



Wachovia Plans 15 - Story Building Corner Of Trade And S. Church

Investment Will Total \$5 Million

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The Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. today announced it will construct a 15-story bank and office building at the southeast corner of W. Trade and S. Church Sts. in the heart of downtown Charlotte.

Joe H. Robinson, vice president in charge of the bank's Charlotte operations, said construction will begin May 1, with the upper floors available for occupancy in approximately 18 months. The bank expects to have its operations in the building by January, 1958. Demolition of a two-story structure at the corner of the Trade St. side will begin next week.

Construction cost was not announced, but based on current building expense, the total investment will likely exceed five million dollars.

LARGEST IN CITY
The modernistic structure will contain over 200,000 square feet and will be the largest bank building ever constructed in Charlotte and among the largest ever built in the Carolinas. The building will be of reinforced concrete, stone and glass construction. It will be erected by the J. A. Jones Construction Co. from plans prepared by the architectural firms of Harrison & Abramovitz of New York and A. G. Odell Jr. & Associates of Charlotte.

The building will contain 150,000 feet of office, store, and storage space. It will be the first "tower" type structure in the city.

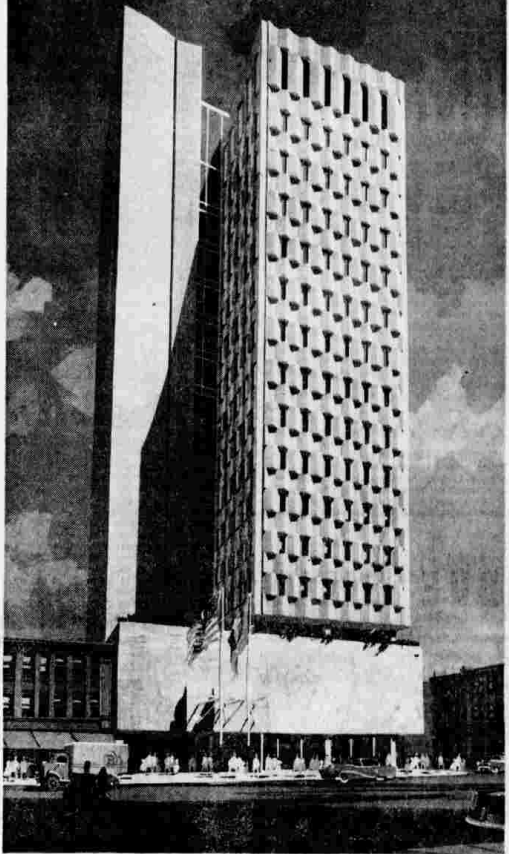
WILL EXTEND
The first four floors of the building will extend over the lot which fronts 102 feet on W. Trade St. and 153 feet on S. Church St. The fifth through 15th floors will form the tower. Elevators and rest rooms in the building will be constructed in a separate wing on the east side of the building. The elevator wing will be connected to the main building by a glass corridor. Elevator service will be so designed that no person will wait more than 28 seconds.

The building will also have a full basement which will contain 10,000 square feet of space. The first floor will have 17,000 square feet and the second, which "overhangs" the first, will have 18,000 square feet. The third will have 14,250 and the fourth 9,500. The fifth through fifteenth floors will have 1,200 square feet each.

SIX ELEVATORS
Mr. Robinson pointed out that the square feet listed is in addition to that of the elevator shafts. There will be five passenger elevators and one for service purposes.

The first floor will be leased to business concerns. There will be a separate entrance on the east side for banking patrons who may take either an escalator or an elevator.

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Architect's Drawing Of New Wachovia Bank Building

White Citizens Council Plans Recruiting In North And East

MONTEREY, Ala. (AP)—The pro-white Montgomery County Citizens Council has undertaken an extensive postcard and letter-writing campaign aimed at recruiting support in the north and eastern states for segregation.

Luther Ingalls, the council's local adviser, said each of the 100 local members has been asked to send five or more pieces of mail to friends, relatives and others "telling people about segregation and why we think it's necessary to maintain it in the south."

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Evening Prayer
Grant us, O God, faith to follow the Christ and to understand the work in His glorified world, knowing that at the last Thou wilt crown our efforts with victory and our lives with peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WIKED FOR TROUBLE
NORTH BRUNSWICK, N. J. — A helpful patrolman stopped a motorist here and helped him install a house license plate with a wife who was embarrassed when they found out that a few days before another motorist had been fined for using wife to attack a plate.

