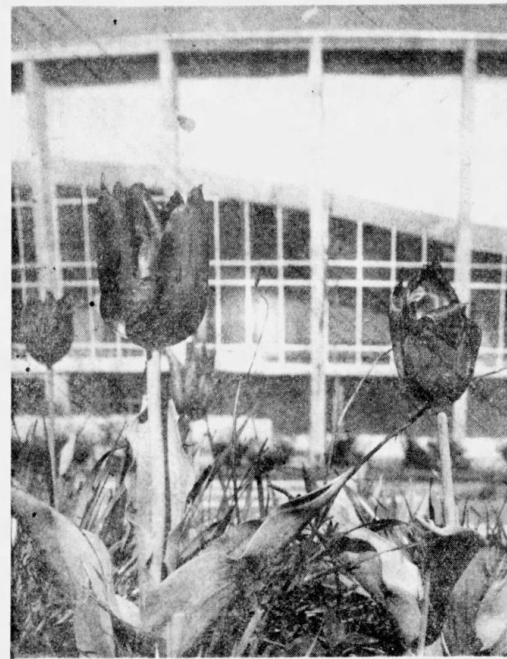




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(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Hunters) First of 25,000 bulbs are now coming through with a red border for the front of the building facing Independence Blvd.

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Progress Can Be Confusing

NEW MAKES WAY FOR NEW

By HARRY SHUFORD
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Sometimes progress in Charlotte is so fast that it almost looks like progress in reverse.

That's the way it is on Beechwood Rd. on the western outskirts of the city. Six aligned, brand-new houses are suddenly in the way of progress — in the form of the new Highway 29 bypass.

Where these six houses now stand, in the not-too-distant future will be a 20-foot toll carrying the new super road.

The houses are only a year and a half old, the residents moving into them about October, 1954.

Some of them didn't even have time to get a good stand of grass in the yard before representatives of the State Highway Department entered them. They were struck in the middle of the big two-pass right-of-way.

Four of the six homeowners have already turned their property over to the highway department and some have already moved out.

The other two are still undecided whether to take the department's offer or wait and have the property condemned.

Meanwhile, bulldozers and cranes are preparing huge columns for bridge supports over adjacent railroad tracks. Some of the columns are smack in the middle of three-back yards.

One of the houses, with the paint still looking almost fresh, has been turned over to the office for the owner's resident engineer.

The right-of-way folks for the highway department are busy buying up other houses in the 20-foot swath to be cut by the road, but the people on Beechwood Rd. are having to move before the others.

The reason is that work on the structures such as the overpass at the railroad along Beechwood Rd., preceded recent grading.

The new houses will be sold to anyone who wants them now, either to move to new locations or to wreck for materials.

Farm Bill Veto Likely To Stand

WASHINGTON, P. — Republican congressional leaders called on the Democrats today to rally behind President Eisenhower's new soil bank program if they really want to help the American farmer.

The GOP leadership issued this call at a White House news conference following their weekly meeting with the President. Key Democrats, who by Congress, meanwhile, were reacting coolly to the Eisenhower proposal.

GOP Senate Leader Knowland and House Republican Leader Martin forecast that the President's veto of the Democratic-sponsored farm bill will be upheld by substantial margins.

"BARE POSSIBILITY." Martin said he sees "a bare possibility" a majority of House members will back the President's stand in a vote scheduled tomorrow.

Knowland said the Senate could pass a soil bank bill, as the President requested in his veto message, within a week or two. Martin said the House could do so in a single day.

The GOP Senate leader said he thinks many Democrats will back the President's proposal even the "temporary flurry" over the veto has passed.

"I can't believe that purely for political purposes they would now turn around and oppose something they have already approved," Knowland said.

Eisenhower, in a nationwide television and radio broadcast last night explaining his veto, insisted that politics had not entered into his decision.

"I will always resist any attempt to make the farmer and his problems a political football," he said.

"NO CHOICE." Declaring that he had vetoed the big farm bill with keen disappointment, he said: "I had no choice. I could not sign this bill into law because it was a bad bill. In the months since Eisenhower argued again that Congress act speedily to approve his soil bank program. It is designed to pay farmers subsidies totaling as much as \$2,000,000,000 yearly for taking land out of production of crops already in surplus. They would sign contracts with the government to do so.

This time, Eisenhower added a new feature he said would give farmers an extra 500 million dollars this year.

The soil bank was one feature of the bill which Eisenhower vetoed yesterday.

Foster Father Held In Beating

GASTONIA, P. — A foster father was held without charge in Gaston County Jail today in connection with the beating of a 14-month-old girl at her home last night.

Detective J. R. Harris of the sheriff's office said Lewis L. McDonald, 21-year-old farmer and textile worker from the nearby community, was told him he had struck 14-month-old Gloria on the back of the head with a two by four two feet long when she wouldn't stop crying.

Harris said McDonald told him the child "was mean and wouldn't sleep. She kept me awake at night. She tore up my newspaper and looks every day. She was always wanting her mother to hold her."

The child's mother took her and ran to a neighboring house after the incident. From there the child went to a doctor's office and was transferred to Charlotte Memorial Hospital, which described her condition as critical.

