



Our Town

Friendship Born Early
I guess the closest friendship a man can have is one born during his boyhood. A boy can have a lot of friends, really, but the ones who are special ones, maybe four or five, that seem like brothers.

Thomas Nivens and I first met in the sixth grade at Elizabeth School. He was always a tall, lanky boy and had a genuineness about him that set him apart from the crowd. My friendship with Thomas came gradual, like the moonrise, but after a few months it was stronger than steel.

Thomas was a ballplayer. In the daytime, when he wasn't working, he'd go down to the old park at Greenway and Park Dr. and get a man known as Long John to hit him baseballs and Thomas would chase 'em with that long stride and make the catch 95 per cent of the time.

The two of us spent many a summer night sitting on the curb on Greenway Ave. under a streetlight, reading The Sporting News and talking like young boys will about playing in the Major Leagues for the St. Louis Cardinals.

I'd go by his house on Kenmore Ave. just before dark summer evenings and we'd sit on the back steps and smooth out every problem a boy ever had.

This close friendship between two boys lasted for five years. Then Thomas and his family moved to Rock Hill.

We saw each other seldom after that. He finished high school in Rock Hill and was married and started his family, a son and a daughter.

My phone rang early Saturday morning. An incurable illness took Thomas' life Friday night. The big fellow didn't go without a battle. He never knew how to give up at anything.

They buried Thomas Nivens yesterday. Thirty-one years old. I lost something a man could never replace. My best boyhood friend.

Landmark Leaves Sharon
The community near Sharon School is losing a landmark this week. Henry Houston, who has been principal of the school for 19 years, is leaving to take a similar position at Ashley Park School. Mr. Houston has helped educate half the people in the neighborhood. And he's done a fine job.

Most of the talk about trains blocking crossings is centered around the track on 36th St. But try riding down Basin St. one day. The Seaboard train blocked that crossing for no telling how long on Saturday afternoon. The taxpayers who built the street were backed up for a couple of blocks, many of them finally giving up and going another way. It doesn't appear that the City Council gives a hoot about the situation. Maybe if enough people let councilmen know how they feel about the blocked crossings, they would become interested.

Couple Will Be Missed
Capt. and Mrs. William Swyers will be leaving the Salvation Army here at the end of this month for a new assignment with the Army in Richmond. This is going to be a tremendous loss to Charlotte-Mecklenburg. You don't easily replace dedicated people like Capt. and Mrs. Swyers. They have done a great job for this community. Maj. Greer of Savannah, Ga., will replace Capt. Swyers here as commanding officer of the Salvation Army.

I was present yesterday afternoon for the dedication of the Army's Men's Social Service Center. It is a fine facility.

My Little Leaguers got nipped Saturday, 12-3. We're gonna work hard this week and maul somebody. Worst TV performance of the year dept. Votes in the mail for Barbara Streisand and Dean Martin.

Mail from teenagers is coming in about what Charlotte needs. Would you believe... many youngsters say Charlotte is a great place with plenty of places to go?

Playgrounds Drop Break For Lunch
By JANE ROEHRS
The city's 42 playgrounds, opening for a 10-week summer program next Monday, will operate through the lunch hour this year.

This year's Monday to Friday hours of 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. will be good news for a lot of families, said Superintendent Marion Diehl of the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission.

The former split schedule with the playgrounds closed from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. caused some confusion and broke the day for the children who didn't want to go home, he said.

"We're going to experiment with these new hours," said Mr. Diehl, who pointed out that children could bring picnic lunches or have it brought to them.

The wading pools in the parks will be open Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

The playground program for children six to 19 years old will include a regular program of crafts and athletics, with each week geared to some special activity.

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SECTION B

Sex Education Varies In Local Schools

By LEE STINNETT
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What sort of sex education do Mecklenburg children get at school?
Mary Jones' vocabulary may include "embryo" and "fetus" by the time she's in the fourth grade.
Sally Smith, on the other hand, more than likely wouldn't have the vaguest notion what the words meant even after she had completed the sixth grade. Mary and Sally might have

the same intelligence. By chance, however, they go to different schools. And because they go to different schools, the amount of instruction they get about sex may vary tremendously.
SEX EDUCATION in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools varies from school to school from practically nothing to some of the most advanced sex instruction in the country.
In at least one elementary school "family life education" begins in the first grade. In

some schools, boys and girls are taught about sex in mixed classrooms. In others, boys and girls are separated.
Boys in one junior high get an "old-fashioned Army talk" from the principal, while the girls get a woman-to-woman talk from the home economics teacher.
At another junior high, films on sex and venereal disease are shown.
Why is there so much variation among the schools?
Sex education is taught at the

discretion of the various schools. Some schools have developed advanced programs, while others haven't started at all in the field.
This arrangement has at least one advantage.
"Under this system, each individual school can teach sex education depending on when the local community, the parents, the youngsters and the school itself are ready to teach it," said Norman E. Leate, director of physical education who is responsible for sex education in the schools.

