

# Court Asked To Allow S. C. Separate Schools This Year

## Clarendon County Case Argued In Columbia

By ALDERMAN DUNCAN

COLUMBIA (AP)—A three-judge Federal court today was asked to permit the Summerton schools of Clarendon County to continue segregation of races in the coming school year.

Robert McC. Figg, attorney for the Summerton School District trustees, told the court trustees are convinced that any other plan would "so disorganize the schools, so impair the efficiency of the system, and so adversely affect public support of education" that public education could not "reasonably be expected to survive."

Figg told the court that the trustees have arranged for a "comprehensive survey" of the question of reorganizing the district schools on a "racially non-discriminatory basis."

He said that the trustees would like the help of the departments of education and sociology of the University of South Carolina in the survey. He added that the trustees feel they do not have the knowledge and experience necessary to reorganize on a non-discriminatory basis at this time. To do so now, he said, the trustees would be faced with "every obstacle and problem" that could arise in integration.

He said the situation in the Summerton schools, where the ratio of Negro pupils to white pupils is 10 to 1, represents one extreme of what the Supreme Court said might be faced in some cases. "Here is involved the assignment of white pupils to what would be essentially Negro schools," he said.

That would be an abrupt departure from community habit and custom, he said, and asked the court for "equitable discretion."

**CITES PROBLEM**  
He pointed out that some of the problems facing the trustees involve state laws affecting teacher salaries because the assignment of teachers is based on race.

As the hearing opened the court granted a petition by Thurgood Marshall, general counsel of the National A. P. for the Advancement of Colored People, to admit the small federal court room.

The trustees made no objection. The small federal court room was jammed for the hearing.

In the crowd were Eugene Cook, Georgia's attorney general, I Beverly Lake, assistant attorney general of North Carolina, Henry Wickham, assistant attorney general of Virginia, and John Bell, attorney for Prince Edward County, Va., which is faced with a similar case.

The question before the court was what to say now about ending segregation in Summerton School.

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## He Leaves Tonight For Big 4 Talks

WASHINGTON.—President Eisenhower takes off tonight for Geneva after telling the nation about his cautious hopes that the big four conference may lead eventually to enduring peace.

The President plans a 15-minute informal address dealing with world problems to be discussed at the summit meeting opening Monday, and with his views regarding steps toward their solution.

All four television networks will carry the extemporaneous talk by the White House at 10:30 p. m. delivery, as will ABC and CBS radio. The MBS and NBC radio networks will broadcast recorded versions later.

The talk is scheduled for 7:15 p. m. EST.

**FAMILY GOING**  
One hour after Eisenhower's departure will take off from National Airport aboard his personal plane Columbine III. His party will include Mrs. Eisenhower and their son, Maj. John Eisenhower, who will serve as an aide to his father.

The plane will make one refueling stop, at Kefauver Air Base, Iceland. During a two-hour stopover, he and the First Lady will be luncheon guests of President Asgeirsson of Iceland.

Eisenhower is due at Geneva tomorrow evening.

**PLANE SHEPHERDED**  
Along with his plane will be shepherded by an unspecified number of Air Force B26s and SA16 amphibious planes, and by nine Navy weather ships stationed in a great deal of time to his radio-TV talk tonight.

Arrival at Geneva, the President will motor to the 25-acre grounds of the Chateau de Gruex, Genéva, the rented villa at which he will stay.

Eisenhower reportedly was given a great deal of time to his radio-TV talk tonight. Advancements were made that the theme of the talk would be much more of a group of foreign students at the White House Tuesday.

"We will try to explore the reasons why this world does not seem to get closer to peace, and to try to find ways that if the world follows, all of you may live a little more tranquilly than the people of my generation."

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Cab Driver Ernest Gallant Stops To Pick Up Night-Time Passenger

## Reporter Tours City With Cabbie

### Taxi Fares Come In All Varieties

By ERWIN POTTS  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Last night I saw people as the taxicab driver sees them. I rode with Yellow Cab driver No. 41, Ernest Gallant, in cab No. 217 into the late hours. I watched the people file in and out of the back seat of his cab-rich and poor, white and colored.

Most of them had stories to tell; and they talked freely with the amiable driver. "We had all kinds," Mr. Gallant said. "Gangsters, millionaires, movie stars, ambassadors, anyone."

"I been driving a cab around five years. Used to drive a tractor-trailer truck on long trips. Got a buddy of mine got burned up and my wife asked me to quit."

