

Robbers Take \$175,000 From New York Drive-In Bank



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Declaration Gets Honor In Raleigh

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The battle is over. The result is victory. The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence goes on display in the Hall of History in Raleigh.

J. A. Stoenhouse, president of the Mecklenburg Historical Association, received word today that our county—and the state's—most famous historical document will be appropriately honored.

Christopher Crittenden, director of the state Dept. of Archives and History, has notified the association that a copy of the declaration will go on display beside the state flag. The "victory" climaxes a long hard bid by the Historical Association to get proper recognition for the declaration which was signed here May 20, 1775—before the more famous Jefferson Declaration of Independence.

Last year a bill was introduced in the General Assembly which called for proper recognition of the document.

Dr. Crittenden led opposition to the measure, but a watered-down version of the measure did set up a commission to gather data about the declaration.

It was Crittenden who set off a storm of protests when he called the declaration a "myth."

On Jan. 19, Mr. Stoenhouse prompted Gov. L. D. B. Hooper with a letter in which he wrote: "In the last few days, with Mrs. Ernest Fives and Mr. Ed Morrow's pen in King's hand, we have stirred an acerbic about the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence."

"On our State flag and on our State seal there is the date May 20, 1775, the most important day in the history of North Carolina, and yet it is a watered-down version of our state dept. of Archives and History to learn meekly about this date. We will find that it is not even so much as mentioned, much less explained or proudly displayed. The visitor must think that someone in our state is a traitor or that we are ineptly and emotionally confused. I couldn't blame him."

Dr. Crittenden's letter to Mr. Stoenhouse, in turn, explained: "We are glad to report that we are about to include in the Hall of History an exhibit of the state flag. Since the date May 20, 1775, appears on the flag, we are trying to include a copy of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. There will also be a copy of the Halifax Resolves, April 1, 1776 (the state's first constitution)."

"We feel that this is a logical procedure since the exhibit will feature the flag and since in such an exhibit it will be appropriate to include materials illustrating the two dates."

Teller Held Overnight By Robbers

Woman Released Unharmed After Pair Takes Loot

PORT CHESTER, N.Y. — Two men robbed a drive-in bank today in an estimated \$175,000 after kidnapping and holding captive all night a woman bank teller.

The teller, Mrs. Mary F. Kozlowski, was arrested unharmed. The holdup began at 10 o'clock last night. As Mrs. Kozlowski drove her car into the driveway at her home, two men got into the car and forced her to drive them around for five hours.

At 3 a.m. they made her drive to the drive-in branch of the County Trust Co.

Using Mrs. Kozlowski's key, the men entered the bank and took her with them, holding her captive in the building in preparation for the 8 a.m. opening for business.

NOT SUCCESSFUL
Shortly before opening time a janitor made an unsuccessful attempt to unlock the back door with his key. He went away for a few minutes, and when he returned for a second try to get in, one of the robbers opened the doors, seized the man and pulled him into the building.

A few minutes before 8, J. Purdy Ungemack, a bank official, arrived. The robbers told him to open the vault, and made him carry all of the money to Mrs. Kozlowski's car at the curb. Then they sped away, leaving Ungemack standing on the curb.

As the car left, a police car with two patrolmen pulled up and Ungemack told them what had happened. They followed the car, but by that time the robbers had disappeared in the direction of White Plains.

A suspect theory passing by became suspicious and also called police.

Mrs. Kozlowski was not immediately available to describe her ordeal to reporters.

NOT HARMED
Her attorney Arthur D. Shore said the robbers did not harm her physically.

None of the robbers' loot of \$175,000, although Dominick Santorelli, vice president of the company, at the main offices in White Plains said he believed the amount taken was \$150,000.

Pastorelli said that amount was requested by the branch bank officials after the robbery so that business could be conducted as usual.

Study Group Recommends Abolition Of Park Board



Garden Park Beside L-Shaped Library Would Replace Buildings Screened By Staff Artist In This Photo

Ex-Student In New York Autherine Lucy Case In Confusion

By HILLEN PARKS
Charlotte News Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, N.Y. — The House Appropriations Committee today voted a big boost in funds to fight cancer, heart trouble and other diseases as it recommended \$300,501.94 in new money to finance 24 government agencies.

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Under the terms of the resolution, which now goes to the Senate, Miss Lucy would be called a witness.

Library Officials Cheer Park Idea

By HILLEN PARKS
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Library officials were enthusiastic today over the prospect of a city park adjoining the new million dollar library at N Tryon and 6th Sts.

The recommendation for the park to be situated where the Baptist Book Store and Robinson building stand was made today in the Allen Organization report.

"I am delighted to think about the possibility of a city park as a next door neighbor to the library in mid-town Charlotte," library director Holt Galvin said.