Evening Prayer
O God, our Father, we pray that, out of the present world suffering humanity may grow into a deeper spiritual insight. Give us that vision without which we cannot see Christ in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\$65,859 Net By Buildings

Dome, Hall Show Surplus

By DIK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer
An operating surplus of \$65,859.28 was shown by the Charlotte Coliseum and David Over's Auditorium in the first six months of operations.

This announcement was made today by Claude A. Cochran, Chairman of the Auditorium-Coliseum Authority.

Total attendance in both buildings for the six month period was 266,000.

The figures released today are based upon a report from the Coliseum office. The official audit now in progress by Hawkins & Sells, independent auditors, will not be completed for several days.

But Mr. Cochran said the official audit is not expected to show any material difference in the figures.

TOTAL INCOME. In the period between Oct. 1 and March 31 the city's new entertainment facility had a total income of \$21,658.28.

In this six months period operating expenses totaled \$55,967.56, leaving an operating surplus of \$65,859.28.

The expenses during this six-month period include the repayment of \$23,220.44 which was advanced to the authority by the City Government for operations until revenue started coming in.

The city government made an appropriation of \$20,000 for such an advance but the total was spent and this week the \$23,220.44 which was actually expended was repaid.

SIX TIMES HALL. The first financial statement showed that the total income included rentals of \$39,296.63 from the coliseum and \$15,600 from the Over's Auditorium.

Other income also included \$24,646.42 from concessions, \$6,089.79 from parking, \$4,362.28 from sale of services and \$405.47 from miscellaneous sources.

An interesting item reflected in the statement was the report of attendance of 7,728 at the public ice skating which produced total gate receipts of \$2,031.75 plus \$92.75 from concessions and \$52.75 from parking fees.

These figures are confined to the operating income and operating expenses and do not include debt service obligations.

NO REFLECTION. The municipal government on approval of the people issued \$4,636,000 in bonds to construct the two buildings and since these are general obligations of the municipal government the indebtedness is not reflected in the coliseum statement.

1,000 Miles An Hour

'Missile' Plane Shown To Public

PALMDALE, Calif.—AP. The Lockheed F104A Starfighter, a missile with a man in it, has flown more than 1,000 miles an hour.

Several hundred persons, including the largest gathering of news writers of its kind on record, witnessed the achievement yesterday. It was the fastest an aircraft ever has flown before a sizable audience.

It was also the first public showing of this dazzling new craft which Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Air Force chief of staff, has called "the fastest and highest flying fighter anywhere in the sky."

The exact speed of the plane remained a secret. Actually, two models were flown—the original XF104, which was powered by a Curtiss-Wright J65 jet engine, and the production model F104, which has a lighter and more powerful engine, the General Electric J79.

Although the speeds attained were not disclosed, the pilot of an F104 jet fighter reported he was flying 300 miles an hour, and the F104A Pilot, Herman R. "Fish" Salmon, was heard to refer to his radio, "I am doing better than that, that fact."

The plane was given a Hollywood type unveiling, with a gold curtain concealing part of a hangar curtain rolling back to disclose the gleaming, spotlighted plane Robert E. Gross, Lockheed Aircraft

Corp president, held the gathering, saying that the F104 was "the finest fighter in the world."

Gen. Otto P. Weyland, commander of the Tactical Air Command, announced that his command would be the first to receive the new air superiority fighter, and the first planes soon will go into operational squadrons.

Weyland added that the first units to receive the F104 have not yet been determined.

"This is much more than just another fighter," Weyland said. "The most striking thing about the new fighter was its resemblance to a missile, largely because its wings are so short and stubby they hardly seem to qualify as airplane wings."

The short tapered wings are far back toward the plane's tail. One observer said the craft looked like it had been so fast its wings had slipped back and almost off, like a baby about to lose its diaper.

The jewels and such items already announced run to at least \$300,000. These include \$150,000 worth of matching baubles from the citizens of Monaco and a \$40,000 diamond and ruby item—usable as a necklace or a tiara—from the gambling casino controlled by shipowner Aristotle Onassis.

The prince's zoo has benefited to the extent of two Camalain heavers, two long-legged cranes and two lion cubs, the latter from the Sultan of Morocco.

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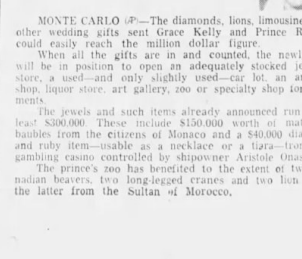
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GRACE DEPT.

Chap. 10 — Wherein Accounting Is Made



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COSTLY SUIT FILED. LEXINGTON, Ky. — Mrs. Jean E. G. G. is to file suit against General Telephone Co. for \$25 cents. She said she deposited 25 cents in a pay telephone last Dec. 14 and received no service from said phone or phone company. She said the company has refused to refund her 25

Not 'For A Million Dollars'

King Cole Cancels Atlanta Date

ATLANTA — Singer Nat King Cole has canceled an Atlanta appearance, telling promoter B. B. Beamon he would not appear here "for a million dollars."

Beamon announced the cancellation after talking with the Negro singer last night in Winston-Salem, N. C. He said Cole told him he was "afraid to come to Atlanta."

The promoter said he relayed to Cole the assurance of Atlanta Police Chief Herbert Jenkins that there would be adequate protection during Cole's entire visit.

Beamon quoted Cole as saying, "It's not a matter of police protection. Someone might try to assassinate even with a hundred police men on hand."

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