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Berserk Woman Wounds Father, Son S.C. MOTHER KILLS BABY, SELF



IF THE FROST is on the pumpkin, farmer A. C. "Babe" Stillwell is glad to see it. Reputed to be "Pumpkin King of Mecklenburg," Babe has thousands piled around and in his barns on Beatty's Ford Rd. in the

Gileed section. Farmer Stillwell is shown amid his treasure of pumpkins waiting for the Halloween jack-o-lantern to come in style again.

Mother, Four Children Die In Home Fire

STAFFORD, Conn. (AP)—A 60-year-old mother and four of her children perished early today when fire swept their six-room home in this Bridgeport suburb. The mother, a daughter and two sons were only 15 feet from the front door when they were killed by dense smoke. Another son was found in an upstairs bedroom, a short distance from the window.

They were Mrs. Florence Talbot, whose husband died six months ago; her 13-year-old daughter Patty, and three sons, Thomas, 21, Robert, 22, and Jack, 26. Jack's body was found upstairs.

All had been in bed when the blaze broke out, apparently in a kitchen oil burner, about 12:45 a.m., Fire Chief Theodore Lockwood said.

He said the four who came down the stairs almost made it to safety. But, he added, they apparently piled up coming down the stairs in the dense smoke. Fifteen feet more and they would have made it.

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A neighbor, Mrs. Frank Sakowicz, discovered the blaze. She said her dog started barking and she went out to see what the trouble was.

"I looked down the street and saw the flames in the house. I ran to Mrs. Talbot's and shouted for them to get out."

"Then I opened the door, but I was halted by thick smoke. I heard someone moaning inside, but I couldn't get in."

To Our Subscribers

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Answers Stevenson

Ike Says H-Bomb Control Sought

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower, firing back at Adlai Stevenson, said today his administration has done everything humanly possible to bring the H-bomb threat under international control and use atomic power for peaceful purposes.

Eisenhower also told a news conference he regards management of America's internal affairs as the paramount issue of the presidential campaign.

A reporter told Eisenhower that Stevenson, the Democratic presidential nominee, said in an address at Seattle Tuesday night that "Republican politicians, including the President, have little understanding or sympathy with attempts to save man from the greatest horror his ingenuity has ever devised."

Eisenhower was talking about the H-bomb and defending his proposal that H-bomb tests be ended, under certain conditions.

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Adlai Makes Bid For Vote In California

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Eisenhower's opponent Adlai E. Stevenson bid today for California's 32 electoral votes after being assured by Oregon Democrats he would carry their state.

The Democratic candidate shifted his campaign to California last night, flying from Portland, Ore., where he got a roaring welcome at a party rally.

At Portland, a crowd which overflowed into the streets from the Adlai's public auditorium applauded him again and again as he jabbed at charges of "indifference" with a persistent "efficiency."

He said that, as he listened to Eisenhower's speech, he thought he was listening to Herbert Hoover, and the language was the language of Madison Avenue.

Stevenson will make a nationwide television-radio broadcast tonight on his medical care proposals.

He is scheduled at 8:40 a.m. EST, over NBC from San Francisco.

At Portland yesterday he hailed the Democratic victory in Alaska congressional races as heralding a Democratic victory in November.

In his Portland speech last night, Stevenson drew comparisons between Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) and his opponent, former interior secretary Douglas McKay, and between Democratic vice presidential candidate Estes Kefauver and Vice President Nixon.

He did this, he said, "because the defendant established himself as a Negro by virtue of having married two Negro women and attended a Negro church and lived as a Negro."

Wright, who according to testimony at his trial has been married to two Negro women and a white woman with a divorce, claims he is a white man.

Colleges' Grant Seen By Hodges

By JULIAN SCHEER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Nearly a million dollars for Charlotte and Carver Colleges will be recommended to the General Assembly in January by the Advisory Budget Commission.

Gov. Luther H. Hodges made the prediction here today.

The governor also said the recommendations—calling for 50 percent matching funds from Charlotte—were in line with his thinking on Charlotte's higher education needs.

While the decision of the Advisory Budget Commission is not definite, Gov. Hodges said, "It is my opinion that the Commission will go along with the recommendations of the State Board of Higher Education."

After reviewing requests here for full support of the Negro white and Negro colleges, the State Board of Higher Education made its recommendations to the Advisory Budget Commission.

The next step would be the commission's analysis of the requests and the Governor's recommendations to the General Assembly. It appears, according to Gov. Hodges, that the commission will follow the board's suggestions.

THE PROPOSALS
(The recommendations are these: For Charlotte College, \$425,000 for the next two years in matching funds for a Charlotte College building site. This means the \$225,000 would be matched by giving Charlotte an \$850,000 college structure.

For Charlotte and Carver Colleges, operating funds amounting to \$3 per quarter hour of instruction for 30,000 hours annually. This means \$90,000 in the next two years, or about \$180 per student.

While Charlotte college officials were happy to receive news of the prospect of a favorable approval of requests, they face a problem of matching the funds and raising \$80,000 for a Charlotte College building site. The site is not included in the \$425,000.

No plans have been formulated to raise the money to match state funds. If it is not raised, the state's share of the money will not be given to Charlotte College.

Gov. Hodges told Chamber of Commerce President Stow Moore, "I am not in favor of big business."

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cept that contention, it could not have found him guilty of bigamy since the two marriages to Negro women would not have been valid under the law.

"This question is too big an order," Judge Freyer said. "I will not ask a jury to determine a man's race without scientific evidence being presented."

The case went to the jury late this morning. It is Wright's second trial for bigamy. A Superior Court jury deadlocked on the question of his race in August.

PRESENT TODAY
Present today in Superior Court were the first two wives, both Negro, and his third wife, a white woman, Mrs. Mary Belle Torrence Bullard.



