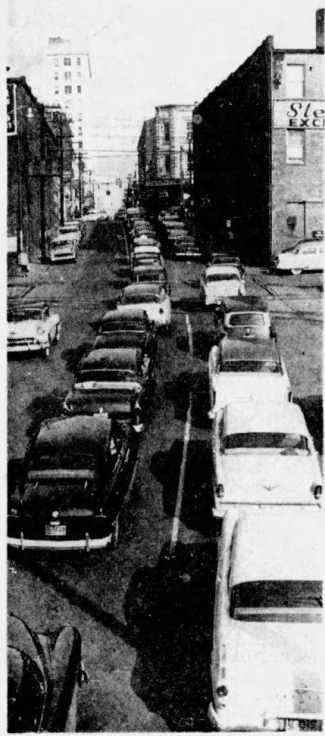


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E. 4TH ST. ALWAYS CROWDED, was even more so at the peak traffic hour this morning, as this picture by News Photographer Jeep Hunter demonstrates. Construction on W. 4th jammed cars climbing the hill toward College St. into two packed lanes and slowed 8:30 traffic to a snail's pace.

Newsman To See Blast

Pacific H-Bomb Test Set May 1

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government announced today newsman and photographers will be permitted to observe and report an H-bomb test scheduled for about May 1 at Eniwetok in the Pacific.

The coverage will be on a "pool" basis with the number of newsman limited to 15.

It will be the first time since 1946 that newsman have been allowed to see tests of atomic weapons at the Eniwetok proving ground. They have seen a number of tests, however, in Nevada the last time on May 5 of last year.

A pool announcement by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Defense Dept. did not say specifically that the upcoming Eniwetok test will be of an H-bomb. The announcement described it as a "megaton range nuclear detonation."

A megaton is the equivalent of one million tons of TNT.

Along with newsman it is planned to take a number of regional and state Civil Defense leaders to Eniwetok as observers. Explaining how the newsman to see the test will be selected, the announcement said:

"Various media groups in Washington are being asked to make the pool selections as follows: The Capitol Press Gallery— one morning newspaper representative and one afternoon newspaper representative; the White House Photographers Association— one photographer for the still picture syndicates and one for the weekly news periodicals and one theatrical newsreel crew consisting of one cameraman and one sound engineer; the Washington Radio and Television Correspondents Association— one radio crew consisting of one newsman and one sound engineer and a television recording crew con-

CLASSMATES MUST BE BIG POPEYE FANS

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP)— School children here voted for spinach over ice cream as their favorite food. Honest, it happened.

At Cleveland Court grammar school, students plan their own menu once weekly. Lately, spinach has been getting the most votes for the choicest food. Ice cream the least.

Our Weather

Rather cloudy and mild with a chance of scattered light showers this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow. Low this morning—53. Low tomorrow morning—57. High yesterday—74. High today—75. High tomorrow—80. Sunrise 6:09 a.m.; sunset 6:45 p.m.

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STRONGER FARM LAW GETS STUDY

Administration Seeks Improved Program Under Present Terms

By OVID A. MARTIN
WASHINGTON—The Eisenhower administration is taking a new look at the legal authority it already has, seeking means to strengthen its farm program this election year in the event no new farm law is enacted.

Undersecretary of Agriculture True D. Morse said the department "obviously is taking a new look at the whole farm program to determine what more might be done to help improve the farm situation."

No decisions on possible new actions have yet been made, he said, but he indicated officials are weighing carefully steps that might be taken to hold down production of livestock feed grains already in surplus.

The administration has been pinning its hopes for improving economic conditions in agriculture on a proposed \$1,200,000,000 soil bank program. Payments would be made to farmers for taking land out of production of crops already in surplus.

Agriculture Department officials said the possibility of a soil bank program helping farmers this year now appears "very slim." They based this appraisal both on the possibility that President Eisenhower may veto the pending farm bill and on the shortness of time for putting a soil bank plan into effect this year.

The bill as it now stands provides for the soil banks, but also would restore higher, rigid price supports and other features strongly opposed by the administration. Secretary Benson has predicted a bill with the high supports would be vetoed.

BEING REHEATED
The bill is now being redrafted by a Senate-House conference committee, which will resume its work tomorrow. Both House and Senate must vote on the committee's compromise recommendations after Congress reconvenes April 9.

Republicans and Democrats continue to accuse each other of stalling on the new farm bill. The Republican National Committee said in a publication for party workers that "farmers will be denied the full benefits of the soil bank this year 'thanks to a deliberate breakdown by Democrats of the farm bill.'"

Humphrey replied in a statement that the administration already has ample authority to put the soil bank program into effect, and needed only the task money (or money to finance it) he said the administration asked for a new soil bank law in order to stage "a war on the inflation effect of doing something new for farmers."

Benson has disputed the contention that he already has authority to set up a soil bank.

'THIS AWED SILENCE'—FOR ADULTS ONLY

By DONALD MACDONALD
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A pistol, being carried in a paper bag by a Negro woman, discharged when dropped on the floor of Eckerd's Drug Store, 109 S. Tryon St., today, and the bullet struck the woman in her right leg.

The shooting was purely accidental, but police and mid-morning shoppers rushed to the drug store when the pistol shot rang out. The woman was taken by ambulance to Good Samaritan Hospital, where it was learned that the 38 caliber pistol bullet had gone through the woman's right leg, just below her knee.

Police identified the injured woman as Mrs. Sadie Welch, 28, Apt. 4, 929 E. 5th St. An X-ray was being made to determine whether the bullet struck the bone in her leg.

