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Charlotte's Midtown Streets Glistened As Rain Fell

Last-Minute Candidates File

Ervin, Cooley, Deane Receive Opposition

KIDD BREWER

Kidd Almost Changed Mind; Now He's In

By JULIAN SCHEER

Charlotte News Staff Writer

Kidd Brewer did it.

He is OFFICIALLY a candidate for lieutnant governor.

But he waited — figuratively and literally—until the 11th hour to file.

At 11:23 this morning he dropped a telephone in his Fayetteville St. office in Raleigh and headed for the State Board of Elections.

There he paid his $21 a few minutes before the noon deadline and officially joined Luther Barnhardt, J. V. Whitfield, Alonzo Edwards and Gurney P. Hood in the race.

It was a weird climax to a two-year "campaign" for the state's No. 2 position by Brewer.

HADN'T DECIDED

Earlier this morning he said he hadn't made up his mind.

At 11:23 he told The News he had: He was going to file "right now."

Was he undecided until then?

Earlier he was.

At 11:23 he wouldn't admit hesitation and said, "Well, I've been running for a year and half."

Why the vacillation?

Well, there was some pressure

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Winston-Salem Mayor To Seek Senate Seat

RALEIGH—(AP)—U. S. Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., and Reps. Harold D. Cooley and C. B. Deane got Democratic opposition for renomination today as a flock of candidates beat a noon deadline to file their candidacies with the state board of elections.

Mayor Marshall C. Kurfees of Winston-Salem filed as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator against Ervin.

W. E. Debnam, Raleigh author, radio commentator and former city council member, filed as a candidate to oppose Rep. Harold D. Cooley for the Democratic nomination to Congress in the Fourth Congressional District.

A. P. Kitchin, 47, Wadesboro lawyer and former FBI agent for 12 years, filed as a candidate against Deane for the Democratic nomination to Congress in the Eighth District. Kitchin said he had long wanted to go to Congress and decided just last night to make the race.

Kidd Brewer of Raleigh filed as a candidate for lieutenant governor to bring to five the list of those seeking the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor.

R. L. Harris of Roxboro, former House speaker and former lieutenant governor, announced he would not enter the race for lieutenant governor.

C. E. Earle Jr. of Charlotte, a food broker, added his name to the list of those opposing Gov. Hodges for te Democratic nomination. The filing made a total of four, including Hodges, who are seeking te nomination for governor.

Debnam, 37, former Raleigh City Council member, arrived at the office of the State Board of Elections to pay his $225 filing fee about an hour before the noon deadline for candidates to file for state and district offices.

STOKELY FILES

Harry P. Stokely, a Charlotte food broker, paid his $150 filing fee yesterday to run for the Democratic nomination for governor. Former State Sen. Thomas B. Sawyer of Belmont filed for the office on Wednesday.

Stokely, 56 and a native of Elizabeth City, promised an announcement next Monday on his platform. A statement issued by Saw-

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SAM ERVIN
He's Got Opposition

Garage Set Afire

Machinegunners Strike In Algiers

By DAVE MASON

ALGIERS (AP)—Masked machinegunners set fire to a huge French garage in a terrorist raid in the heart of this Algerian metropolis today.

In western Algeria guerrillas staged massive sabotage of communications. That recalled tactics used by the communist-led Vietminh against the French in Indochina.

The French put a midnight to 5 a.m. curfew in Algeirs and sent troops scurrying over the countryside in search of the saboteurs.

The machinegunners seized the garage just before 2 a.m. held off watchmen, poured gasoline over the floor and set it ablaze.

The raiders made their escape as the blaze swept through the garage, located below a big French apartment house. The fire destroyed more than 100 cars.

FAMILIES FLEE

French families in the apartment house fled when a young French soldier spotted the flames and gave the alarm.

The raid, most sensational terrorist outburst in Algiers of the 16-month-old revolt, came only a few hours after the French Parliament in Paris gave Premier Mollet's government the final go-ahead for an all-out fight to smash the rebellion.