WET HIGH SCHOOL
SOMERVILLE, Mass.—(AP)—At every store within a 100-foot radius of a high school, a sign was posted that said "Wet High School."

Too Many Complaints Reveal Free Loaders
MOKANE, Mo. — For nearly 40 years people have been complaining about Mrs. Ruby Bonham's private sewer line. Now she has a public utility that doesn't pay, but they won't let her quit. It wasn't her line to begin with — it belonged to her father, Dr. W. H. Williamson. About 1919 he permitted some neighbors to hook onto the pipe that ran from his well to his house. Later he laid a pipe from the well to his office in the eastern Missouri hospital, and folks started connecting to that main.

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Farm Measure Work Speeded
WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate Finance Committee today called two sessions in a drive to speed a compromise version to President Eisenhower for his work.

After a three-hour first session of the 16 conferees yesterday afternoon, Sen. Ellender (D-La.) reported "good progress." Ellender, Senate Agriculture Committee chairman, said he was confident a compromise could be hammered out by tomorrow night. However, so votes were taken at the initial meeting. The conferees said they hope to begin voting this afternoon on some of the major issues, including the level of price supports for basic commodities. Both Ellender and Rep. Cawley (D-Mo.), his House counterpart, said they believe the Senate and House will act finally on Thursday if a compromise measure is ready by then. Cawley appeared somewhat optimistic about finishing the bill in conference tomorrow. Cawley predicted the compromise version would include a one-year program of price supports at a mandatory 90 per cent of parity for wheat, corn, soybeans and peanuts. Parity is a standard fixed by law and said to be fair to farmers in relation to their costs.

Mexico And Canada Told U. S. Policies To Be Explained

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va. (AP)—President Eisenhower, Canadian Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and President Adolfo Ruiz Cortines of Mexico agreed a wide ranging survey of world problems and U. S. foreign policies today in their North American summit conference.

The Mexican and Canadian leaders looked to Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles for a full exposition of American policies, including moves in the Middle East crisis.

U. S. officials indicated Eisenhower and Dulles were prepared to cover the globe during the one scheduled business meeting of the White Sulphur Springs session. Other matters have been or will be dealt with later.

Fifteen minutes before the meeting began in the plush presidential suite of the Greenbrier Hotel, Eisenhower, St. Laurent and Ruiz Cortines posed on the lawn for minutes for pictures. On the dot of 11 a. m. the three stepped through the private ground floor entrance of the presidential suite, strolled across a carpeted front porch between tall white colonial columns and part way down a walk.

A crowd of about 200 hotel guests and townspeople broke into applause. The three smiled and chatted in low voices for about two minutes. Then Eisenhower said loudly to the photographers "How about getting one picture—I want this whole group to want all the staff in."

Promptly about a dozen other members of the three delegations appeared, led by Secretary of State Dulles, Canada's external affairs minister Lester B. Pearson and Mexican Foreign Minister Luis Padilla Nervo.

Eisenhower protested that someone out of the camera field, saying, "He won't be seen." The group crowded together. In about a minute the three government chiefs, followed by advisers turned back into the hotel to begin the day's work.

The good neighbor meeting got going last night on the basis of dinner table exchanges.

The talk was entirely informal and the atmosphere cordial and friendly, said White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty.

Voting Changes Shouted Down
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate today should take the first of a series of proposals put before it as suggested substitutes for the present electoral college system. There was a vote vote rejected a constitutional amendment offered by Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) which would have put into effect this system.

Each state to retain two electoral votes to be decided by the popular vote within the state, the remaining 45 electoral votes to be decided by a national popular vote of the candidates.

Humphrey was not out hand for the vote. He is on a West Coast speaking tour. There was no argument for or against his amendment, and no audible "yay" when the vote was taken.

Next, Sen. Lister (R-Ind.) called for his proposal for election of presidents and vice presidents by direct popular vote, and a nationwide primary for the nomination of candidates for these posts.

Fish Pond Being Drained

By CHARLES KURALT
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The cars of the curious lined up for half a mile along the road that leads from Old Mount Holly Rd. to Henderson's Lake today.

Little groups of people walked idly along the banks of the four-acre fish pond or stared silently into its muddy water—the water 12-year-old Judy Merritt and her younger brother insist hides the body of a baby.

They were walking in the bushes, Judy and Steve, looking for a hen's nest on Sunday afternoon. A blue pickup truck came down the dirt trail that heads beside the lake and a woman got out with a baby in her arms, they say.

