



Briar Creek Near Commonwealth (Top) And A Nearby Field

## Charlotte, Piedmont Target As Clouds Cut Loose Again

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With Charlotte and the Southern Piedmont their principal target, rainclouds poured it on again today.

By noon 65 inch had fallen since the rains began anew last night, bringing the five-day total to 2.65 inches.

This is more precipitation than fell in the entire months of December and January. Only 1.68 inch fell in that period.

There will be more. The Weather Bureau says showers this afternoon, ending some time tonight.

But there is no mention of rain tomorrow. Partly cloudy and mild is the forecast with the temperature expected to range from a 36-degree low to a 56-degree top.

The heavy rains turned Sugar and Briar creeks into torrents. The creeks overflowed their banks in low areas and were dangerously near flood stage in other places.

The rainy season began here Thursday afternoon.

By Friday the drops had changed into a steady downpour. The rain kept at it all day into the night and most of Saturday. Sometime during the night skies cleared and Sunday came up fair and mild. But by noon the clouds were gathering again, making room for another assault at night.

**CONSCIENCE EASED—10 YEARS LATER**

ASHLAND, Ky. (AP)—A moviegoer who fibbed about his age to get into a theatre on a children's ticket has eased his conscience—10 years later.

John Godfrey, manager of the Paramount Theatre, said he received a letter stating:

"After all these years I felt impressed to make this right so that my heart will be clear between God and I. . . I enclose 30 cents."

**Our Weather**  
Occasional rain with widely scattered thunderstorms and colder today. Rain ending tonight and cooler. Partly cloudy tomorrow.

Low this morning—44.  
High yesterday—66.  
High today—45.  
High tomorrow—50.

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**Clothes-Conscious**  
WEST LOS ANGELES (AP)—Comedian Ed Wynn says burglars took 60 neckties, two coats and a violin from his home last night.

The items are worth \$750, he told police. One of the coats is a zany racoon garment he has worn on the stage for years.

## Work Load At Capacity

# Additional Officers Sought For Force Of County Police

Could Close Them Down

## Vandals Threaten City Park Centers

By DICK YOUNG  
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Vandalism, if not halted, will soon put Charlotte's community centers out of business.

So said Marion Diehl, superintendent of the city Park & Recreation Commission, today.

Commenting on the latest depredations at Latta Park Community Center, Mr. Diehl said:

"If this does not stop, we are soon going to be forced out of business as far as our community centers are concerned."

**DAMAGE MOUNTS**  
In the last three or four months, Mr. Diehl said that every one of the park system's six community centers have been broken into at least once and a few several times. Damage and loss have mounted to several thousand dollars.

Latta Park Community Center was broken into Friday night and the contents scattered over the floor as the vandals' exit gained entrance.

Mr. Diehl said that 185 records, along with the record player, were stolen as well as \$35 in a petty cash box.

**MACHINES DAMAGED**  
An undetermined amount of money was also stolen from several soft drink machines, all of which were greatly damaged.

Desk drawers were pulled out and the contents scattered over the floor as the director's office was completely ransacked.

Earlier last week, Mr. Diehl said, the Enderly Park Community Center was broken into, coin machines were damaged and the place ransacked. An obscene note was left by the intruders who were disappointed at the small amount of money obtained.

**MEETING HELD**  
The Park & Recreation Commission was scheduled to hold a monthly session this afternoon and attention was expected to be given to these depredations.

Mr. Diehl was not certain as to what can be done to stop these break-ins and acts of vandalism. But a request may be framed for increased police surveillance and cooperation of citizens who live near these centers.

At the meeting it was expected that Chairman Ernest Sifford would report on the progress of construction of Park Center.

Mr. Diehl said that the station held were earlier. Richard L. Henkel, 28, and Edward Swenson, 25.

The town's two police officers had locked the station while they drove to Adrian, 12 miles away, to put Valdez' brother Philippe in jail there for safekeeping. They said he put up a fight when the bottle was taken from the men.

The officers got back to McMurry, where Valdez was walking out of the station with the police radio under his arm. Police said the men also took a clock calendar, keys, a stapling machine and a .32 caliber cartridge holder.

**BOBBSEY TWINS 'TRASH?' LOCAL LIBRARIES THINK SO**

Among the banned books, he said, are the Horatio Alger series, the Wizard of Oz, the Tarzan series, Five Little Peppers, the Little Colonel, Don Winslow, Jack Armstrong, the Tom Slade series, the Frank Merriwell series and the Lone Ranger series in addition to the Bobbsey, the Hardy Boys and the like.