The two Moslem watchmen at the garage were unable to identify the raiders. Police assumed they were rebels but did not exclude the possibility they might have been French counterterrorists seeking to provoke stronger government action against the nationalists.

WERE ACTIVE

Such counterterrorists were active in French Morocco before France granted that protectorate freedom.

Robert Lacoste, France's minister for Algerian affairs, was due to fly here from Paris tomorrow to begin putting the government's new emergency powers into effect.

Moslem terrorists shot down one European in the Bougie region and carried out other harassing attacks around Bone. French troops fought a running battle with 60 rebels north of Lafayette, killing 30 of them. One French soldier was reported killed.

ROAD CUT

In Western Algeria near the Moroccan border the rebels carried out one of their most massive acts of sabotage, cutting the key Tlemcen - Oujda road at three places.

Copying the tactics used by the Vietminh in Indochina, the rebels mined scores of laborers and dug trenches across the highway during the night. They ripped up asphalt surfaces and destroyed the gravel beds beneath.

Flood Stage Reached By City Creeks

By EMERY WISTER

Charlotte News Staff Writer

Heavy rains fell in Charlotte again today to raise creeks to the flooding point in one of the wettest pre-spring seasons in years.

By noon today the 24-hour rainfall totaled 2.25 inches. As much as a quarter inch more is expected before skies clear this afternoon or evening.

Early this morning Sugar and Briar creeks were slowly but steadily creeping toward flood stage.

At noon Briar Creek was out of its banks at the Sharon Rd. crossing. Sugar Creek was also reported high in the central area of the city.

Mecklenburg County Police, however, said they had no reports that creeks had overflowed their banks in the county.

In the short space of a few hours the heavy rains changed several creeks from peaceful, rippling brooks into roaring torrents. Waters were angry and rapid just behind the Selwyn Village apartments.

But the rains, heavy as they were, were only the climax to the steady and monotonous precipitation of the past month and a half.

Rain has fallen on 30 of the past 45 days. It rained 19 days in February and today was the 11th day of rain this month.

The February precipitation total was 5.65 inches. So for this month 3.05 inch has fallen, bringing the 45-day total to 8.90 inches.

The Weather Bureau, sounding at least a half-way optimistic note, said skies should be fair through Monday with scattered showers likely Tuesday.

But with the break in weather will come a temperature drop. A 32-degree low is forecast tomorrow morning with a high of 55 forecast for the afternoon.

The rains taxed the city's transportation facilities to the utmost.

GREAT CONGESTION

The weather also made driving hizardous and caused great congestion on streets as motorists reduced their speed.

The Weather Bureau said rains were caused by a low pressure area to the South and shifting winds which brought precipitation in this area. The rainfall was general over the Carolinas. Columbia had 1.18 inches in 24 hours. Greenville, S. C. reported 2.41 inches. Greensboro 1.28 and Winston-Salem 1.13.

Our Weather

Moderate to heavy rain with scattered thunder showers ending late this afternoon or late tonight. Clearing and cold tonight. Saturday, sunny and becoming a little warmer. Sunday, fair and warmer.

Low this morning—37.
Low tomorrow morning—32.
High yesterday—59.
High today—44.
High tomorrow—55.
Sunrise, 6:33 a.m.; sunset, 6:31 p.m.

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(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Franklin)

Briar Creek, Just Off Providence Rd., Overflowed Its Banks

Pastors Say Plan Political

Prayer Day Hit By Negroes

NEW YORK (AP) — A group of Negro pastors of more than 50 of Long Island Baptist churches has charged Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-NY) was politically motivated in promoting a "national deliverance day of prayer."

Powell, a Negro, also is pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist church in Harlem. He has called for a day of prayer March 28 in connection with race tensions and violence in the South.

The Baptist Ministers Fellowship, composed of ministers of churches in Negro communities in Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties, reported today that the charge against Powell was made at a meeting Tuesday.

