

Charlotte's Rate Of Alcoholism Lowest In Country

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Charlotte has the lowest rate of alcoholism among the nation's big cities. The Queen City has 1,320 alcoholics. The Charlotte figure is below that for the state of North Carolina. The figures are based on a 1950 survey and the picture may have changed somewhat, but researchers have seen no significant trend up or down. Alcoholism researchers Mark Keller and Vera Efron of Yale University reported the findings in the "Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol."

Mr. Keller told The News by telephone today that the Charlotte story is a "remarkable one" and verified the figures released in a national news story. Charlotte's rate of alcoholism with complications, according to an Associated Press dispatch, is 440 for 100,000 adults in 1950 and Austin, Tex., as the lowest rate in the nation. San Francisco has the highest rate with 4,190 alcoholics with complications for each 100,000 adults. However, Mr. Keller pointed out a few more pertinent facts. He said that the reported number of cases is 330 in Charlotte since the adult population was not 100,000 but 75,000.

Thus the rate is 440 per 100,000. The rate per 100,000 adult population was used as a base for all cities. STATE RATE HIGHER On that basis, the rate for the state of North Carolina is 580 per 100,000 adults or 13,960 alcoholics with complications in the state. The rate is based on "alcoholics with complications." There are three times as many alcoholics without complications, thus setting the total Charlotte figure at 1,320 and the state figure at 55,640. Alcoholism goes hand-in-hand with tuberculosis in Charlotte's population is highly urban. That Keller said, is

one reason why the Charlotte story is "unusual." Another factor is a tendency for the largest city in the state—in this case Charlotte—to have a figure higher than the state. This did not hold true in the relationship between Charlotte and North Carolina where this city fell below the state rate. TERMS DEFINED The Yale team defined "alcoholics with complications" as those "who have developed recognizable physical or mental symptoms due to excessive drinking." The researchers said estimates are that for every such alcoholic there are three other chronic excessive drinkers without such complications.

The survey covered cities of 100,000 population or over. Charlotte was the state's only city surveyed. The figures were based on adult population 20 years of age or over. The 1950 figures were said to be the most recent available. San Francisco had "by far" the highest rate of alcoholism among the nation's big cities in 1950, but New York, Detroit and St. Louis were even in the first 25. The next closest were Sacramento, Calif. with a rate of 2,700 and Louisville, 2,380. HIGHER IN URBAN AREA The scientists said it is generally

known that alcoholism is more prevalent in urban areas than in rural areas. "But the factors, whatever they may be, which make up the urbanism that associates with alcoholism," they said, "do not appear to correspond closely with population density." "Thus, it is possible for a city between 100,000 and 200,000 inhabitants, as Wilmington, Del., or Sacramento, to show a much higher rate of alcoholism than metropolises of millions, as New York or Chicago." "The psychological or cultural factors which influence the regional rates of alcoholism await elucidation by social

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Heds For Monaco

Grace Says She Wants Big Family

NEW YORK.—Grace Kelly, sailing to marry Prince Rainier III of Monaco, expressed hope today that she would have a large family.

She disclosed this for the first time at a crowded news conference aboard the American Export liner Constitution shortly before its noon departure for the Mediterranean.

"Would you like a large family?" asked a woman reporter touching on a topic the movie star previously had described as "personal." "I hope I have one—yes," Miss Kelly smilingly replied.

The couple will be married in a civil ceremony April 18 and in a Roman Catholic wedding the next day. This follows French and Monacan custom where the civil ceremony is the only one recognized by the state.

The blonde actress was asked how she felt at leaving the United States for the last time as Miss Kelly.

"I hope I will be coming back to America quite often," she answered. Miss Kelly, wearing a beige tweed suit and small white hat, sat at a corner table in the liner's pool deck.

More than 100 photographers and newsmen pressed around her. She was non-committal as to whether she would continue her screen career.

"Right now, I am too interested in my marriage career to think of the movies," she said. A reporter asked what she called the prince. "I call him by his name, Rainier," she said.

To a question as to whether she had any pet name for him, she laughed and said: "That's between us."

