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Four Saved From Injury by Mother

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A mother who had come to watch her child board a Pineville school bus saved at least four children from serious injury early today when a truck knocked an automobile into a line of youngsters standing at a bus stop.

Miraculously, no one was seriously hurt in the 8 a.m. accident, but the mother, Mrs. Gladys Current, suffered a wrenched back.

County Police praised her efforts in jerking and pushing the children out of the path of the automobile.

Current was unable to talk by telephone to a reporter this morning. She was still suffering from shock. But Officer Allison and Abernethie reconstructed the accident in this way:

WAITING IN RAIN

A line of about 15 school children were waiting in the rain on the east side of the Charlotte-Pineville highway approximately one block outside the Pineville city limits. Mrs. Current had come down to the bus stop for the first time to watch her six-year-old daughter, Patricia, board her bus for the Pineville school.

The school bus, driven by 18-year-old James Wham Throver (an East High School student driver of Pineville), had stopped in the southbound lane of traffic, headed into Pineville.

The children were to walk across the highway in front of the bus.

CAR STOPS

A car, headed north out of Pineville, had come to a stop, waiting on the students to cross. Willie D. Williams, 39, Fort Mill, S. C., was driver.

Just then a stake-body truck loaded with cordwood, skidded on the wet pavement and struck the rear of the car.

The impact knocked the automobile to the right-hand shoulder of the highway causing the car to cross a sidewalk and head directly for the line-up of youngsters.

In a flash, police said, Mrs. Current half-jerked, half-pushed three youngsters backwards, dividing "B" line.

LICAPSE INJURY

Two children — John, 14, and Betty Beese, 12 — were injured by being on the west side of the car as it cut through the line.

Only one child actually came in contact with the automobile, hurting her hand. Six-year-old Joyce Bunn received a minor cut on a finger of her left hand.

Two other children and Mrs. Current were taken to Dr. Ralph Reid's clinic in Pineville suffering from shock. These were identified as 18-year-old Joyce Turner and Ann Price, also 10.

HIT BY CORDWOOD

When the truck struck the rear of the automobile, officers said a piece of cordwood flew off the truck and struck one of the children, Joyce Turner, on the leg but she was not injured seriously by the blow.

Frank Buchanan Jr., 18, Lanester, S. C., was driver of the truck. He told officers that he applied brakes about 50 feet from the rear of the Studebaker, but his wheels skidded on the wet pavement.

After the impact, Buchanan's truck swerved to the left and crossed the southbound lane of traffic in front of the stopped school bus. The truck came to a stop in a ditch on the west side of the highway, damaging the left side of the vehicle.

DRIVER CHARGED

Buchanan has been charged with reckless driving and assault with a deadly weapon (auto).

The driver of the car was not charged.

When the car struck the culvert, the impact caused both front tires to blow out. The automobile traveled a distance of 75 feet after being hit by the truck, crossed the culvert, went through the line of children, crossed a side road and came to rest in the lot of Crump's crown Service Station.



KEITH BEATTY

Keith Beatty Given June Parole Date

By CHARLES KURLAT
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Keith M. Beatty will be paroled June 10.

The Charlotte businessman was granted the parole by the U. S. Parole Board in Washington, a Dept. of Justice spokesman said today.

He will be free to come home after serving half of his two-year sentence for a \$200,000 tax evasion. He is at the federal prison in the Springside, Me.

This will be almost the end of a long road of litigation that began in 1933 when Mr. Beatty, his brother, Ed, and Cliff Parsons were indicted for evading tax payments on their taxi, gas and bus businesses.

Ed Beatty served 15 months of a three-year sentence and was paroled. The indictment against Mr. Parsons was dismissed recently. He was never arrested.

Keith Beatty appealed his conviction first to the U. S. Circuit Court and then to the Supreme Court. Last June, his appeals exhausted, he entered the federal penitentiary in Alcatraz, Calif. A stomach ailment caused him to be transferred to the Missouri hospital.

He became eligible for parole when one-third of his term was completed last week. Mr. Beatty was paid \$30,000 in fines and \$6,707.76 in costs. But still hanging over him is the government's claim for unpaid taxes. That is pending in the Tax Court of the United States.

Our Weather

Cloudy and cool with occasional rain today, tonight and tomorrow.

Low this morning—42.

Low tomorrow morning—42.

High today—61.

High tomorrow—58.

Sunrise 7:07 a. m.; sunset 6:08 p. m.