CITES FEELING

The Rev. James R. Moore, executive secretary of the group, said it was the general feeling among Fellowship members that Powell was promoting the day of prayer "as an opportunist, for his own political prestige."

An Abyssinian Baptist spokesman denied the charge.

The Long Island ministers, who said their churches have congregations totaling 25,000 members, said the Fellowship set March 28-30 for "fasting and praying for freedom from oppression of all minority groups throughout the world."

On each of those days, eight churches in central locations in the three counties will hold prayer services at noon and at 8 p.m. collections will be taken up to further the efforts of clergymen in Montgomery, Ala., who are leading a bus boycott in protest against segregation policies.

Man Quizzed In Slaying

STATESVILLE (AP)—A Negro man was being held today for questioning in the strangulation slaying of Mrs. Estelle C. Landis, 39, of Statesville last Monday night.

Safety Director William T. Ivey declined to identify the suspect. He said bloodstained clothing taken from the man was sent to a Durham laboratory for analysis.

Ivey said the man was first arrested and questioned Tuesday. He was released, however, but was taken into custody again yesterday.

Ivey quoted the Negro as saying he got blood on his shirt about two weeks ago when he killed hogs. But the officers said the stains were more recent.

Mrs. Landis' body was found in the kitchen of her home by her husband, William A. Landis, when he arrived home from work Monday night. A length of cord had been tied around the woman's neck and knotted in the back.

Police said Mrs. Landis had been writing a letter to her sister who lives in Marion. At the bottom of the letter apparently unrelated to the contents of the letter, were the words "A . . . Neg . . ."

Evening Prayer

Lord, increase our faith. Give us a greater portion of Thy grace that we may stand firm and true when everything goes wrong. For Thy name's sake. Amen.

Go Fast to FIELDS — Sterling FRIENDSHIP RINGS $1. Adv.

Police Were Only Doing Their Duty

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP)—A group of college students complained to Mayor George Brunner at a meeting he was addressing that they often got tickets for illegal parking while attending classes.

What, they asked, could be done.

Brunner replied that it was too bad, but after all police were only doing their duty.

Then he left the meeting—to find his car had been tagged for parking in a restricted area.

CHIEF SHOT-BOTH-SIDES DIES: IN BED, NOT DURING BATTLE

CARDSTON, Alta.—(AP)—Chief Shot-Both-Sides, one of the last links with the free-wheeling days of the old west, is dead.

The 82-year-old Blackfoot chief died yesterday in the Indian hospital here.

A son of Crop-Eared-Wolf, Shot-Both-Sides grew up in an era when his people still roamed the prairies in search of Buffalo and raided the enemy for horses and women. He was born four years before the Bloods, the Blackfeet and the Piegans signed a treaty with the white man in 1877.

Shot-Both-Sides was a firm believer in the white man's education, but he never attended their schools and did not speak English. He did turn from his tribal ways to become a successful farmer and rancher, but fought to retain tribal heritages. The head chief's robe was placed on his shoulders when Crop-Eared-Wolf died in 1913.

British Clamp Tough Curfew On Cyprus Port

By L. S. CHAKALES

NICOSIA, Cyprus— (AP)—British troops isolated the major Cypriot port of Limassol today, clamping on the toughest curfew yet seen on this violence-riddled East Mediterranean island.

The order confining Limassol's 25,000 citizens to their homes said the curfew would continue until "further notice."

British officials said the port, 38 miles southwest of Nicosia "has always been a bad trouble spot" and that terrorist incidents had increased there. Authorities launched an intensive search of the city for fugitive terrorists.

The village of Cato Zodhi, near Paphos, also was put under a strict curfew following a stone-throwing incident.

STRIKE CONTINUES

Communist leaders of the biggest labor union called or an end to the general strike protesting the deportation of Archbishop Makarios, leader of the island's movement for union with Greece. But Greek shopkeepers, laborers and clerks so far ignored the union appeal and continued their shutdown, now in its fifth day. Gasoline and fuel oil shortages were reported from some sections of the island.

