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Sanford Watches Larkins, Pearsall Jockey For Post

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It is a little bit, just a little, too early to talk about North Carolina's next governor. Why, Luther Hodges hasn't been sworn in yet for his four-year term, but it seems quite legitimate when prospective candidates are making his contenders themselves. For instance, the "deal" going on this week between John Larkins and Tom Pearsall. The lineup would be Terry Sanford, of course, versus the field.

The "field" has reportedly been Pearsall. But this week Pearsall was evening Larkins and Larkins was evening Pearsall. Both appear gunning for the same place on the primary ballot opposite Sanford. Each is highly suspicious of the other, it is said.

You oughta be cautioned that this is just talk — very early talk — but the talk is going around. Larkins, they're saying, must kill off Pearsall if he wants to run. Pearsall must knock Larkins out of the picture.

The story has been that Pearsall is the Hodges candidate. But Pearsall doesn't seem aware of the fact that Mr. Hodges had enough of Larkins in Raleigh and the party was pleasing to both.

No question, however, that Larkins is politically ambitious. He is interested in the cabinet seat and if he can keep front runner Pearsall shaky—that's good strategy.

What about Hodges? While Pearsall is certainly eyed for bigger and better things, the Governor isn't going to give his stamp of approval to either man. At least, he won't for a long, long time to come.

Politicians are looking at the Pearsall-Larkins nervous rashes with amusement. They know it is awfully premature, but they also know Larkins stands to gain a little edge more than Pearsall. Larkins is rocking the boat — there is a political boat to rock.

Sanford can just smile, if you smile in political wars. He can also expect a fight. No doubt but he'll face stiff opposition if and when he tenses his hat in the ring and Pearsall or Larkins or somebody we haven't mentioned gets into the fight. That "somebody" will no doubt be several people we talk about over the next four years.

Evening Prayer

O God, our refuge, strengthen our hearts this day that we may have peace in Thee and bring cheer and helpfulness to others. In Christ's name. Amen.

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Guerrillas Strike At U.N. Police

By LEONARD EDDINGTON  
PORT SAID, Egypt (AP)—Tens of thousands of Egyptian guerrillas attacked U.N. police force patrols and the British army cranked down on the Arab populace with tough search measures in an effort to find a kidnapped lieutenant.



SILHOUETTED SUDANESE troopers of the Egyptian Camel Corps seen to recreate the well-known Christmas-time scene of the Magi bearing gifts to the Christ Child. The picture was taken as the troopers patrolled the Kantara area of the Siani desert.

Three hand grenades were hurled at a jeep patrol of Norwegian members of the U.N. force and small arms fire was directed at a Swedish patrol, U.N. officials said. There were no casualties but Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, the police force commander, protested strongly to Egyptian authorities in Cairo. It was the first such attack here on the U.N. soldiers.

British forces also came under new guerrilla attack. One Egyptian was killed. The U.N. units wore the blue helmets of the police force but a British official said there was a possibility they might have been mistaken in the early morning darkness for British or French troops.

There was speculation the guerrillas may be members of the outlawed nationalist Muslim Brotherhood trying to put Egyptian President Nasser in an embarrassing situation.

Lt. Gen. Sir Hugh Stockwell, the British commander, ordered his forces to round up all Arabs, men, women and children, in a five-block area, for questioning in the kidnapping of Lt. Anthony Moorehouse on Wednesday.

Arab males 15 years or older were taken to the city sports stadium for questioning. The car in which Moorehouse was kidnapped was found abandoned in a garage in the search area.

The Egyptian underground claims to have killed Moorehouse. Stockwell told newsmen: "I don't hold any great hope on this operation but I feel I must do something about it."

IT COST \$108 TO BEAT RAP IN \$10 CASE  
LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—It cost him \$108 to do it, but James A. McCary, 20, got out of paying a \$10 traffic fine.

A judge suspended McCary's penalty yesterday after hearing this story of the defendant's good intentions.

McCary, a former resident of Long Beach, now lives in Springfield, Ill.

When he learned there was a traffic citation against him here, he hopped a plane and arrived Thursday night. Cost: \$108.

But that didn't leave him enough money for a room, so police let him sleep the night in jail.