GOV. HODGES Speaks At SBA Meet

At 4 a.m., however, American and British military authorities ordered a gigantic search of the entire ocean area from England to the Azores on the presumption that the plane was down somewhere in the Atlantic.

The Liftmaster was at first believed to have been carrying seven wives and child encl U. S. servicemen on its return flight. This year was displaced by a U. S. Air Force spokesman who said only military personnel were aboard.

By The Numbers
You May Know Them
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Auto hub caps, like calves, are going to be branded in this part of the wild and woolly West, says the Los Angeles Police Commission. Stamp-out judges with tiny license numbers would help reduce the \$100-a-day loss to car strippers. Lt. P. M. Myer, of the auto theft detail, said.

Our Weather
Fair and continued cool today and tonight. Friday increasing cloudiness with rising temperatures.

Low this morning... 43
Low tomorrow morning... 40
High today... 65
High yesterday... 72
High tomorrow... 77
Sunrise today 6:25 a.m.; sunset today 5:34 p.m.

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Select FORECAST: Milk Products at your favorite store.—Adv.

'Nice Lady' Goes On Shooting Spree

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

FOUNTAIN INN, S. C.—A quiet young mother went berserk here in the middle of the night, killed her young daughter, wounded her husband and son and then put a fatal bullet into her own temple.

Mrs. Ethel Rogers Dupree, who "always seemed to be such a nice lady," according to a neighbor, fired four shots from a .38 caliber automatic pistol, one at each member of her family.

She was found dead in her neat bungalow in Fountain Inn's best residential section shortly after 3 a.m. today. The pistol was still in her hand.

Her husband, a house trailer salesman, and a son, Jackie, 8, were reported in "fair" condition in a local hospital. Both were shot once in the chest. They will probably recover, a hospital spokesman said.

A 14-month-old daughter, Gail, was dead on arrival at the hospital.

Police Chief J. G. Armstrong said he had not talked to Mr. Dupree late this morning. He said he was at a "lost" to explain the tragedy.

MENTAL HOSPITAL
A next door neighbor of the Duprees, Mrs. James Taylor, said Mrs. Dupree had spent several months in the South Carolina Hospital for the Mentally Ill in Columbia.

"She was a wonderful person, though," Mrs. Taylor said. "Everybody in the neighborhood is shocked. We can hardly believe it happened."

Mrs. Taylor said she and her husband were awakened by shouts from Mr. Dupree. "He was calling, 'Mr. Cox, Mr. Cox,'" she said. "Cox is the neighbor on the other side of the Dupree house."

Mr. Taylor rushed into the yard to find Mr. Dupree with his young son in his arms.

"He put them in his car and came back to tell me to call the police," Mrs. Taylor said. "Then he drove Mr. Dupree and Jackie to the doctor's office. Mrs. Dupree and the baby were already dead."

Chief Armstrong said Mrs. Dupree had the reputation of being a quiet, friendly person. She was in her early 30's, he said.

POLICE ARRIVE
When police arrived at the home, they found Gail dead in her crib and Mrs. Dupree lying on the floor with the fatal pistol.

As the tragic news coursed through the community this morning, large crowds of people gathered at the scene. Cars drove by all day.

There will probably be no inquest into the deaths, Chief Armstrong said. He said he would speak with Mr. Dupree at the hospital tonight.

Democrats Close Ranks For Nov. 6



MR. VICKERS

By JULIAN SCHEER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Hailing of a so-called rift in the local Democratic Party appeared an accomplished fact today following organization this week of a new group to coordinate party activities here.

The group, headed by John H. Vickers, will be called the Special Advisory and Financial committee and will work "as a team" to "elect a ticket in Mecklenburg County and to elect Ben F. Douglas to Congress from the 10th District."

The new group is made up of both factions in the so-called "split" in the local Democratic Party earlier this year.

"We are putting the whole team together," Mr. Vickers said today, "and going down the line on a straight Democratic line from Gov. Hodges to the last constable."

The announcement came after a series of meetings which started several weeks ago and which reached a final stage on Monday.

MONDAY SESSION
W. M. Nicholson, chairman of the Mecklenburg County Democratic Executive Committee, called a meeting of party leaders.

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12 days to go REGISTER then VOTE

Deadline for changing registration is Oct. 16. Deadline for new registrants is Oct. 23. You can't vote if you're not registered.

Judge Throws Out Racial Question In Bigamy Trial

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
CONCORD—Judge L. Richardson Freyer ruled out the question of whether Leroy Wright is a white man or a Negro in charging the jury in Wright's bigamy trial today.

Judge Freyer told the Superior Court jury to consider only whether in its opinion Wright was married to two Negro women without a divorce.



LEROY WRIGHT
Judge Freyer's decision that Wright was a white man.

The Campaign In A Capsule

(FROM AP REPORTS)
Campaigning gives way to official White House duties for President Eisenhower today as he meets with secretaries, is visited by Grace Kelly and her prince, and talks with Rep. Adam Clayton Powell and members of the Supreme Court.

"California, Here I Come" could well be Adlai Stevenson's theme song as the Democratic candidate began a barnstorming bid for that state's 32 electoral votes.

Gov. Stevenson flew in from Portland, Ore., last night, plans a nationwide TV-radio broadcast tonight from San Francisco.

And while Stevenson enters California, Vice President Nixon wound up a one-day tour of his home state and left today for Eiko, Nev., Boulder and Denver, Colo. He then tours the Midwest and heads east.

After three days of eastern barnstorming and a speech at Buffalo, N. Y., Sen Estes Kefauver moved into the Midwest today. His first stop was Indianola, Iowa. The motorcade ends at Bayard with a major farm speech tonight.

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