

Charlotte
By
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Tentative County Budget Presented

Tax Rate To Drop At Least 3 Cents

Mecklenburg Spending Seen Hitting \$9614,027

Close-Up

Monday meanderings—The judge looked up from the bench to see a familiar face before him.

He said: "I've had you up here for speeding, drunken driving, reckless driving, parking alongside fire hydrants, driving a car with no inspection sticker, driving without a license and the last time you were here I ordered your driver's license suspended. What's the charge this time?"

The defendant looked sheepish. He mumbled:

"Jaywalking, your honor."

Strictly Personal Opinion: But UNC football coach Jim Tatum is one of the most remarkable people I've ever seen. ... Attend Ed Hanes Lassiter's wonderful party for the other night and, although I've known him before, he put on one of the most amazing exhibitions I've ever seen.

Put him in politics, run him in a presidential primary, and "Done if I'd dare let against him."

Quote, Unquote: "You're getting old when the glint in your eye is from the sun hitting your biscuits—Ann."

Overheard: At Providence Village Children's Shoppe—
"We're little to fear."
"From sticks and stones."
"It's the bathroom soap that breaks our bones."

Oops: Promoter Jim Crockett and his wife made a trip to Baltimore last week and checked into a hotel early one morning. Jim immediately made a long distance business call from the room and after it was completed, the hotel desk operator called the room and asked him to come right down and pay for it.

"Put it on the bill," Jim said.

"Sorry, Mr. Crockett," she said, "but you checked in last night with no luggage and just left a deposit— which doesn't cover his expense—and you'll have to pay now."

"Must be some mistake," said Jim. "I just checked in here."

"Your name is Crockett, isn't it," the desk clerk inquired.

"Well, come down and pay up," she insisted on an investigation.

"Sorry," he was informed later. "Just a mistake. Another Mr. Crockett had your room last night," Mr. Arthur Crockett said.

Hats Off: To News photographer Tom Walters. Tom Franklin Studios assigned a reporter from Martha Peck of Ballet Russe De Monte Carlo, Inc. She wrote for some pictures. Tom took for the News and the Ballet when it was here. Pictures which appeared on these pages.

"I am writing this note to you at the personal request of Mr. Gerald Benham, Director of the Ballet Russe De Monte Carlo, who felt that your pictures were the best of any used in the papers in connection with our 101 performances in 111 cities."

I Remember When...

By DICK YOUNG

Day time street parades and concerts in front of the Academy of Music, and the certain time by the minstrel companies, such as A. G. Fields, Honeyboy Evans and Lew Dockstader, were the big attractions for us small fry who didn't have the money for tickets to the minstrel shows.

PEOPLE:

By CHARLES KURALT

"Progress" is a big word in the vocabulary of our town. When somebody decides there is going to be a little progress, a block of old houses is cleared and a shining new building of glass and steel goes up. It's as simple as that.

Only not quite so simple.

Not for Mrs. J. H. Goodrum, who, when they build that five-story governmental center on East Fourth Street, is going to lose her flower garden.

Mrs. Goodrum lives with her husband at 710 E. 4th. She is a polo victim who is confined to a wheelchair and she sits in the ground herself. But every spring she wheels out to the tiny back yard and directs her mother and Hubert Foad, a young fellow with his hair swept back, to plant the flowers.

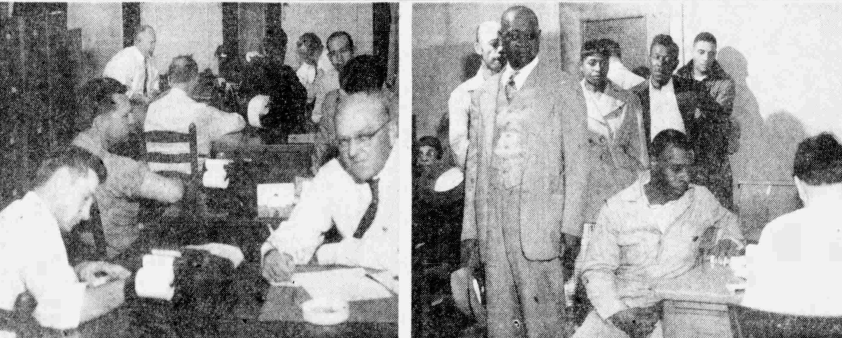
And every spring, from the black, cinder-covered earth behind the County Garage, rises a dazzling assortment of blooms—zinnias, pansies, violets, tulips, hollyhocks, Sweet William, Chrysanthemums, periwinkles, roses and lilies.