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BRITISH MAY ENDEAVOR TO INCREASE DEATH PENALTIES

Vote in Lower House Calls For End To Hanging

By TOM OCHILTREE

LONDON (AP)—The House of Commons ordered Prime Minister Eden's government last night to draft a bill abolishing the death penalty in Britain. Eden indicated he hoped the deputies would change their mind when voting time comes again.

The House voted 293-262 to direct the government to introduce legislation removing capital punishment from the statute books, either permanently or for some specified trial period to allow reconsideration.

Cheers rang through the Commons chamber when the speaker announced the vote. Women in the public galleries excitedly waved their arms.

NO DELAY

Eden, whose government urged retention of the death penalty, assured the House there would be "no undue delay" in introduction of the necessary legislation. But he added the government would "make a considered statement of the consequences" of abolition.

The House action apparently spared the lives of three young condemned killers awaiting hanging. The British only have capital punishment. It was understood no death penalties would be carried out before the abolition legislation is introduced.

Presumably his sentences will be commuted to life imprisonment. Newspaper reaction to the House vote was mixed. The pro-Labor Daily Mirror and the Laborite Daily Herald approved. The Conservative Daily Telegraph disented.

NOT A DEFEAT

Although the government wanted capital punishment retained, the vote to abolish technically did not constitute a defeat for the cabinet. All parties allowed their members a free vote on the issue, permitting them to follow according to their consciences instead of party orders.

The government had expected to win by a small margin. Instead 37 of the Conservative majority and four Liberals joined the abolitionists.

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Park Road At Intersection Of Woodlawn: How Wide Should It Be?

Park Rd. Residents Ready To Fight Widening Plans

By DICK YOUNG

40-foot right-of-way, and few, if any, trees would be affected, Mr. Peterson said.

"Two sets of two driving lanes with a 14-foot divider is all right for an open country highway," said Mr. Peterson, "but we contend that this section of Park Rd. is a city street."

Under Mr. Harrison's offer the State proposes to widen Park Rd. to construct two bridges, widen and resurface Woodlawn Rd. from and Woodlawn Rd.

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Buncombe Resident Kills Man

By TOM OCHILTREE

ASHEVILLE (AP)—The Buncombe sheriff's department today was investigating the possibility of burglary in the connection with the death of one by gunshot of two persons in the Oakley section here.

Dead are: One Taylor, 38, of Oakley, killed by two bullets from a 38 caliber revolver.

Mrs. C. W. Ramsey, 70, who was found dead in a partially filled bathtub. An autopsy was being performed this morning to determine the cause of death.

Mrs. Ramsey's husband, 72, was quoted by officers as saying he found Taylor in Mrs. Ramsey's bedroom when he arrived home about midnight, and shot him in self defense.

Taylor was being questioned in Buncombe County jail this morning. No charge had been placed against him, Sheriff Laurence E. Brown said.

Brown said he was investigating the possibility of burglary.

"It looks like the intention was burglary," he said. He said that silverware and other valuables had been wrapped and deposited on the floor next to the sixty-and-a-half brick house.

Taylor was in his stocking feet and his shoes were found near the kitchen door, Brown said. The door was ajar. There was no evidence of a forcible entry, he added.

Taylor was hit in the breast bone and high in the stomach by the bullets, Dr. P. R. Terry, coroner, said.

Ramsey, treasurer of the East Biltmore Water Co. and a retired engineer, was being questioned by officers when he was returned to his home about midnight after checking some water lines.

He said he could see down the hall of the first floor and noticed the light was on. He said that something was wrong with what appeared to be a club in his hand and that he then drew his gun and fired.

He was quoted by the sheriff as saying he was unable to determine exactly the time he arrived home. He was returning at 2:10 a.m., Brown said.

The sheriff quoted Ramsey as saying he did not see his wife in the bed and that he went across the street to the home of E. B. Olson and awakened him. He said that he told Olson what had happened and expressed the fear that something bad had happened to Ramsey.

Olson accompanied him back to the house. It was Olson who discovered Mrs. Ramsey's body in the bathtub.

The coroner, arriving shortly after 7 a.m., noted that the water in the tub was cold.

The big questions the sheriff was trying to answer today were: Whether Mrs. Ramsey died before the shooting, or whether the appearance of an intruder—or the sound of the eight-thousand-barrel and brought on a fatal heart attack.

