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FIRST ON THE ICE today was City Councilwoman Mrs. Martha Evans. A fancy figure skater herself, she was forced to lean on Joe Formica, right wing of the Washington

Hockey team for support. Mrs. Evans injured her knee in a fall in a churchyard several months ago.

Free Glide Tonight

Ice Skating Test Set At Coliseum

By EMERY WISTER  
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Charlotte's interest in ice skating will be tested tonight when the coliseum rink will be thrown open to the general public.

City Councilwoman Martha Evans was the first to test the ice, trying her skill early this morning. An accomplished skater, she will return to the rink tonight.

There will be no charge for all who wish to test their skill and for most, their newly bought blades.

Parking also will be free of charge. The public skating begins at 6:30 p.m.

VALENTINE GIFT BRINGS ACTION FROM ASSEMBLY

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP)—The two women in the Nevada Assembly noted Valentine's Day by distributing candy to their assembled, but smiling, male colleagues.

Democrats Maude Frazier and Hazel Denton pointed out the candy passing was not to be construed in the same light as sorority girls announcing engagements.

But Mrs. Frazier's partner from Clark County, Democrat Stan Iwin, promptly moved that they act "so construed."

Evening Prayer

O God, our Maker, may we ever walk by the light of Thy stars that will guide us onward and upward into the light of a new day. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

President Keeps 'An Open Mind' College Seeks Advice In Myers Case

The president of Campbell College, a Baptist-supported institution at Buies Creek, said today he has kept "an open mind" since last April concerning John V. Myers.

Dr. Leslie Campbell also said today he is asking the college's board of directors for "advice" in handling the Myers situation.

Myers, an instructor and coach at the college, is one of the witnesses subpoenaed to appear here March 12 for a special subcommittee hearing of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Dr. Campbell said, "I do not want to be in the position of taking sides."

Myers issued this statement concerning his own appearance: "I wish to inform my friends here March 12-14 at the Federal Bldg.

Myers said he has heard only "someone's opinion" and no other statements.

"I have seen no evidence here that he is disloyal," he added.

"I think I read the statement in a newspaper," he said, "I did not take any action."

He also stated he believes he is being called before the subcommittee because he was named by Charlotte attorney Ralph Clutz Jr. in last April's Junius Scales trial in Greens-

boro as a person Clutz met in the company of Scales and was described to him as a Communist.

"I am merely asking for advice," Dr. Campbell said. He has written to his board of directors and said he does not know whether they will act "immediately, later or not at all."

Myers was first mentioned in April in the Scales trial testimony. Dr. Campbell pointed out that he did not talk with Myers at that time and he "waited for further developments."

"I think I read the statement in a newspaper," he said, "I did not take any action."

He said there wasn't much comment on the matter at that time on the college campus.

"I do not want to get into a controversy over this thing,"

Schoolroom Aides Found To Ease Load Month's Study Is Authorized

By DICK YOUNG  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Immediate and intensive study of the possibility of employing teachers' assistants to cope with Charlotte's increasing school enrollment and teacher shortage was authorized today.

The City School Board at a session this morning instructed the administrative staff to study the plan and have a report with in one month.

Dr. Hobson, who proposed the study, said: "Let's get this study under way as soon as possible so that we may be able to institute the plan for the next school year."

Use of teachers' assistants or aides has been under experiment in other places, notably in Michigan, and the success of such a plan has been so pronounced that widespread attention has been centered on the new system.

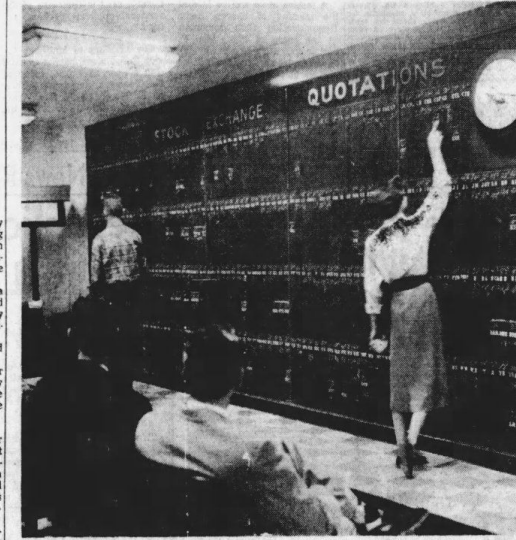
These aides are used in relieving the overburdened teacher of handling many routine matters.

It has been shown in the experimental classes that the aide takes over much of the clerical duties of the teacher in making out reports, handling sales of books, handing out supplies, and even doing chores such as writing on the blackboard.