Nobody sees the flowers but Mrs. Goodrum and her next-door neighbor, Mrs. Hazel Howe, who raises some of her own, and the employer of the garage and an occasional stranger who wanders through the alley.

But anybody who has ever seen it knows it is one of the city's most beautiful—every spring.

Now, though, things have changed. Mrs. Goodrum's father, who also loved the flowers, has died. Her mother is too arthritic to work in the garden. In any case, it looks like this would be the garden's last spring.

Mrs. Goodrum and her husband will have to move, of course, if the government building is built. They can take the two pet dogs



THAT STRIKING CLOCK IS NOT FOR CINDERELLA

Midnight tonight is the witching hour—the absolute, final, irremediable, ironclad deadline for paying state and federal income tax.

Foiks who wanted to file their returns in person or

who wanted help in making out their returns lined up at the state (left) and federal (right) tax offices today, after the human fashion of water-tight-latch-minute since time began.

Both offices reported only a slow trickle of taxpayers during previous weeks, but the clamor burst today, after the grace because the 15th fell on Sunday. For the first time since Jan. 1, there was a line in the hall outside the Johnston Building office of the federal internal revenue.

All will be well for citizens who get their forms in the mail before midnight. After that, there will be penalties for late filing.

State officials expect 800-000 returns to come across their desks. And about 500,000 of them, of course, weren't expected until this week.

That's the way it is.

Chief Seeks Hate Leaflet Distributors

Police Chief Frank Littlejohn said today he is trying to track down the distributor of the latest publication of "hate literature" which was handed out in this area Friday night.

Chief Littlejohn said the distributor of "hate literature" is in violation of a new city ordinance passed March 28.

The leaflet, headed "A. D. L. Terrell" and subtitled "Anti-Democratic League Hits Charlotte, N. C.," was first appeared in the windows of automobiles at the Fairgrounds Friday night during a stock car race. It is also reported that some leaflets may have been distributed within the city limits.

Chief Littlejohn pointed out that he has jurisdiction in the matter in the county but is still trying to track down the distributors.

The ordinance prohibits the printing and distribution of any anonymous literature tending to expose any individual or any racial or religious group to hatred, contempt or ridicule or obloquy.

Violation is a misdemeanor under the city code and violators are subject to a fine and costs.

The literature distributed Friday night is believed to be the first since the ordinance passed. It was alleged to be an attack on the Anti-Democratic League of East Blvd. and asked, "How did the A. D. L. intimidate and force the City Council of Charlotte to pass a city ordinance banning what they call HATE literature?"

The single sheet printed messages also noted that a Charlotte News story pointed out the distribution and printing of the literature was now unlawful in Charlotte.

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By Former National PTA Head School Closing Seen 'Great Loss'

By CHARLES KURALT
Charlotte News Staff Writer

It will be a "great loss" if any public schools are closed as a result of the segregation problem, a former national PTA president said here today.

Mrs. Newton P. Leonard said parent-teacher associations must press of Parents and Teachers is in Charlotte as national representative to the state PTA convention which begins tomorrow at Hotel Charlotte.

Local PTA organizations, she said, "have got to come out and realize they are the leading organizations in their communities. They should take the lead in recreation, health and in all areas which touch the child."

EDUCATION SLOW

She said education is not keeping up with advances in other areas, such as science, and that the PTA, "a union of preferred stockholders who are interested in education," must raise its sights to meet education's problems of personnel, money and space.

"We really don't put very much money in schools, compared to other things we spend it on," she said, "and we're cheating the child when we do it."

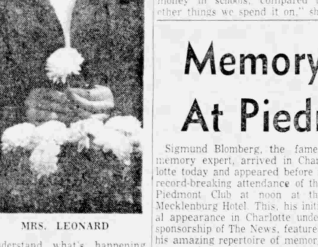
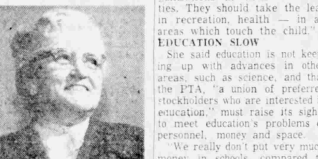
Mrs. Leonard, from Providence, R. I., has traveled to every state in the Union and to Europe four times in promoting cooperation between parents and teachers. She will speak to the North Carolina convention Wednesday morning.

Other speakers are State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Charles F. Carroll and Dr. Andrew H. Holt, vice president of the University of Tennessee and a former president of the National Education Association.

PANELS SLATED

Panel discussions on the White House Conference on Education, the PTA platform and "Youth—Our Hope for the Future" will be conducted during the convention's course.

Mrs. John W. Crawford, Raleigh, president of the North Carolina Congress, and Mrs. Roehly Wilson, Asheville, vice president, will preside over the general sessions, along with Mrs. J. Z. Williams of Charlotte, second vice president and convention director.