The woman walked down to the lake with the baby, came back without it and said, "Well, it's dead now."

Then, the two children say, the truck pulled out of the rut and sped away. This was the story that drew hundreds of people to the lake today. They walked about it in silence, their shoes kicking up dust along the path.

At the far end of the lake, County Patrolman M. L. Eargle stood in the sun all morning and watched the muddy water pour through a six-inch pipe. "It's going down about an inch an hour," he said.

Estimates of the depth of the lake's center go as high as 30 feet. Pumping operations by men of the Pineau Volunteer Fire Dept. went on all night and lowered the lake about one foot. At daybreak, the pump broke down, the men put out their warming fire and went home.

Other pumps were expected to be brought in sometime this afternoon, but during the morning.



The Lake: Going Down An Inch An Hour

Ex-Prisoner Returns Home

NEW YORK (AP)—Bernard Field, former Cleveland architect who spent five years as a Polish prisoner, returned unannounced on the line Queen Mary today after an absence of nearly seven years.

He said that his brother, Noel, another principal in the long mystery of the "disappearing fields," is a "pretty sick man" in Budapest, Hungary.

Asked if Noel still is a prisoner, Field replied "that is anybody's guess." He said he writes to his brother occasionally to "keep the lines open."

Field, 46, was accompanied by his London-born wife, Kate, and two sons, Hugh, 12, and Allen, 10. Noel Field, a former U. S. State Department official, and his wife dropped out of sight in May 1949 in Communist Czechoslovakia. Bernard was arrested three months later in Poland while searching for his brother.

The Poles released Hermann in October, 1954 after, he said, he spent five years in a cell as a prisoner of the Polish security police. Noel and his wife, Herta, were freed by the Hungarians a month later, but they decided to stay in Hungary and requested political asylum.

Hermann Field received \$30,000 from the Polish government as compensation for his imprisonment, and \$1,300 more for medical treatment during his confinement after his release.

"I was never officially charged with anything," said Field, 57, a former American pilot and one-time architectural planner for Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

The more they investigated the less they found out, he said of Polish officials.

No 'Pop' Drinker Ike Jokes About 'Poisoned' Drinks

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va. (AP)—President Eisenhower joked today about the question of whether anyone had "poisoned" the ginger ale aboard a private railroad car the day after.

Even though the President took the incident in a light vein, Secret Service agents and railroad investigators were pressing an inquiry into the illnesses of three persons who drank the ginger ale.

Secret Service Chief U. E. Baughman said, "It may take three or four days to run this thing to earth."

Eisenhower's reaction to the matter was given to reporters by Walter J. Tunley, president of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. Tunley had breakfast with Eisenhower, and said the President laughed about the episode. He quoted Eisenhower as saying "They are making a great deal about this ginger ale business."

Tunley said Eisenhower turned to him and asked with a laugh, "What are they trying to get you or me?" "It may be some 'hidden' drink pop in years," he said. The private car normally is used by the president.

Tunley said he drinks an alcoholic beverage. Eisenhower takes an occasional scotch and soda.

The inquiry by Secret Service agents and railroad detectives is credited first of all to Tunley's locate his empty ginger ale bottles. They were found in the private car, which it was enroute from Washington, W. Va., to Washington last Thursday evening.

Howard Skidmore, C&O public relations director, put out a statement last night saying three persons who drank ginger ale aboard one of the railroad's private cars last Tuesday evening fell ill. One died. Two were hospitalized. Baughman said he wanted to emphasize that the sick drinks in question were not aboard the train when Eisenhower rode it from Washington to the resort for conferences with the leaders of California and Mexico. Eisenhower landed the train Sunday night and arrived here yesterday morning.



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER He's Not Really Horrified

Piano Went, So Did He

DENVER (AP)—He said if the piano went, so would he. The piano went and so did he.

That was the testimony of Mrs. Nancy E. Wolf, who was granted a divorce from Rubin Wolf, 39, last Tuesday evening here. Because she lost Christmas Eve with a piano that she said they couldn't afford.

She said, "I think she hasn't seen him since." Select FOREMOST Milk Products at your favorite store.—Adv.

Our Weather

Cloudy to partly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow with a few scattered showers or thunderstorms tomorrow. Low this morning—31. Low tomorrow morning—32. High yesterday—76. High today—75. High tomorrow—75. Sunrise, 6:17 a.m.; sunset, 6:10 p.m.

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