Police also received an emergency call to the drug store at 8:40 a.m.

White House officials were expecting about 20,000 visitors by the time the gates close for the day at 4:30 p.m.

First in line—there since a few minutes after 7 a.m.—was 10-year-old Penn Glazier of Wheaton, Md. He and his mother, Mrs. M. H. Glazier, said this was the third year in a row they were the first through the gates.

Mrs. Alma Helm of Washington, who said she was the first to greet the youngsters and their parents later in the day, the likelihood was that Mrs. Eisenhower, too, would put in a brief appearance.

The egg rollers came dressed in chic new Easter bonnets, coney suits, dungarees, and there was even one family of youngsters in Scottish kilts.

The rules were that all children 12 or younger were admitted without question. All older than that had to be accompanied by children.

The smartly uniformed Army band played "The Easter Parade" as the traditional ceremony got under way. The temperature was a cool 45 degrees, but the sun was bright.

Mrs. Alma Helm of Washington, ran into a bit of trouble right at the start. She tried to bring in a wire-haired terrier named "Heather," but guards turned her back with, "Sorry, no dogs."

Her daughter, 11-year-old Loraine, went on in while Mrs. Helm telephoned for someone to come and get Heather.

Two Aircraft Crashes

Plane Lands In Sound; 22 Die In Pittsburgh



EASTER HAS LAYOVER AS MAYOR GAINS CHAPEAU

Today was still Easter for Mayor Phil Van Every who received his Easter hammet today. A Texas-style ham, it was sent to the Mayor by the Mayor of Dallas, Texas, and was presented to Mr. Van Every by Miss Dixie Galladay, stewards on a Delta Air Lines flight.

Delta inaugurated service into Charlotte yesterday with three flights and today six flights, three north and three south, made this city a regular port of call.

The first flight which arrived yesterday at 8:24 a.m. took off at 9:55 with several Charlotteans aboard. Mrs. John Halliburton Jr. and her young son, John Halliburton III, were the first Charlotteans to board a Delta flight.

Woman Accidentally Shot In Midtown Charlotte Store

According to information received by Sets, Frank Black and Vernon Shuler, the pistol discharged when the woman, Grace Welch, the couple operates the University Drive In Grill, 2223 Beatty's Park Rd.

Mrs. Welch told the officers that she was on her way to the grill by bus and stopped off at midtown to buy cosmetics at the drug store.

The fully-loaded, six-shot revolver was inside a brown paper bag along with the woman's pocketbook and a pay envelope.

As the woman attempted to get money out of the bag to use for cosmetics, the pistol—still encased in a holster—dropped to the floor and discharged. Sgt. Shuler said there is a safety catch on the weapon but it was not in place.

There were several customers, and clerks in the store at the time of the accident.

No charge has been made against the woman, pending report of her condition at Good Samaritan Hospital. She was taken to the hospital by Lions ambulance.

Coast Guard Picks Up 34 Persons At Seattle

SEATTLE (AP)—A New York-bound Stratocruser crashed-landed in Puget Sound after its takeoff here today and the Coast Guard reported half an hour later that 34 of the 37 persons aboard had been picked up.

The Northwest Orient Airlines luxury liner went into the water after taking off from the Seattle-Tacoma international airport. The crash scene was between the two cities.

The Coast Guard listed three persons as missing. The 24 known survivors were picked up in two Air Force amphibian planes. They were to be transferred to other rescue craft because the two planes were unable to take off with such heavy loads.

The survivors were picked up after they had been able to clamber to the wings of the double-deck plane in the several minutes it remained afloat.

The Coast Guard reported all available boats were sent to the scene and rubber boats were dropped from the air.

The plane carried 31 passengers and a crew of six. It was bound for New York via Portland, Ore., and Chicago.

The Coast Guard sent all available craft to the scene as soon as the plane struck.

The plane went down in the sound near Mary's Island, which is in the sound between Tacoma and Seattle.

The crash-landing in Puget Sound came after the pilot, had radioed of trouble and that he would try to return to the field.

He radioed later that he didn't know whether he could complete the trip to return to the airport.

The landing in Puget Sound, off Mary's Island, came moments later.

The plane had taken off at 8:05 a.m. PST. The crash-landing was reported to have occurred at about 8:20 a.m., with the big plane sinking at 8:27.

NO SERIOUS INJURIES
The Coast Guard said it had no reports of any serious injuries among the 34 rescued persons.

The survivors were reported en route to Vashon Island and ambulances were being dispatched by ferry boat from Seattle to meet them there.

The passengers included three Japanese who could speak no English. One of them was a 2-year-old child. They all survived.

Survivors charred or jumped or stumbled from the wreckage. Charred bodies of the victims were removed after the fire had been checked.

Fourteen survivors, among them Capt. Raymond F. McQuade, 38, the pilot, and Harlan Jecerson, the co-pilot, received hospital treatment.

DISCREPANCY NOTED
But the airline said its records showed 33 passengers and the crew of three were aboard just before the accident, and said it could not immediately account for the discrepancy.

Newsom were not permitted to talk with McQuade or Jecerson last night and TWA officials said they had questioned McQuade because he was in "severe shock."

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(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Hunter)
Natural splendor of the Freedom Park Lake. The site which was used for the sunrise service became a picnic ground later in the day.



SHUNNING THE FORMALITY of the traditional Easter dinner table, lots of folks took their mid-day meal yesterday amid the