The judge's verdict: \$10 fine, suspended. "I think you've earned that consideration."

16 Killed As Storm Hits Northeast U. S.

Mrs. Yazel Returns For Trial

A Rock Hill, S. C., housewife, Mrs. Dora Jane Yazel, decided against an extradition fight and returned to Mecklenburg County this morning to face charges of armed robbery.

Mrs. Yazel was picked up about 10:45 a.m. at the York, S. C., jail by Deputies Banks Maylew and Miss Perry Goodrum of the Mecklenburg Sheriff's office.

The deputies arrived back shortly before noon and Mrs. Yazel was lodged in the county jail.

Mrs. Yazel's attorney, W. Gist Finley of York, called the sheriff's office this morning to say that his client would waive the extradition hearing and return voluntarily to stand trial in North Carolina.

The South Carolina woman is accused of holding up a Pineville Rd. service station operated by Wriston T. Yandle last August. She had been released to South Carolina authorities last September by Superior Court Judge J. C. Rudisill after a psychiatrist testified she was mentally ill.

A Fort Mill, S. C., Negro, Tommy Miller, 23, was sentenced to seven to 10 years in prison after he was convicted of taking part in the robbery. Mrs. Yazel admitted she got Miller to go along with her in the robbery.

Finley earlier this week reportedly announced he would fight the extradition of his client from South Carolina. This brought blistering criticism from Judge Rudisill.

Judge Rudisill said Finley had "tailed to keep faith with the court." The judge said the attorney had "completely disregarded a solemn promise" not to fight extradition of Mrs. Yazel if she were released from a mental institution.

Solicitor Basil L. Whitener was in the process of drawing up extradition papers to bring Mrs. Yazel back to Mecklenburg County to stand trial when her attorney announced she would return.

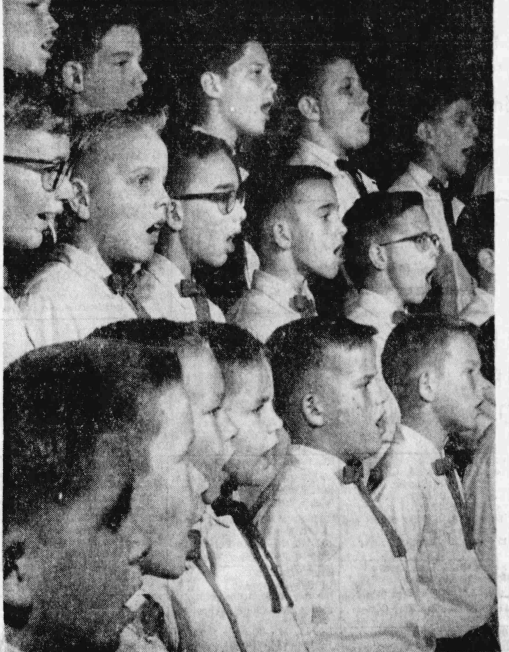
MARINES FREED FROM CHARGES  
CHERRY POINT (AP)—Two Marines charged with burning prisoners with cigarettes have been acquitted by a general court-martial.

Sgt. Don F. Bennett, 21, and Cpl. Ed. C. Hallett, 19, were charged with maltreatment and cruelty specifically burning the feet of two prisoners with cigarettes and kicking their feet from under them.

The charges grew out of accusations by two Navy prisoners who were being held pending their return to Charleston, S. C., where they were absent without leave.

WESTERN NEWSMEN ORDERED TO LEAVE  
BUDAPEST (AP)—The Hungarian government today ordered two western news correspondents to leave the country before midnight tomorrow. They are Eric Wahn of the Associated Press and Richard Kilian of the London Daily Express.

Originally they had been ordered to leave by midnight tonight. This would have given them only 11 hours to arrange transportation and cross the frontier into Austria.



Charlotte Boys Choir Carols Away.

Warm-Hearted Carol Singing Fills Damp And Cold Night

By JIM SCOTTON  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Rain damped everything but the spirit of last night's Christmas Carol Sing at the Charlotte Coliseum.

An estimated audience of 2,000 joined nearly 1,000 in the program to fill the cold and empty centers under the big dome with the warm-hearted songs of the Christmas season.

