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A GOOD DAY FOR ELEPHANTS...



Vicki Holds Diploma Given Her By Ex-Mayor Shaw, Right, Trainer Al Lord.

She's A Lady Now

Vicki Gets Her Diploma

By EMERY WISTER
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You home students think you're so smart. Here it is a good two months from June and Vicki already has her diploma.
A real smart girl, Vicki received her graduation certificate from former Mayor Victor Shaw yesterday. She didn't make much fuss about it, just wrapped her snaky trunk around it and tossed it over her dirty broad back.
Vicki is the elephant girl, the truant elephant if you will, of

September last. She broke out of the zoo at Airport Park and led police and professional and amateur elephant chasers on a merry hunt before being caught and led back to her stockade.
Hired Trainer
That's when Airport Park Owner Jack Partlow figured she was in need of higher education. That's when he brought Louis Reed, veteran trainer of the Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus to town.
So Reed taught her the finer things of life, made a lady ele-

phant out of her in nine weeks time.
Vicki learned how to stand up, sit down, roll over, sit on a platform and other things that poor elephants do.
Fitting Act
"And most of all," says Mr. Partlow, "she learned to behave."
Yesterday he called on Mr. Shaw to present Vicki her diploma. It was fitting that he did. Vicki was named for Mr. Shaw who while mayor expressed a desire for an elephant as the start of a municipal zoo.

Credit Man Held Up

\$50,000 In Cash Taken By Robbers

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)—The treasurer of the Willys Federal Credit Union was robbed of \$50,000 in cash today by five armed men in a parking lot at the auto plant.
Andrew Jones, 67, said he had just returned from a Toledo Trust Co. branch when he was held up.
Jones said that as he stepped out of the building, he was pointed at the credit union official, forced him into a nearby ravine and told him to keep talking.
After taking the money, that hand and another, also masked, escaped in another car which had been parked nearby in the lot.
Jones described the get-away vehicle as "a late model car."
The credit union treasurer had obtained the funds to cash em-

ployees' checks for pay day tomorrow at the Willys Motor Co.
Shortly after the holdup, police broadcast a description of one of the bandits as about 25 to 30 years old, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, 170 pounds, wearing a plaid jacket and gray trousers.
Credit union officials said the funds were insured.

Our Weather

Mostly cloudy and warm to night and tomorrow with scattered showers tonight and tomorrow and a few widely scattered showers this afternoon.
Low this morning—54.
Low tomorrow morning—58.
High yesterday—81.
High today—75.
High tomorrow—75.
Sunrise today, 6:05 a.m.; sunset, 6:47 p.m.

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'Finding Man' Lost His Pin

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Jack McDonald, 36, the "finding man" in Dallas, yesterday admitted he was stumped and asked the police for help.

The motorcycle delivery man has long amazed police by his ability to find things. He has found and turned over to owners of police in recent years \$11,181 in cash and checks, a piano, 100 pounds of beef, and numerous pieces of jewelry and luggage which he has spotted from his three-wheel motorcycle.

But yesterday he told police he wanted to report the loss of his 100,000-mile safety award pin, given him by a motorcycle manufacturer for driving that distance without an accident or a traffic ticket.

"This time somebody else will have to do the finding," he said. "I've looked until I can't see straight."
Select FOREMOST Milk Products at your favorite store—Adv.



Chap. 1—Press Has Bar, Chapel

MONTE CARLO (AP)—Prince Rainier III's pint-sized principality opened up a big press center today for the 1,000 reporters, photographers, television and radio commentators who'll cover the ruler's wedding to Grace Kelly.
"We hope we haven't forgotten anything," said a beaming official. "I believe this is the first press center in the world to have both a religious chapel and a serpentine bar."
The press headquarters is located in a four-story former school building overlooking the blue Mediterranean. The bar is in the courtyard, the place for prayer on the second floor.
The drink list is unique. One of the cocktails is called an American old fashioned—made with gin.
"Give us time," said a press official. "We'll even have Kentucky bourbon by the time Miss Kelly and her party arrive from America next week."

Boy Convicted Of Slaying

WHEELING, W. Va. (AP)—Tommy Williams Jr., 14, was convicted of first degree murder today in the slaying of 9-year-old Cub Scout David Powell.