A check of the Charlotte Public Library today disclosed the children's department has the Little Colonel books, the Wizard of Oz, and Five Little Peppers. The rest are absent from the shelves.

Assistant Director Charles R. Brockmann said the books are "trashy fiction, poorly written," and that most of the books have been absent from library shelves for the 12 years he has been at the library.



NATURAL GAS BILL author Sen. William Fulbright (D-AR) checks over a long petition bearing more than 200,000 signatures which urge passage of the bill to exempt natural gas producers from direct federal price control. The petition, almost a mile long, was delivered by William Jackson, right, president of Investors League, Inc. (AP)

## Senate Wrangles Over Bribe Probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate wrangled bitterly today over a proposed investigation as to whether a proffered \$2,500 campaign contribution to Sen. Case (R-SD) was an attempt to influence his vote on the gas bill.

It was not immediately clear whether this would delay a scheduled vote late today on the bill. The measure would exempt natural gas producers from direct federal price regulation.

There were efforts to broaden the proposed inquiry to include all attempts on both sides to influence votes, and differences as to who should do the investigating.

Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex) asked creation of a special committee of two Democrats and two Republicans to be appointed by the Vice President — to make an inquiry limited to the case incident. He had backed from GOP leader Knowland (Calif.).

Johnson asked unanimous consent for his plan, but Sen. Langer (R-ND) objected.

Langer said the Senate Privileges and Elections Subcommittee had authority to conduct hearings. He is a member of that group.

Chairman Hennings (D-Mo) of the Privileges and Elections Subcommittee tried to get Johnson to agree to broaden the inquiry to cover all attempts to influence votes.

Johnson declined to agree.

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**Eggs Thrown At Negro Student In Alabama**

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP)—An angry crowd threw eggs at a Negro student at the University of Alabama today as she came from her first class.

The incident marked the third demonstration in protest against her attendance at the previously

## Whitley Cites Job Increase In Requests

By ANN SAWYER  
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A 38 per cent increase in county police work since 1950 brought a request today for 12 additional patrolmen.

Chief Joe D. Whitley, outlining the need to the County Commission, said the increase would give a adequate police protection to Mecklenburg County outside the city.

At present, he said, the number of calls is so great that it is "almost beyond what we can do with what we have."

He estimated that 12 additional men and necessary equipment, such as cars, would cost about \$50,000 the first year.

**FEW COMMENTS**  
The matter was taken under consideration by the commissioners with only a comment or two from the board.

From 1950 to 1955, the number of calls handled by the 46-man force has increased from 6,196 to 12,423.

Using June as a representative month during the same period, Chief Whitley said calls have increased approximately four times from 554 to 2,007.

The constant increase in the number of calls increased is reflected in these statistics:

**CITES INCREASE**

Year	Calls
1950	6,196
1951	7,946
1952	9,664
1953	8,741
1954	12,569
1955	19,424

Describing the present situation, Chief Whitley said that the "population in Mecklenburg County has increased to such an extent that we can hardly keep up."

The school population, which has been a growing headache for county school officials, also has many problems to the county police, Chief Whitley said.

Following today's meeting, he cited Friday night as an example where the "population in the five patrol cars on duty were tied up at three basketball games."

**NOT UNUSUAL**  
The situation, he said, was not unusual. It all boiled down to whether there would be police protection at the high school games or patrol cars working their zones.

Whitley demand quick police service. Chief Whitley told the commissioners. "It's like calling a doctor. When they call the phone, they want them right away."

Although the police have 46 men on duty today including 10 patrolmen working each eight-hour shift.

**CAR SPLATTERED**  
About an hour later, as she was escorted by University officials out outside the classroom building. Some were chanting "Hey, hey, ho, ho, Autherine's gotta go."

The Negro student drives the 58 miles from Birmingham daily in a sedan. She was denied dormitory and dining hall privileges at the school.

Police blocked off the street in front of Smith Hall, where Miss Lucy's first class meets.

In so way, Miss Johnson said, could the list be considered a final authority on what books local schools may or may not buy. Accreditation might be withheld if libraries fill up with "trashy" books, she said, but she can't remember that ever happening.

Miss Johnson said she had a few Horatio Alger books in her office as "curios." "I picked them up in an antique store," she said.

There is the possibility, they said, that the State Dept. of Public Instruction might not accredit schools whose libraries are "filled with trash." But even that wouldn't affect the flow of state financial aid, which comes to all financial libraries at the rate

Library Patron: The Bobbseys Aren't There