The crowd at the Christmas sing, held in behalf of the Charlotte News Empty Stocking Fund and the Charlotte Variety Club charities, trickled in very slowly in the early part of the evening. But by 9 p.m., one side of the Coliseum was filled with singers.

Admission was free and during the evening girls from Queens College collected donations to aid some cheer to the bleak Christmas which many families in Charlotte face.

The program varied from solo performances by such singers as Mildred Crowder, minister of music at Dilworth Methodist Church, to choral works presented by choirs from Mecklenburg High Schools. One of the highlights of the evening was the appearance of the famed Boys Choir of Charlotte.

The audience varied from elderly persons who remembered scenes of other Christmas sings to sleepy-eyed youngsters who loved the traditional carols for the first time.

Each half hour of the first two hours of the program was broadcast by a different Charlotte radio station. WAVS carried the 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. portion, followed by WIST, WSOB and WBT.

Francis Fitzgerald of WGIV was chairman of the first part of the evening's program.

Some of the special acts in the opening two hours were Bill Jeffries and his combo, Dan White and his organ and quartet, Lou Curtis and his combo, The Shad-

owes, Genial Gene, Hound Dog, and other local radio and entertainment personalities.

AUDIENCE DELIGHTED  
Glady's Lavitan's "Story of the Nativity" and the "Children's Christmas Story" presented by Carole Coleman, Bob Williams, Barbara Bender and Eleanor Bek delighted young and old in the audience.

Biggest crowd-pleaser appeared to be the 15-minute Christmas music concert by the Central High School band.

The audience, a bit wet from the heavy rains which were still falling when they came in, filled the Coliseum with song as they

joined in singing "O Come All Ye Faithful" at the opening of the second part of the program. Strong-voiced Dr. Howard

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SHOPPING DAYS LEFT  
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS  
HELP  
POST

Empty Stocking Fund  
One Christmas Wish: 'I'd Get Me Something To Eat'

"I'd get me something to eat," she said. "I'd get me something good to eat, and I'd eat so much I'd almost be sick from it."

Suzanne Patsy and Sue Stephenson 10.00  
Charlotte Deaf Men's Club 10.00  
Standard Trucking Co. 25.00  
In memory of David L. Jones Jr. 10.00  
The Spectator Book Club 18.00  
Mrs. T. R. Jones 10.00  
Mrs. and Mrs. T. Keller Bush 5.00  
Circle No. 2, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Community Methodist Church 11.00  
F. B. Flarent 2.00  
In memory of Carey E. Haiger Jr. 10.00  
Mrs. W. G. Welles 15.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ott 10.00  
David Jr., Bets, Michael, Sam Rankin 10.00  
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Taylor and children, Priscilla, Tommy and Elaine 15.00  
M. H. Courtney 5.00  
Dan, Tommy and Field Caldwell Jr. 5.00  
A Friend 10.00  
Stock Insurance 5.00  
Field 15.00  
Mrs. Clara D. Havner 10.00  
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stedman Jr. and

Noble, Pineville 10.00  
A Friend 10.00  
Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Rimmer 10.00  
Virginia 5.00  
Johnston 15.00  
Mrs. Louise D. Drake and Mrs. Minnie 10.00  
Supreme 5.00  
Claudia McFadden 5.00  
A Friend 5.00  
Supreme 5.00  
Woodmen Circle No. 265, Matthews 5.00  
Mrs. Alice Dew 15.00  
A Friend 5.00  
Mrs. Sarah W. Tate 10.00  
R. H. Bouquity 25.00  
Mrs. W. F. McCallus 5.00  
Anonymous 10.00  
Miss Craig Thompson 5.00  
Sallie Deane Chapter, St. Martin's 5.00  
Episcopal Church 11.00  
Miss Betty McGuire 5.00  
Bill McGuire 5.00  
Bob McGuire 5.00  
John McGuire 5.00  
Bill Odeil 5.00  
Preston Robinson 5.00  
Odeil 5.00  
Dick Ramsey and Elizabeth R. Eves, William 25.00  
Mrs. W. F. McCallus 5.00  
Townsend Harris 5.00

TOTAL TO DATE—\$6,981.61