Memory Expert Opens Show At Piedmont Club Session

Sigmund Blomberg, the famed memory expert, arrived in Charlotte today and appeared before a record-breaking attendance of the Piedmont Club at noon at the Mecklenburg Hotel. This, his initial appearance in Charlotte under the sponsorship of The News, featured his amazing repertoire of memory feats and served also to introduce his column, "Improve Your Memory," in the News.

Mrs. Leonard, immediate past president of the National Con-

IMPROVE YOUR MEMORY

With Sigmund Blomberg Forgetting Is 'Not Getting!'

"I forgot!" That's the common ailment.

No doubt you've said it thousands of times with much embarrassment and self-reproach.

But there's a way to improve your memory for yourself and for others!

Why can't I remember Blomberg's telephone number? What were the names of those people I met at the party last night?

Why did I forget the box of candy for my wife's birthday? The tooth paste? The razor blades? Those good jokes and stories you vowed you'd remember them? And don't look now! Is that letter you gave me to mail several days ago still in your coat pocket?

That luncheon appointment? Does that sound like you? Well, if so, cheer up! You've lost the memory of actually remembering the rule and not the exception.

As a young lad in school, my parents became alarmed. Beyond the arithmetic tables and the Lord's Prayer I recall but little of my studies. Why? Because, as I learned later, I depended on the old, tiresome method of repetition—the "drill" method of "beating a thing" into one's memory, and then, at the crucial moment when I wished to recall it, found my memory wouldn't respond.

In my school days they showed me only WHAT to re-

BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Here is a breakdown on the 1956-57 tentative county budget prepared by the commissioners today. The table shows the current budget and proposed increases or decreases for the next fiscal year.

| Fund | 1955-56 Budget | 1956-57 Tentative Budget | Increase |
|---|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| County General | \$1,184,148.68 | \$1,261,088.82 | \$76,940.14 |
| Rural Police | 239,149.50 | 311,298.20 | \$72,148.70 |
| Poor | 449,920.00 | 539,296.54 | \$89,376.54 |
| Welfare Administration | 275,228.00 | 292,346.00 | \$17,118.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 861,300.00 | \$78,660.00 | \$15,660.00 |
| Aid to Dependent Child | 710,000.00 | 535,000.00 | \$175,000.00 |
| Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled | 184,500.00 | 214,400.00 | \$29,900.00 |
| Preservation of Public Health | 785,740.64 | 921,823.90 | \$136,083.26 |
| Drainage | 41,239.00 | 42,863.00 | \$1,624.00 |
| Libraries | 62,841.00 | 50,943.20 | \$11,897.80 |
| School Current Expense | 1,084,509.00 | 1,241,997.00 | \$157,488.00 |
| Capital Outlay | 283,645.00 | 304,838.00 | \$21,193.00 |
| City School | 426,100.00 | 510,300.00 | \$84,200.00 |
| School Debt Service | 1,170,642.14 | 1,298,755.78 | \$128,113.64 |
| General Debt Service | 203,236.00 | 203,236.00 | \$0.00 |
| Sanatorium | 398,068.00 | 302,632.32 | \$95,435.68 |
| Total | 6,474,533.49 | \$9,308,026.86 | \$833,493.37 |
| Special School Supplement | 256,500.00 | 306,000.00 | 49,500.00 |
| TOTAL | \$6,731,033.49 | \$9,614,026.86 | \$957,993.37 |

Jaycees To Elect New Officers

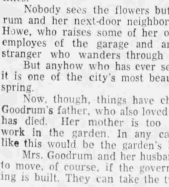
Tomorrow's voting will take place during the meeting, and the results will be announced before the meeting closes.

Blythe Rests In Hospital

Sen. F. J. (Jack) Blythe is resting comfortably today in the Memorial Hospital after being stricken early this morning with what may have been a heart attack.

Charlotte Traffic Toll

Weekend injuries 9
Injured this year 238
Fatalities this year 10



Mrs. Goodrum and Flowers

and the parakeet and the television set. And the roomers who live upstairs can find other things.

When progress comes, people have to make way for it, even if that means giving up rich earth that was wrested from the cutlers and made to lend color to a drab alley.

Mrs. Goodrum, after all, has read the newspapers. And the newspapers have carried front-page drawings of the building that is to rise higher on the spot than the hollyhocks ever could.

How's Your Memory?

Do you know the capital of the State of Oregon?

How well you help fix the letters and the numbers in Oregon may show how you may step up your ability to remember by the proper use of these natural laws. The memory actually is the most wonderful instrument in all the world—we need only to learn how to use it!

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