The spontaneous work stoppage has paralyzed most business activity on the island since Monday and halted construction work at big British military projects. Labor leaders said the walkout may end by Tuesday. Sunday and Monday are religious holidays.

Pro-Greek terrorists continued their bitter fight against British control. A Royal Air Force man was wounded outside an army barracks here. Two policemen were injured in an exchange of gunfire.

A British army officer's wife and 6-year-old child were cut by flying glass when a bomb was thrown into their home.

BOMBS FOUND

Fifty homemade pipe bombs were found in a shop near the spot where a British police sergeant was killed Wednesday.

A military vehicle was the target of a bomb at Farmagusta. Another bomb was tossed at a military patrol in the village of Dreusha, near Paphos. No injuries were reported in those two incidents.

'Well, They Want To Kick Me Out'

Action In Hearings Puts Pressure On Gilliland

WARRENTON — "Well," James D. Gilliland said today, "they want to kick me out as commander of the American Legion post.

"They're trying to make me resign as solicitor of the Recorder's Court and kick me out of the Lions Club, too."

Mr. Gilliland didn't say these things sadly. He said them defiantly, with the implication: "Just let 'em try."

He is, at best, a round peg in a square hole. Warren County doesn't have any more use for Communists than it does for NAACP "agitators."

But this week James D. Gilliland, who has lived in Warren County all his life, packed off for Charlotte to act as counsel for a long list of accused Communists. In the bargain, he made a short speech against the southern manifesto and the U. S. Senators and Representatives for the South who signed it.

Right away Mr. Gilliland became an object of considerable alarm. Ever since he returned from Wake Forest College to set up his modest law practice in the county seat, he's been arguing with his neighbors. But this was different.

There are 23,000 people in Warren County. About 14,000 of them are Negroes — a greater percentage than in any other county in North Carolina.

"Folks around here get pretty hysterical when you mention integration," Mr. Gilliland said. "They bounced me out of my job as secretary of the Lions Club last year because of it.

"I had been in that job for five years. They asked me to make a speech on the segregation problem and when I did, they decided they'd better get a new secretary.

Years ago, at Wake Forest, Mr. Gilliland roomed with John Myers one summer. Another summer, he roomed with Warren Williams. Both were hailed before the House Un-American Activities Committee when it came to Charlotte this week and accused of being Communists.

James Gilliland was sitting right there beside them giving them legal advice. He served every one of the other uncooperative witnesses in the same way.

In doing so, he told The Charlotte News today, "I think we struck a little blow for freedom."

Mr. Gilliland figures it this way.

"All that committee has to do is point a finger at a man and say 'You're a Communist' and that makes him one.

"Well, it doesn't in my book. Not a single man down there has been indicted, much less proved guilty."

So when John Myers told him he was having trouble finding a lawyer, Mr. Gilliland dropped everything and came down to Charlotte to represent him.

When word got back to Warrenton, it hit town "like a bomb blast," according to one citizen. Two people drove 36 miles into town to see a County Commissioner about hiring Mr. Gilliland as solicitor.

The commissioners will meet Monday night to talk it over.

"They're all pretty level-headed fellows," Mr. Gilliland said. "I don't think they'll do anything about it."

But things are not exactly comfortable in his home town, he admits. For years, he says, he's made a habit of getting to work early. He was at his office at 5 a.m. this morning. "Nobody thought much about it before," he said, "but now they're beginning to think that's mighty mysterious."

The other counsel for the accused Communists during the hearings in Charlotte this week was a New York lawyer, Miss Rhoda Lake. She was accused of being a Communist. Is Mr. Gilliland a Communist?

"Of course not," he said today. "I am just a Democrat who believes in civil rights."

But it is hard to convince people he's not a Communist, Mr. Gilliland said.

When he was in Charlotte, he said, he was "tripped up" as he left the Post Office Building courtroom Wednesday, by some people who said, "He's one of them." And he was followed by some "mean - looking" people

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MR. GILLILAND

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