Questioned on her future citizenship. "I believe the Communist threat is more dangerous now than ever before," Truman said last night. "I believe recent changes in Soviet tactics are not signs of 'failure' but evidence of growing economic power."

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KE SAYS NO WAR WITHOUT CONGRESS OK

Would Not Send Out Troops Except With Permission

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
WASHINGTON.—President Eisenhower said today he would never order American troops into any kind of action which could be interpreted as war without prior approval by Congress. Eisenhower told a news conference that of course there might come a time when it would be necessary for U. S. forces to defend themselves in a local action. He made it plain that under such circumstances the troops would defend themselves but he said emphatically that would not be war.

Eisenhower reacted sharply when a reporter asked whether he might order U. S. Marines, who were recently sent to the Middle East, into war if he thought the circumstances warranted it, and without getting the approval of Congress.

MARINES SENT OUT A reinforced battalion of Marines, about 1,500 men, was sent last month to join the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean.

The question to the President yesterday prompted by the press yesterday by Secretary of State Dulles said at his news conference that he thought Eisenhower would not be disposed to use American troops without prior approval by Congress, unless some emergency arose which left inadequate time for action by the lawmakers.

Eisenhower's news conference dealt also with these other matters: POLITICS-Farm.—Eisenhower said that of course the nation's farmers have a right to be somewhat bewildered over the general agricultural situation this election year. But he again expressed confidence that the farmers will see that the administration is trying to help them in pressing for enactment of a new farm bill.

These remarks were in response for comment on the outcome of yesterday's presidential primary in Wisconsin. Nearly complete returns gave Eisenhower 55 per cent of the vote to 42 per cent for Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination. The remaining 3 per cent went to John Chappie, running as a self-designated independent.

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Civil Rights Measure

NEWS DRAWS PRAISE FOR SERIES

Officials Push For Sidewalk Repair

City Councilman Steve W. Dellinger today praised articles in The Charlotte News pointing out the disrepair of sections of downtown sidewalks.

And City Manager Henry A. Yancey said, "I wish more people would take advantage of the city's offer to bear much of the costs on sidewalk repairs."

He added that "if the city could get an idea about how many people would like to do this, funds could be budgeted for it next year."

Another of The News' series of sidewalk conditions appears on the second front page today.

Mr. Yancey explained that when a property owner fixes his own sidewalk, the city will furnish the labor for the work if the property owner will furnish the material.

NO BUDGET He said the city has never budgeted funds specifically for this because people "haven't taken hold of the idea. But I wish they would."

Commenting on The News' articles, Mr. Dellinger said at the present session today.

"The upshot sidewalks are in bad shape. People should take advantage of the 50-50 repair deal offered by the city."

"Some are, but more should. It's a bad situation that can be remedied with a little to the property owner."

He complimented both The News and the Chamber of Commerce for their efforts in



A Charlotte Sidewalk—Not An Unusual Case.

the matter. He also pointed out that several months ago the City Council voted to have a survey made to locate "dangerous" places in sidewalks.

CITY CAMPAIGN At the Nov. 9 meeting he noted a number of sidewalks in poor condition and asked if the city could hold a campaign to have property owners repair their sidewalks. On his report, the council instructed Mr. Yancey and City Engineer Loyd Richey to conduct a survey and advise property owners of sidewalks in need of repair.

Mr. Richey said today that enough people are volunteering to have their sidewalks fixed under the city's cost-sharing deal to keep his crews busy. He added this is not giving him time to contact other property owners at this time.

Mr. Yancey and Mr. Dellinger today took note of a campaign now being conducted by the city of Raleigh. Under the plan there property owners are to have their sidewalks repaired at their own expense, or the city will do the job and bill them for the entire cost.

He urged that the voluntary plan here is a good one, and again emphasized that more people should take advantage of the offer.

'Moderate' Approach Is Cited

WASHINGTON.—Rep. Keating (R-N.Y.) said today he expects to sponsor Eisenhower administration civil rights proposals next week.