The verdict carried a recommendation of mercy, which means a mandatory life sentence.
The jury of 12 men deliberated for about three hours yesterday and slightly more than an hour today before bringing in the verdict.
William Callahan, defense lawyer, immediately moved to set the verdict aside and get a new trial.
Judge David A. McKee of the Intermediate Court set hearing on the defense motion for next Wednesday, April 11.
Young Tommy stood unemotionally as jury foreman Paul Williams read the verdict.
As he returned to his seat, Tommy jostled the chair and it lost a caster. He stooped down, found the caster, inserted it in the leg of the chair and calmly took his seat.
As he was led back to jail by Deputy P. O. Miller, newsmen asked Tommy how he felt and he replied: "Okay."

The five-alarm blaze broke out shortly after 8 p.m. in the basement of a one-story, 40-by-80-foot brick structure occupied by an artificial flower manufacturing firm. Firemen fought for 3 hours to put it out.
The crashing wall cut power lines and snuffed out street lights. Some 60 firemen battled on in darkness and thick smoke.
Fireman Joseph O'Keefe said he was 15 feet up a ladder when he heard a warning cry. He looked down, saw the wall sway, and his ladder was tossed outward.
O'Keefe was flung clear, suffering only faint and face injuries. But firemen William Heelan, 47, and Arthur Hanson, 35, below him on the ladder, were crushed to death by falling masonry.
Others killed were Lt. John F. Molloy, 44, and firemen Edward J. Carroll, 41, Frederick J. Heilner, 38, and Charles J. Infosino, 45.

GRACE DEPT.

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Evening Prayer
O God, whether our place be large or small, may we find each day an opportunity for self-control and living service. May every experience add to us something of the Master's strength and charm, and make us more like Him. In His name. Amen.

Walter May Recall Some Witnesses

Immunity Provision Cited As Authority

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman Walter (D-Pa.) said today the House Committee on a American Activities may recall some heretofore reluctant witnesses and order them to testify under a law permitting immunity from prosecution.
Walter mentioned no names, saying he'd rather not disclose any now.
But Rep. Velde (R-Ill.) senior Republican on the committee, named as possibilities Alger Hiss, who served a prison term for perjury in denying he had given documents to a Communist spy courier, and Steve Nelson, Pennsylvania Communist party leader.
Walter told reporters he has instructed the committee's counsel to go over the list of witnesses who have invoked the Fifth Amendment to determine which of them should be recalled and given immunity.
Frank S. Tavenner Jr., committee counsel, said the committee had "been at the edge" a number of times about offering immunity to a witness, but never had made a final decision to take the step.
"Now that the test has been made," Walter said, "the committee will take full advantage of it."
He referred to the supreme Court decision of March 25 upholding the validity of the 1954 immunity law as far as it applies to testimony before federal courts and grand juries. The court specifically noted it was not ruling "on a similar provision affecting congressional committee witnesses."
Under the law, a witness who invokes the Fifth Amendment's protection against self-incrimination in a case involving national security may be granted immunity from criminal prosecution for what he might disclose. Once granted immunity, the witness must testify or be subject to penalties for contempt.
Hiss, once a government employee, appeared before the committee in 1948 and denied that he was or had been a Communist.
Nelson invoked the Fifth Amendment on most questions when he appeared before the committee in 1948 and 1949 in its inquiry into wartime atomic spying on the West Coast.

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... AND PRETTY GOOR FOR DOGS, TOO



THIS AIN'T NO LION, but a Blue Merle sheltland sheep dog. He's one of the 430 dogs on display at the Piedmont Kennel Club Dog Show at Fireman's Hall today.

The show will be held on the front page of the second section.

Recruiters Rap Compromise

'Feud' Continues In Schools

By HARRY SHUFORD
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A long-standing feud between armed services recruiters and local school authorities continued under cover today, despite a compromise put into effect this week.
The heart of the feud is the exam by recruiters that, with rare exceptions, school officials no longer let them come into the schools to talk to high school seniors.
One recruiter, who refused to permit use of his name, said he had been able to make only one talk to senior boys this year. Another protested one was practically "thrown out" of a school when he walked in the front door.
TIME SHORT
School officials take the

view that with so many different services and reserve organizations in the field for recruits, it is practically impossible to give them all time to be heard without seriously interrupting the school program.
They say they are perfectly willing for senior boys to be informed of their military obligations. Also of the advantages offered by the different branches of service.
They think the students should know these things, as a matter of fact.
SOUGHT SOLUTION
As a result of this growing controversy, the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, headed by Earle J. Gluck, stepped in to try to reach a solution.
As a result of conferences with school authorities and a number of representatives of the armed services, a compromise plan has been worked out.
Under it, each senior high school in the city and county will schedule military information meetings "once a year." At these meetings representatives from a selective service, the National Guard and other organizations will be present to explain the Reserve Act of 1955 and the military obligations of youths.
The first such meeting was held yesterday at North Mecklenburg High School, with