With this policy, some schools have been able to advance quietly in the controversial matter of sex education.
While progress has been slow compared to some school systems in the country, few objections have been raised by parents to sex education programs.
"IN PRACTICALLY every school where sex education programs have been started, parents and PTAs have been consulted in advance. And parents almost always view films and read material before the matter is presented to their children.
Parental reaction has been almost universally favorable. The News was told by the principals of several schools that have attempted sex education to one degree or another.
The News interviewed 10 principals about their sex education programs.
Those who were doing little or nothing did not have much interest in expanding their sex education programs.
Those who attempted some sex education were pleased with the results, but they generally felt they weren't doing enough.

"I think we should teach it differently," said one high school principal. "But I don't what we should do."
"I'm not too pleased with the present program," said a junior high principal.
"We need a different type of approach, something better. We need to teach more of the human aspects, rather than just the purely psychological approach," he said.
He added that the schools need better text and films than are made available.
Another principal who used sex education films for the first time last year said, "I was very satisfied with the way the program came out. It's about the best the school can do at this time."
The Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools, however, are moving toward a comprehensive sex education program that will be taught in all schools.

"WE'RE DOING a fair job," said Mr. Norman Leate of the program he oversees.
"We need to sit down and see if we can teach this in a better way."
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Local Bar Okays Legal Aid Plan

By BILL NOBLITT
News Staff Writer

A federal program offering legal aid to poverty stricken persons was endorsed today by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Bar Association.
The controversial issue, which would set up a staff of seven to give legal assistance to the county's estimated 12,000 poor people, was approved by a "healthy majority" according to Lawyer Alvin A. London.

MR. LONDON is chairman of a special committee on legal aid which offered the resolution to a meeting of the bar association this morning.
Since the announcement came in early May that the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington and the Charlotte Area Fund poverty fighting group planned the \$277,000 program, local lawyers making up the group have pondered the situation.

The opposition stemmed not from an effort to turn down legal aid to the poor, but from a fear of putting the operation into the hands of OEO.
Endorsement came when it was pointed out that the local legal aid project will come under the direction and supervision of the bar association executive committee.
Mr. London said this morning's endorsement is "for the basic idea, not for every sentence in the OEO proposal. Details need to be spelled out."
Mr. London explained that some five years ago the local bar association proposed a program similar to the one outlined today — but financed locally instead of with federal funds. That proposal was unsuccessful.

The resolution pointed out that the bar association favors providing legal aid to all persons unable to pay, and in educating all citizens of fundamental rights under the law.
Richard M. Welling, president of the association, presided over the meeting with some 150 lawyers present.

Members of Mr. London's study committee are Nicholas J. Miller, J. LeVonne Chambers, J. F. Walker, Clarence Walker and Sydney Thompson.

Our Hospital Pal this week is Samuel D. Perry, 63, of 446 Winderwood Dr. He has been a patient at Presbyterian Hospital since April 29 for treatment of a leg disorder. Mr. Perry is confined to his bed most of the time.
He is a retired meat cutter and has a daughter, H. He and his family are members of Providence Baptist Church.
Mr. Perry may have visitors and has a phone in his room.
Why not stop by Room 350 or drop him a line to give his spirits a lift?



News Staff Photo—Don Martin

Ever Seen A Tippy Truck?
People often talk about kicking up their heels, but a truck—ridiculous. But there you see it, a Thomas & Howard Co. trailer, kicking up its heels on E. Stonewall St. in front of Young Motor Co. Driver Jimmy Morris was having trouble with his tractor and pulled over to the curb. He let the front dolly wheels down to get the tractor out and the trailer tipped when the tractor came out from under it. Apparently the front of the trailer was loaded too heavily.

Candidates Start Campaign In Runoff For School Board

By TOM BADRY
News Staff Writer

Mrs. J. J. Mauldin of Davidson is campaigning toward her 25 runoff date with Amy Henderson for the fifth school board vacancy with "all my heart."
Mrs. Mauldin, a former teacher, ran fifth among 13 candidates for five openings in the school board, but fell almost 500 votes shy of a majority with 13,179 votes.

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IN THE May 25 election, Brock Barkley, school board attorney, explained that the number of votes received determined which candidate earned which spot.
Those with the highest number of votes get the longer terms, he said.

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Normal procedure calls for electing new three members for six-year terms every two years, he said.

The winner of the Henderson-Mauldin runoff will take office immediately.
The News asked board chairman David Harris if the board would reorganize with the addition of two new members this summer.
Mr. Harris said that the board had elected officers in February, and probably would wait until next year to elect new ones.
However, he noted, "it's up to the board."