He gave them "a good fighting chance" of House passage. Meanwhile it was disclosed that Chairman Celler (D-N.Y.) has invited Atty. Gen. Brownell to present the administration's program to the House Judiciary Committee Tuesday.

A Celler aide said Brownell has to reply to the invitation, which was dated March 22. He said the committee will proceed on Democratic-sponsored civil rights proposals if Brownell does not appear. Celler is in Florida for the Easter recess.

Last weekend Eisenhower called a "moderate" approach in saying that if Congress does not set up a civil rights commission, as he requested, he might call a conference of Southern governors and attorneys general on the problem of public school segregation.

Eisenhower called for "moderate and responsible leadership supported by a spirit of patience on the part of all our people."

The administration proposal reportedly will include legislation to set up a bipartisan civil rights commission and create a special civil rights division in the Justice Department.

A third proposal, to allow citizens to go to court against persons or groups hampering their right to vote, was said to be undergoing revision.

Keating told a newsmen he believes the administration legislation stands "a good chance" of approval. Southern filibusters in the Senate.

THE DEMOCRATIC PROBLEM He said the Senate would present "another problem" in past years, civil rights legislation has been blocked by Southern filibusters in the Senate.

The Democratic civil rights proposals, introduced by Celler, already have been approved by a Judiciary subcommittee.

One is an anti-lynching bill. Another broader measure would set up a Senate-House committee on civil rights and a civil rights commission in the executive branch.

City Tightens Vandal Defense

Defenses against vandalism in the city's parks were tightened today.

City Council gave approval to the issuance of a special officer's permit to Harry Holmes, employed by the Park & Recreation Commission to keep closer watch on park properties in an effort to prevent vandalism.

And City Manager Henry A. Yancey informed the Council that this new special officer will operate in a radio-equipped automobile, providing quick communication with police headquarters and park properties.

School Board Seeks Funds For Combined Headquarters

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Overtures for the appropriation of \$150,000 for purchase of a site for a city-county school administrative headquarters were made by the City School Board today.

The board formally requested the County Commission to include \$150,000 in the 1956-57 budget as school capital outlay for purchase of such property.

A tract of at least 40-50 acres will be necessary, Commissioner Ben Huntley told the school board today.

Indications were that the County School Board at its next session will make a similar request to the County Commission for inclusion of the capital outlay sum in the upcoming budget.

BOUGHT TO APPEAR Board members felt that representatives of both school boards ought to appear at the next meeting of the County Commission to formally present the request.

Commissioner Huntley, chairman of the City School Board's site committee, and Commissioner J. P. Hobson, chairman of the City School Board's finance committee, were named as a committee to join with county school officials in appearing before the County Commission.

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Michigan Hardest Hit 45 Die In Midwestern Tornadoes

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A series of tornadoes and destructive windstorms struck with unabated fury across 10 states in the mid-continent yesterday, killing at least 45 persons and injuring more than 300 others.

The violent spring storms, battering areas from the Midwest prairie lands southward into Mississippi, came in the wake of tornado winds which raked the Southwest earlier yesterday and Monday night.

The casualty toll in the two days was at least 33 dead and more than 325 injured. Property damage was estimated in the millions of dollars.

Western Michigan, in the Grand Rapids district, suffered the heaviest death and injury toll. Latest reports showed at least 22 dead, 18 identified and 4 unidentified.

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More than 200 were injured. A dozen twisters hammered the area destroying scores of homes. Some 1,500 were reported homeless.

WISCONSIN DAMAGE Eight were killed and more than 50 injured in two Wisconsin communities. Also in the path of the turbulent weather were sections of Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Nebraska, Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi.

The tornadoes which hammered Michigan caused heaviest loss of life and damage at Hudsonville, a town of 1,300 about 10 miles southwest of Grand Rapids in the Grand Rapids-Holland highway to Lake Michigan. At least 17 persons were killed. Some 120 persons were treated for injuries in the three main hospitals of Grand Rapids, a town of 130 about 10 miles south.

The tornadoes that hit near Henderson killed one woman. Two other persons lost their lives in the storm which hit Kentucky.

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