Our first passenger, a successful-looking, middle-aged gentleman, paid fare for a trip from the airport to the city. "FIRST TRIP" It had been his first trip to Charlotte's new terminal and he'd been greatly impressed with it. "We got a lot of comments from people visiting the airport for the first time," driver Gallant said. "They sure do like it." The next fare was an out-of-town bus driver who wanted to ride through the rain night from the bus garage to a local hotel. "I just added in from Raleigh," he said. "Man, that road was slick."

Driver Gallant answered a reporter's question. See MANY on page 7-A

## Storie Behind 'Slip-Up' Told

By DONALD MACDONALD  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A "slipup" which allowed an official memorandum to go to City Manager Henry A. Yancey's office, stating that officer Fred H. Casper had no police record was blamed today on the fact that no arrest sheet was made.

Officer Casper, who came to work with the police department on June 16, was dismissed yesterday after Communications Workers of America union officials protested his working with the department while under a suspended sentence.

Last April, the 25-year-old former Western Electric employe was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon during a strike in front of the Southern Bell building in N. Caldwell St.

**CAME VOLUNTARILY**  
Assistant Police Chief John Hord explained this morning that Casper came voluntarily to City Police headquarters when he learned that a warrant had been signed. When the desk sergeant executed the warrant, Capt. Hord said, he failed to make out an arrest sheet.

Casper immediately posted \$100 bond and was never taken to jail, Hord continued. There were no arresting officers involved, the assistant police chief explained, and so no arrest sheet was filed on Casper. Record clerks—when checking on Casper and other applicants—were asked to find the record. There was a "charge against him."

"This would not happen one time in ten thousand," assistant chief Hord said. "It was just a slip-up which, of course, should not have occurred."

"But the man been brought in to police headquarters by one or more police officers, there would not have been any trouble. It was a charge against him."

The memorandum stating that officer Casper had "no police record" was sent to the city manager's office and the city clerk's office in May, almost a month after Casper was fined \$100 and costs on the assault with a deadly weapon charge and was given a 30-day road sentence, suspended for one year.

**CHECKING PROCEDURE**  
Procedure for checking an applicant's possible criminal record is as follows: Clerks in the records department of both City and County Police

## Scales Pays Price

### Guilford Woman's Slayer Executed

By RICHARD SCALLES  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

RALEIGH (AP)—Richard Scalles, Greensboro Negro, paid with his life in the state's lethal gas chamber today for the brutal murder of a Greensboro housewife last Jan. 10.

Scalles, 29, entered the gas chamber at 10:01 a. m. and was pronounced dead at 10:16 a. m. by Dr. Charles E. Flowers Sr., prison physician.

There was no show of emotion as Scalles was seated in the big chair and the mask and belts adjusted. He wore nothing but white shorts. A stethoscope was strapped over his heart.

While the belts were being adjusted he raised his head and saw the witnesses through the glass enclosure. He raised a hand in a gesture of farewell.

**29 WATCH**  
Twenty-nine witnesses, many of them officers from the Greensboro area, watched the execution, first in North Carolina since Nov. 6, 1953.

Scalles was convicted of killing Mrs. Bertha Cook, 31, mother of four children. The State Supreme Court refused to grant him a new trial. He also killed a daughter of Mrs. Cook but was not tried for that crime.

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From the death row cell, some 60 feet from the gas chamber, he was accompanied by the Rev. W. H. Jackson, prison chaplain, and Warden Bailey.

**READY TO GO**  
Bailey said he visited Scalles this morning after breakfast and the man reiterated, "I'm ready to go." He had read the Bible and prayed daily in his cell.

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## ABC Stores Being Watched?

Although they were too elusive to be interviewed, South Carolina liquor tax officers presumably have been operating with two vehicles, primarily on S. Tryon St. They have kept a close eye on the 230 S. Tryon St. ABC store and raiding ahead to other agents across the South Carolina line, according to reports.

It is reported they watch purchasers with either North or South Carolina license tags and, if they head south on Tryon toward the South Carolina line, they radio the plate number ahead to their compatriots across the line.

It is illegal under North Carolina law to carry North Carolina tax tags across the line into South Carolina. The S. Tryon St. store is known as a "Gastonia" store for many Gastonians use this outlet to purchase liquor and return to Gastonia via South Carolina.

