent alcohol, Rep. Hayes, who hails from Richmond County, and his supporters maintained that the weaker beer was nonintoxicating.

**TRICKY PROCEDURE**  
The overwhelmingly favorable House vote on Hayes bill came after a lengthy debate involving tricky parliamentary procedure.

After the vote, the House adjourned on Monday night in memory of former Lt. Gov. J. Elmer Long of Durham who died Wednesday night. The House then joined the Senate in a trip to Ft. Bragg.

When the beer bill came up for final reading on the House floor, Rep. Roger Kiser of Scotland asked that it be further amended to exempt his county from its provisions.

**RULED OUT**  
But House Speaker Larry Moore ruled such a motion was not possible because the bill was before the House only for concurrence in Senate amendments. The Senate had exempted 41 counties by amendment.

Kiser had sought to exempt his county when the bill was first introduced in the House but was voted down when the bill's backers contended that such an exemption would make the bill unconstitutional.

Kiser expressed fear that if he offered a special bill exempting Scotland from the Hayes bill's provisions it might not get through the Senate. However, he was assured such a bill or more would be supported.

Rep. Pat Taylor Jr. of Anson announced he was writing to Bladen also said they wanted their counties exempted.

**PROMISE SUPPORT**  
Hayes promises to support any such exemption bills they might introduce. Speaker Moore also promised to do everything to see that they would go through both legislative chambers.

The House passed and sent to the Senate Rep. Sam Worthington's measure designed to break up a corn stealing racket. The Pitt County measure would require a record of the quantity of corn they produced and the license number of the seller's vehicle.

An attempt to rush a joint resolution to the Senate by Speaker Moore was defeated by a vote of 10-10. The House Conservation and Development Committee.

**REQUEST MADE**  
The resolution requested that the federal government reevaluate the stream flow needs of the lower Roanoke River. The giant Kerr Reservoir affects the flow of the river and, the resolution pointed out, the Virginia Electric Power Co. has been licensed to construct an additional dam.

The resolution declared recent studies prescribed that the minimum releases are inadequate to provide for the multiple streams used for recreation, the public health, economic welfare and recreation of the people.

The House Finance Committee Tuesday on a proposal to put an additional levy on motor vehicles as an alternative to a tobacco tax. Supporters of the controversial tobacco tax apparently were abandoning it in favor of the license fee tax suggested yesterday by House Finance Chairman W.

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## Refuses To Leave

### Viet Nam Premier Claims Victory

By JOHN RODERICK  
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## Our Weather

Mostly sunny and mild today and tomorrow. Cool again tonight.

High yesterday—72.  
High today—78.  
High tomorrow—58.  
Low this morning—51.  
Low tonight—50.  
Sunrise 5:35 a.m.; sunset 7:07 p.m.

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The three arrests were made after midnight when a crowd of students appeared at Clay Hall, for upper classmen.

FCC President John D. Messick spoke to the students there. Several ran as he approached.

## Break-Up Threat Secondary Race Issue Worries Doctors

By JULIAN SCHER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Just how far back will the move to better the position of the Negro physician be set?

That's the question Charlotte doctors were asking themselves today in light of yesterday's disclosure that the Mecklenburg County Medical Society will face charges from the North Carolina Medical Association in Pinelhurst Monday over the race issue.

The State Society has called officers of the local group before the House of Delegates concerning differences in the constitution and bylaws of the groups. The local body voted last May to admit Negroes and did so by deleting the word "white" wherever it appeared in the constitution.

This stand was contrary to any previous ruling of the state society.

Charlotte doctors who favored the admission of Negroes and the vote to admit Negroes into the Mecklenburg society was accomplished by a 55-33 margin—did not appear as concerned today about a break-up of the Society as they were of admitting Negro-white relations.

The question of admitting Negro physicians has long been a heated one, but following admission of Negroes the subject apparently was settled. Now, say some physicians, all previous efforts may have been wasted due to the disclosure of the obvious stand the state society has taken.

It had been hoped the question could be settled without a public airing and unfair publicity and without a House of Delegates hearing, doctors said.

## Another N. C. Bank Robbed—\$2 This Time

GASTONIA—The National Bank of Commerce here was robbed yesterday in broad daylight.

Two patrol cars siren up to the bank shortly after a burglar alarm was tripped. Officers found that someone had crawled through a restroom window and taken \$2 in change from a coin jar. Police said witnesses told them they saw a small boy climb through the window.

The local group could be expected into the state society, and the Mecklenburgs must show cause why they shouldn't be, and members would lose the privileges extended to state members.

Attempts to talk with Dr. Zack Owens of Elizabeth City, president of the North Carolina Medical Society, and Dr. Elias Faison, president of the local society, proved futile today. However, several other local physicians were not reluctant to discuss the matter provided they weren't identified.

The only official statement came yesterday from James T. Barnes of Raleigh, executive secretary of the North Carolina Medical Society. He acknowledged that the Mecklenburg group had been requested to appear before the House of Delegates "relative to their position in regard to their position to their charter and its compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the State Medical Society."

Meanwhile, there was speculation as to the fate of the Mecklenburg Society itself. It may result in a formation of a new society and/or a split in the present society.

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