Such a system, it was further pointed out, makes it possible for the certified teacher to adequately handle a larger number of students in actual instruction.

Under the North Carolina educational setup the ideal class enrollment is 33 students, but many teachers here have between 35 and 40 pupils.

These teaching aides would not be certified teachers and could be employed at salaries below those of teachers who meet certification requirements.



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Health Report Quickens Local Stock Action

"Look at Steel"  
At 10:14 today that was the word around Charlotte's financial houses.

"Steel" is United States Steel.

"Steel" opened late—14 minutes behind the market's opening time—and opening trade showed 25,000 shares. It wasn't sensational, but it was large.

"Steel" set the tempo of trading on the New York Stock Exchange today. Prices were up, trading was brisk, interest was high in New York and Charlotte.

There was an air of excitement at local brokerages this morning. A strong medical report on President Eisenhower's health triggered the upswing and to take care of the classroom chores.

Customers men at the local brokers offices described Charlotte area investors and speculators as "definitely optimistic and bullish on the market."

Following Health Report President Off On Georgia Vacation

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower left by plane today for a Georgia vacation.

He took off in his plane Columbine III at 10:35 a.m. less than 24 hours after his doctors reported to him and to the nation that there is no medical barrier to his running again and serving another term if elected.

The President appeared in high spirits. He chatted for a few moments at the foot of the landing ramp with an old golfing friend, Col. Tom Belts, who came to the airport to see him off.

Eisenhower wore a light tan trench coat and a brown fedora. Mrs. Eisenhower wore a gray suit with matching hat and had a fur piece over her shoulders.

How he feels after tramping the piney woods and broom sage fields in pursuit of birds may determine his decision as to whether to run again.

From physicians who examined him, the verdict was that he appeared fit for "another 5 to 10 years" in the presidency.

But the doctors offered no advice as to whether he should run again.

Hot Springs Hit Hardest By Deluge

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP)—A flash flood struck this resort city early today, pouring water six feet deep through the downtown streets. One death was reported.

The torrent, result of a 2-hour cloudburst, came at the start of the tourist season in this west Arkansas city of about 38,000 permanent residents.

A woman, identified only as Mrs. Hollie Barker, was reported drowned when she was washed from the top of a car where she and her husband had sought refuge.

Police said the couple was camping about five miles northeast of here.

The woman's husband, identified as Bob Barker, clung to a tree when the water swamped the car. After the water subsided, police said, he hiked a mile to a farm house for help. He was hospitalized and treated for shock. Her body has not been found.

The car was washed into a small ravine.

At about the same time the flood hit Hot Springs, tornado-like storms cut through an area 60 miles north of here, killing one man, injuring two and wrecking numerous houses and outbuildings.

The opening of the annual spring loose water gauge here at Oakes Park is only 10 days away. Early arrivals already jammed hotels and motels.

OVER FIVE INCHES  
The rain, which started falling about 1 a.m. continued for about four hours. The National Park service gauge here registered 5.74 inches of rain.

Water flowing into the downtown district from surrounding hills swayed the flood.

The water coursed down the city's main street, Central avenue, smashed automobiles into each other and poured into a number of business establishments.

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WOMAN OFF THE BEAM WITH RADAR IDEA

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Det. Lt. Walt Turner listened patiently for 10 minutes on the telephone while a woman caller told him she was being followed.

"I have seen your doctor lately, Mann," asked Turner, a d d speak again at a mass rally tonight. A capacity crowd of 40,000 is expected.

"I'll be back tonight," said Mrs. Evans as she paused to rest.

He pointed out that the supply of men's skates was still fairly complete, but that women's skates are "in broken sizes" only.

Skates are sold complete with shoes. Prevailing prices here are slightly under \$20 though some sell for as much as \$75.

Our Weather

Mostly sunny this afternoon. Mostly cloudy and mild tonight and tomorrow. Chances of showers tonight and tomorrow morning.

Low this morning—59  
Low tomorrow morning—55  
High yesterday—67  
High today—70  
High tomorrow—70  
Sunrise 7:09 a.m.; sunset 6:06 p.m.

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Net Cutting Triggers Brawl At Cage Contest

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Police said a crowd of local Negroes estimated at 500 showed their wrath by throwing rocks at visiting students. One girl in the Durham group suffered a cut over one eye. She was not identified and was rushed away from the scene, police added.

Officers reported that some 20 windows in three houses used to transport the Durham students were broken by rocks. No arrests had been made, police said.

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