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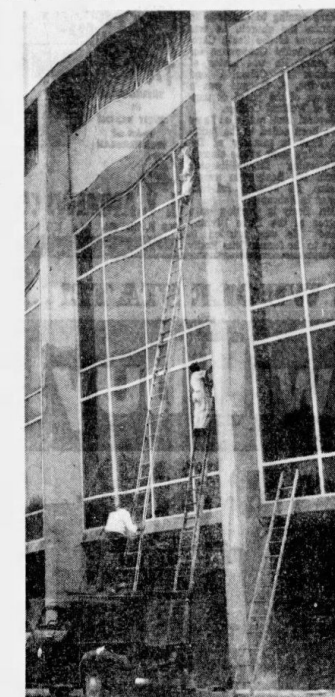
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**Evening Prayer**  
Almighty God, show forth Thy grace in the hearts of men. Do Thou bless the preaching of the Gospel, so that every land its power may be felt in the transformation of countless lives. In the name of Christ, who said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Amen.

**THIS HUMOROUS sign, greets motorists traveling the back road winding around the northwest edge of Lake Lure near Rutherfordton. A resident who runs Lakeside cottages erected the sign in this Blue Ridge Mountain resort—where Davy Crockett is believed to have traveled. (Max Tharpe photo)**



MAKING LIKE HIGH WIRE performers, painters had to go way into the air to put finishing touches on Charlotte's coliseum. The interior of the building is virtually complete, but many little jobs must be completed inside the huge structure before late September opening.

## Resumption Decision Soon

### New Salk Vaccine Supply Received

By DICK YOUNG  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The first supply of Salk polio vaccine manufactured under the new governmental procedure was delivered at the City Health Dept. today.

The consignment consisted of 40,956 CCs and will be distributed among 17 North Carolina counties.

The Charlotte Health Dept. is the distributing center for this vaccine and announcement was made to health officers in those counties that the supply is now available.

Under the rules of procedure representatives of the health departments in these various counties must come to Charlotte to obtain the vaccine.

Distribution will be continued through today, but will be suspended over the weekend and will be started again Monday morning.

Allocation to the counties of this vaccine provided by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will be resumed will be reached at a meeting of the City-County Health Board Monday at 2:15 p. m.

If the local vaccination program is resumed only those first and second grade children of the city are now available.

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## Legal Mountain Dew Proves Popular Brew

By EMERY WELSTER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Factory—fresh corn whiskey was moving into Mecklenburg's ABC liquor stores today as trucks completed their deliveries.

And in Winston-Salem, where the idea of selling a legalized brand of mountain dew was born, it had already moved out. Buyers had cleaned the shelves of 109 cases.

Gov. Ward, chairman of the Winston-Salem ABC Board, said sales were best in the two store in Negro districts of the city.

## Our Weather

Partly cloudy and warm to today, tonight and tomorrow. Scattered showers this afternoon and evening and again Saturday.

High yesterday—84.  
High today—86.  
Low tomorrow—85.  
Low this morning—71.  
Law tonight—72.  
Sunrise 5:19 a. m.; sunset 7:38 p. m.

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## Mecklenburg Per Capita Assessed Valuation 4th In Large Counties

By DICK YOUNG  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Mecklenburg's assessed property valuation of \$2,346 per capita stands fourth among the seven larger counties of North Carolina.

This information is contained in a "Study of Seven Large Counties and Seven Large Cities" prepared by John Alexander Meason, assistant director of the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill.

Copy of the report has just been received by City Treasurer L. L. Ledbetter, who worked out the rankings among the cities and counties.

Forsyth has a per capita valuation of \$1,079 tops the list, followed by Durham with \$2,033 and by Guilford with \$2,847. The counties below Mecklen-

burg are New Hanover with \$1,901, Wake with \$1,466 and Buncombe with \$1,141.

Mecklenburg was in third position in the amount of its tax rate, which was 91 cents for last year.

Buncombe was first in the total of its tax rate at \$1.78, followed in order with New Hanover with \$1, Mecklenburg with 91 cents, Wake with 83 cents, Durham with 75 cents, Forsyth with 76 cents and Guilford with 70 cents.

In tax revenue per capita Mecklenburg also stands third with \$30.47.

Forsyth is in first place with \$21.15 followed by Durham with \$20.99, Buncombe with \$20.45, Guilford with \$19.55, New Hanover with \$19.34 and Wake with \$13.23.

In a table showing other lo-

cal revenues, ABC profits paid Mecklenburg in second place with the liquor stores profits representing 13 per cent of local revenues.

**WAKE FIRST**  
Wake was first with ABC profits being 15 per cent of local revenues. Other were New Hanover with 11 per cent, Buncombe and Durham with 6 per cent and Forsyth with 3 per cent and Guilford with 2 per cent.

Mecklenburg's per capita of \$3.36 of ABC profits was at the top of the ladder, with other counties in lower ranks as follows: New Hanover with \$2.52, Wake with \$2.44, Durham with \$2.13, Buncombe with \$1.21. For-

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