Ex-Nike Man Testifies

Woelfel Claims He Refused Bribe

By CHARLES KRAUT
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Carl H. Woelfel, the former Nike engineer charged with soliciting a bribe, testified in federal district court today that it actually happened the other way around.
He was offered a bribe, he said, and turned it down in "disgust."
His testimony brought a dramatic twist to his day-old trial before Judge Wilson Warlick. For over two hours, yesterday and this morning, Leroy Potter, an Atlanta salesman, told how Mr. Woelfel had tried to get a new firm from him in return for the flooring contract for Nike Building No. 1.
Mr. Woelfel, stocky and heavy-jowled, swore late this morning that he never mentioned a reward or "token of appreciation" from Mr. Potter's Southern Wood Preserving Co.
After Mr. Potter found out specifications for the building's flooring were apparently going to be changed to call for wood block floors, Mr. Woelfel said, Mr. Potter remarked: "This looks good."
Then, as they were leaving the Charlotte Engineers' office on N. Tryon St., Mr. Woelfel testified, Mr. Potter turned to him and said: "We're very appreciative. I'm going to ask my company to increase this contract \$5,000 to give you a Cadillac car."
"I said, 'Why not make it a yacht?'" Mr. Woelfel testified. "I was disgusted with the whole business."

POTTER IN COURT

Leroy Potter, who is also mayor of Avondale, Ga., sat on a back row in the courtroom with officials of his company, and Mr. Woelfel looked at the group as he testified.
His story conflicted directly with much of what Mr. Potter had said earlier. His version is that Mr. Woelfel hinted twice that he would like to have a reward for getting the specifications changed and that it was Woelfel who requested a car in the Tryon St. conversation.
He took up Mr. Woelfel's quest with his company when he was in the courtroom.

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After 16 Years In Prison

Innocent Man Finally Freed

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. (AP)—An innocent man who spent 16 years in prison is free today because of a prosecutor's diligence and a guilty man's conscience.
The one year to life sentence of Roy E. Eaton, 52, was vacated yesterday in the same Circuit Court room in which he had been convicted in 1940.
Judge Leonard E. Telleen issued the order after State Atty. Bernard J. Moran presented a paroled convict's signed statement that he and another man had committed the crime for which Eaton was punished.
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Surprises Unlikely In Findings

By JULIAN SCHEER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Tonight the lid comes off of one of the state's biggest stories. The long hush-hush report of the Advisory Committee on Education will be made at 7:30 from Chapel Hill by Thomas J. Fearon, Gov. Hodges' Mount.

The situation is this:
(1) The Supreme Court handed down a decision May 17, 1954, calling public school segregation illegal.
(2) The state officially and finally recommended and it is believed, a fairly moderate approach to the question of an integrated school system for the state.

NO SURPRISES

Now a crystallization of action and thinking will be offered. The report has been prepared by a special committee appointed by Gov. Luther Hodges. The seven-man group will offer suggestions and recommendations which undoubtedly most authorities agree will mean a special session of the General Assembly this summer.
No one knows what the report will contain but there should be no surprises, no startling recommendations and it is believed, a fairly moderate approach to the question of an integrated school system for the state.

Already the state's stand is known.

Following before the Supreme Court and in comments by high officials and in a "voluntary segregation" speech last August by Gov. Hodges, it has been contended that mixing of the races in North Carolina public schools was not the issue.

CHAIN OF EVENTS

Here is how the chain of events has gone since the May 17, 1954, decision.
Following the Supreme Court's May 17, 1954 decision, the late Gov. William B. Umstead appointed in August a large special advisory committee on education. This committee is headed by Mr. Fearon who is chairman of the present group.
The group made its report on Dec. 20, 1954 to Gov. Hodges, following Mr. Umstead's death, and the General Assembly.
As a direct result of the report, early in the 1955 session of the General Assembly a piece of legislation—now called Chapter 153, Session Laws 1955—was passed.
This bill set up a decentralization of assignment and enrollment of pupils in public schools.

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