NO FUNDS
The library, to his knowledge, has no funds to build a park, but the architect's plan for the new library considered the possibility of a park, or a different type of building, which would expose the library to a view from the corner," he said.

The new L-shaped library will have a garden entrance on Tryon St. shaded by a large tree, Mr. Galvin said.

"This entrance garden would combine logically and be admirably with a park on the corner of 6th and Tryon Sts.," he added.

The existing buildings have a frontage of about 72 feet on Tryon St. and a depth of about 90 feet.

New Park Proposed At Library

By CHARLES KURALT
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A completely new concept of recreation was recommended to the city and county today. The recreation consultants who have made a nine-month, \$14,000 study of facilities here issued a 96-page report this afternoon.

They recommended:
1. Abolition of the city Park and Recreation Commission and replacement of it with a Metropolitan Recreation Commission to administer a master parks plan for all of Mecklenburg.

2. Extensive use of school buildings and grounds as recreation areas.
3. Establishment of a total of 44 neighborhood centers, 14 district centers, 4 locality centers, nine rural centers, seven swimming centers, six large parks, four athletic centers, six neighborhood parks and a garden park adjoining the new Public Library building on Tryon St. (These figures include present facilities.)

Those are the major recommendations. But the report, made originally this afternoon to a meeting of top-level public and private officials by F. Elwood Allen of the Allen Organization, touches on thousands of details.

Mr. Allen called it "the most comprehensive report my firm has ever prepared on a city's recreation facilities."

There was little immediate reaction to the report, but it is expected to be controversial.

It is based on much greater use of school sites in the big recreation facilities and bond issues. A portion of any size will become a center of one sort or another if the recommendations are carried out.

That proposal was made once before. It was supported by former Mayor Victor Shaw, but it died a quick death.

The recommendation to eliminate the Park and Recreation Dept. is also expected to be a source of considerable heat before the city council debate over the report is finished.

Some of the other recommendations:
Financing of recreation with a cent tax levy on all county and city properties, plus a share in the state and bond issues. Establishment of an Athletic Council with members from schools, private agencies, Little League, clubs and the like to bring some coordination to athletic programs.

Formation of Citizens' Recreation Council to study and report on recreation facilities.

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Arabia Seeks Jets From U. S.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Saudi Arabia was disclosed today to have asked to buy a small number of jets from the United States.

Officials who reported this said the request has not received U.S. approval. They indicated it would be the same "most careful" scrutiny permitted for all Middle East arms requests in a Feb. 10 State Department announcement.

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Evening Prayer

O God, we pray that Thou wilt enable us to see in this world of ours, the things which are true, whether they be truly or of high degree. In Christ's name, Amen.

ROARING SNOWSLIDE KILLS ONE INJURES DOZEN IN IDAHO TOWN

WALLACE, Idaho — A snowslide smashed into five homes in the town of Wallace, five miles north of here early today, killing at least one person and injuring a dozen.

Wallace police said the slide dove the Burke canyon as well as at least a half a mile long.

Several automobiles were buried by the cascading snow. Timmy Spencer, 10, was reported killed in the slide and his mother injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Bell and their eight children were taken to a hospital with undetermined injuries, and Mrs. Steve Resner and four daughters were also treated for shock.

Pelle said the slide broke windows in other homes. Idaho State Police said rotary plows had been dispatched to the scene.

White Magic's Okay; It's Black Variety Britons Don't Approve

LONDON — A cabinet member says it is still a punishable crime to fraternize with the enemy in Britain.

Such a practice, Home Secretary Geoffrey Lloyd George said today, is an offense in common law.

Lloyd George said it is not normal practice to disclose the reasons for police actions in the course of their duty. But in this case he felt on his own he would be doing a public service.

"I am interested by the commission of the fact that on the evening of Feb. 22 the police received information (reporting to come from his address about a black magic circle) proposed to be held there that evening."

"As the practice of black magic is an offense in common law, the police called to inquire whether there were any grounds for police action."

PETERING SHIRLEY
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Famed Harolds Club Sold Club Brings 14 Million—Cash

By ED OLSEN
BEND OR Harolds Club which in 21 years grew from a \$200 harem into the world's biggest gambling casino, was sold last night for close to 14 million dollars—cash.

The vast enterprise, by far the biggest money-maker in Nevada since the state's only state with legal gambling—was sold to a San Francisco property-management firm headed by John J. Agostini.

Agostini in the early sixties had acquired a square in Nevada a gambling territory he came to govern himself. He had built a \$10 million casino in the heart of the city. The Morgan-Agostini Corporation Co., 2000 San Francisco bay area buildings.

Our Weather

Cloudy and mild today with showers tonight and tomorrow. Clearing, milder, sunnier cooler. Low this morning—42. Low tomorrow morning—40. Highest yesterday—63. High today—57. High tomorrow—54. Sunrise: 6:32 a.m.; sunset: 6:13 p.m.

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