IN FEBRUARY'S reorganization, Mr. Harris was re-elected chairman, and William See SCHOOL on Page 16B

Classes Draw Eager Response

Miss Susette Mottsmann's fourth grade class at Double Oaks School was discussing a book matter recently.

"What do we mean by physical growth?" Miss Mottsmann we get taller and when our hair gets long?" she asked.
"No," chimed the class.
"It's when we are being born," said an eager boy.
"It's when you are an egg cell," corrected a girl.
"It's when you are an embryo," suggested a third student.
"How do you pronounce that?" asked the young, dark-haired teacher.
After several attempts, one student finally came up with the right word: "embryo."

THE CHILDREN at Double Oaks school were being prepared to see a film entitled "Human Beginnings" as part of their family life education.
Double Oaks Schools has perhaps the most comprehensive family life and sex education program in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system. Youngsters at Double Oaks are taught family life from the first grade up.
On hand for the viewing of the film were Howard C. Barnhill, a public health educator at the county health department, and Mrs. Minnie Graham, a public health nurse.
The students seemed eager to talk about human reproduction, even though they sometimes got the scientific words, such as "embryo," mixed up.
All eyes were on the screen when the movie began.

The film depicted a family in which a baby was expected. The mother and father expected to a questioning on the principles of pregnancy, birth and baby care.

Charts were introduced in the narrative showing the mother's reproductive organs and how the fetus grew and how it was delivered. And the children in Miss Mottsmann's class laughed when the son in the film asked stupid questions. They also laughed when the father became excited when the baby was born.
When the film was over, Mr. Barnhill and Mrs. Graham answered questions.
"How do they get the baby from the mother?" asked a student.
"Do you have to feed them after they are born?" asked another.
"How come mothers have labor pains?"
"How do children get in mothers?"
"When a mother doesn't have milk in her breasts, do the hospital nurses feed them with their breasts?"
"Is a baby born in a sack?"

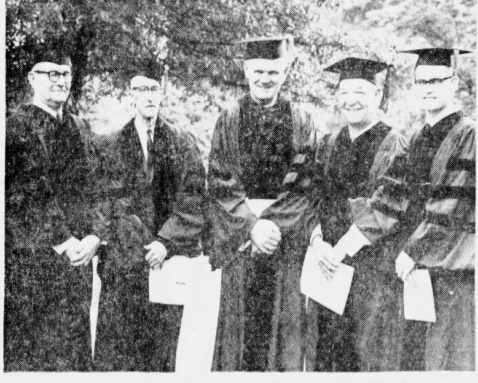
ANSWERS WERE in scientific.
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Salvation Army Makes Two Changes

Captain William Swyers, in charge of the Salvation Army Men's Social Service Center, has been transferred to Richmond, Va., effective July 5, the News learned today.

Captain Swyers' replacement will be Maj. Dwayne Greer, who will come to Charlotte from Savannah, Ga.
During Capt. Swyers' stay in Charlotte, the social service center has expanded its services to include 62 tenants and has completed a \$150,000 building, which was dedicated yesterday.

The 36-year-old father of three has been in charge of the 28 employees at the center since August, 1963.
The center is administratively separate from the Charlotte Salvation Army's Charlotte command and receives no support from the United Appeal, but is self-supporting.
The men male and shred paper to be sold as packing material, repair furniture, appliances and television sets and sort out donated clothes for resale.



News Staff Photo—Don Martin
Brodie S. Griffith (left), Dr. Thomas D. Sparrow, President D. Grier Martin, Thomas F. Staley, and Archibald B. Taylor Jr. Take Part In Davidson Activities

Davidson Pays Honor To Two Charlotteans

A local newspaperman and surgeon were among four persons receiving honorary doctor of laws degrees from Davidson College during graduation exercises yesterday.

Receiving the degrees were Brodie S. Griffith and Dr. Thomas D. Sparrow of Charlotte, Archibald B. Taylor Jr. of Japan, and Thomas F. Staley of New York.

Mr. Griffith, who is general manager of The Charlotte News and The Charlotte Observer, was cited by Davidson College President Dr. D. Grier Martin as a "talented newspaper writer, editor and executive."

Dr. Martin also noted Mr. Griffith's role in the movement to make Charlotte College a four-year branch of the University of North Carolina.
MR. GRIFFITH, who joined The News in 1932, served as

managing editor, executive editor and general manager, and associate publisher. He was named general manager of The News and The Observer March 19.

Mr. Griffith is immediate past president of the Chamber of Commerce and is active in many local civic groups.

Dr. Sparrow practiced general surgery in Charlotte from 1924 until his retirement last year. He is a former chief of staff of Charlotte Memorial Hospital, president of Mecklenburg County Medical Society and the Southern Society of Clinical Surgeons, and vice president of the North Carolina Medical Society.
Mr. Staley, directing partner of Reynolds and Company in New York City, is a former

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