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B52 Explosion Kills 3 Airmen

STRACY, Calif. (AP)—One of the Strategic Air Command's sweeping intercontinental B52 jet bombers exploded in high over the Sacramento-San Joaquin River valley yesterday. Three of the eight crewmen were killed.

Four parachuted to safety and one was missing.

Three bodies were recovered from the widespread, burned wreckage. The eight-million-dollar nuclear weapon carrier which was based at nearby Castle Air Force Base.

It was the first crash of a B52. The giants are manned by crews of the earlier B36 propeller-driven bombers. The ill-fated B52 was on a training flight.

"There was an explosion when we were over Sacramento," said Maj. Harold F. Karger of Awiter, Calif., one of the four survivors. "It knocked me out yesterday. A few minutes later there was a second explosion. I bailed out. We were at 32,000 feet."

Names of the dead and missing were withheld.

The crew chief said the bomber had caught fire and exploded in flight. There was no explanation.

More Prison For Ex-Prisoner

Russians Free U. S. Soldier

BERLIN (AP)—U. S. Army Pvt. Sidney Ray Sparks, 23, of Tennessee, Ga., was released from four years of Russian captivity today. He was turned over to Army authorities in East Berlin.

Sparks had escaped with two other prisoners Dec. 4, 1951, from a West Berlin guardhouse. He was being held in face charges of being AWOL, stealing money and assaulting a German cab driver.

Three days after the escape, East German Communist authorities said the trio had sought political asylum, but Austrian prisoners returning from Russian labor camps last June said they had seen Sparks in a Soviet camp. They said he told them the Soviets arrested him in Berlin in 1951.

The Georgia private was given a physical examination immediately after his release today. An Army spokesman said he would go back to the guardhouse as soon as the examination was completed.

Sparks' mother, Mrs. J. W. Glavin, lives at Tennille.

The two men who escaped to the east with Sparks were Ray B. Schultz of Rutledge, N. Y., and Charles J. Scott, Decatur, Ill.

Schultz returned from East Berlin in June, 1952. He was court-martialed, given a dishonorable discharge and sentenced to five years in prison. Scott has not been heard from since his flight.

TEARS IN EYES

The Austrian returnees who reported seeing Sparks said he asked them with tears in his eyes to give him U. S. authorities that he was being held at Camp Potma in Eastern European Russia. They added that he was ill at the time but was forced to work in the woods by the Russians.

An Army spokesman said Sparks would remain in confinement pending disposition of his case.

When Schultz returned to West Berlin he said he and his two companions had signed "defection" statements on the promise of a Soviet officer that they would be released.

Schultz testified at a court-martial, they were confined, accused of being spies and threatened with being sent to Siberia.

METER HONOR SYSTEM FAILS TO PAY OFF

ASHLAND, Ky. (AP)—Thieves and "cheaters" have prompted city officials to abandon "courtesy fine-meters" for overtime parking.

The city has removed the familiar red boxes from 62 locations installed eight months ago as a convenience to drivers.

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Evening Prayer

Lord God, strengthen us in our weakness, forgive our sins, and give us peace. Keep our hearts from being troubled by our sins, and give us peace. Amen.

COURT HAS TO DISPOSE OF REALLY SMELLY CASE

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Ignores Misty Rain Ike's Shooting Turns To Golf

THOMASVILLE, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower got out on a golf course today for the first time since his Sept. 24 heart attack and fired a one-over-par six on the first hole.

Ignored a misty rain as he stood on the first tee, a smile on his face, Eisenhower remarked:

"Well, I have been looking forward to this since the day before his heart attack in Denver he slammed a ball into the water. The two doctors had restricted him to putting and a bit of off-course practice with his approach iron."

With a big gallery of golf Arven Club members and news men looking on, the President hit three balls off the first tee.

Two were down the middle of the fairway about 200 yards. The third was about the same distance, but off to the left edge of the fairway.

Eisenhower, vacationing here at the plantation estate of Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey played today with his press secretary, James G. Hagerly; his son, John, 17; and his daughter, Mary, 15.

The President used an electric golf cart to scoot from shot to shot, as he frequently did before his illness. There was no advance word on how many holes he would play.

U. S. Cancels Tank Shipment To Arabians

WASHINGTON (AP)—With the White House taking a hand, the State Department today canceled a shipment of 19 American light tanks destined for Saudi Arabia.

It was not immediately clear whether the decision would quiet all the clamor stirred up by an announcement just nine hours earlier that the tanks were to be shipped from New York later today.

Nor was the reaction of Saudi Arabia predictable.

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