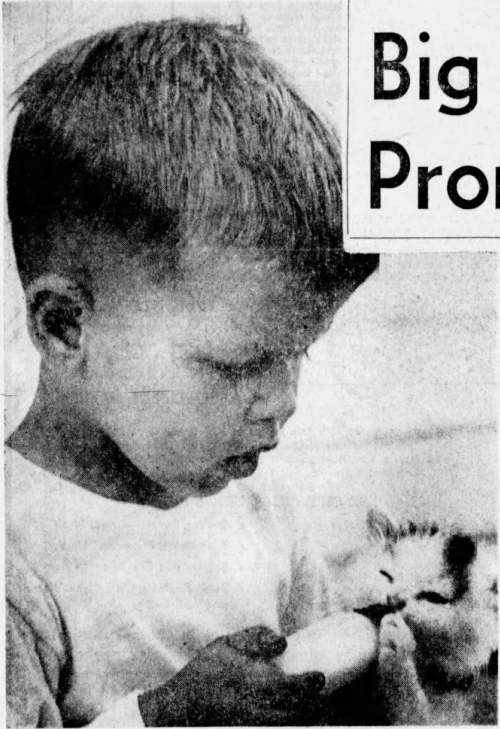




## Big Nike Plant Expansion Promised By Army Chief



Ronnie Feeds "Topsy" ... Or Is It "Harry?"

### Ronnie Subs For Mama Cat

Parental problems came early to three-year-old Ronnie, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Biggers, 739 Glenwood Rd. When he got his month-old black and white kitten, no one knew it wasn't weaned. So armed with a baby bottle and three spurs, Ronnie feeds his kitten several times a day. His solution for the kitty-whim-

pers at night? The cat sleeps in the bathtub. But naming the cat was the biggest problem. Ronnie decided to call HER "Topsy," but then decided HE was "Harry." "We don't really know which it is," Mrs. Biggers admitted. Ronnie couldn't care less.

### Investment Hike Seen By Higgins

By EMERY WISTER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A great expansion of the Charlotte Ordnance Missile Plant, both in money to be spent and number of employees, was promised here today by Frank H. Higgins, assistant Secretary of the Army.

Mr. Higgins, who was a principal speaker at the dedication of the plant today, said the federal government had already invested \$22 million in the facility.

He did not say exactly what the expansion would entail, but made it clear that it would be carried out "as techniques improve" and demand increases.

He made no mention of the number of employees the plant will have in the immediate or distant future.

#### BOOM STATE

Pointing out that North Carolina is one of the boom states in the field of guided missiles, he said \$16 million will be spent modernizing and expanding a plant in Burlington where parts for the Nike missile are made.

Defending the Nike, which will be produced at the plant here, he



Donald Douglas (L), Plant Manager Sheldon P. Smith

### Committees In Agreement

## Compromise Farm Measure Okayed

WASHINGTON (AP)—A compromise farm bill carrying a proposed \$1,200,000,000 soil bank plan, was approved today by a Senate-House conference committee.

Sen. Ellender (D-La.) said the biggest trade in reaching the compromise was "the Senate dropped its provision that the soil bank need not be put in operation this year and the House agreed to take our feed grain provisions."

The House had voted for higher price supports for feed grains than had the Senate.

Ellender said "everything was harmonious" in the committee session.

"All conferees already have signed the report and I hope to get Senate approval later in the day if I can bring it up by unanimous consent," he said.

Asked if anything in the present bill might cause a veto, Ellender exploded:

"No, great God, No!"

The new bill is a second try by Congress to work out an election year farm measure. A catch-all bill was vetoed by President Eisenhower on April 18.

A main objection by Eisenhower was that the measure would have junked the administration's flexible price support system.

AGREEMENTS LISTED  
Ellender and Chairman Cooley (D-N.C.) of the House Agriculture Committee and its conferees reported these agreements in the new version:

1. A directive to the Secretary of Agriculture to sell up to 5 million bales of government-held cotton on world markets in competition with other cotton producing nations.

2. A two-price program for rice that had been opposed by the administration when it was mandatory.

3. Elimination of soil bank payments or participation by grazing lands and other field crops, such as potatoes, as voted by the House.

4. A two-year freeze on the 17,000,000 acres of cotton eligible for price supports for 1957 and 1958 crops. Cotton allotments within individual states also could not be decreased more than 1 per cent during the next two years.

5. Elimination of Senate amendments that would have permitted sale of up to 100 million bushels of surplus wheat for low prices as live stock feed and also would have permitted wheat farmers to grow without penalty all wheat used on their farms.

### Write-In Bid For O'Herron Taking Shape

By JULIAN SCHEER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A write-in vote campaign in the November general election for a State House of Representatives seat appeared almost a certainty today.

A wave of sentiment in favor of Edward M. O'Herron, who went to the House in 1955, but who is not running this time, is gaining momentum.

It is a double-barreled vote to elect O'Herron and (2) defeat Rep. Jack Love.

At the same time the sponsors



MR. O'HERRON

are making a bid to push Rep. Love to the bottom of the ticket—or at least into fourth place—in Saturday's primary.

They are working hard for Frank Snapp Jr., Ernest Hicks and James B. Vogler.

While there was no official comment today, several party leaders confided to The News that such a movement is a reality.

It is understood that the same men are interested in a write-in campaign for O'Herron in the primary election Saturday.

NO PROVISION  
However, consultation with Atty. Gen. William B. Rodman indicated that there is no provision for a write-in in a primary election. They were told that all ballots with write-ins may be discarded as defeated.

When this bid died, the group then turned its sights on the

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### Evening Prayer

O God, give us songs in the night, and help us to remember that out of the darkness comes the dawn in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Wholesalers, Retailers Alerted

## Coffee Price Increase Seen Here

By J. A. DALY  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Charlotte's wholesale and retail trade was alerted today about a strongly advancing movement in coffee prices which likely will soon increase costs to Charlotte's consumers.

Trade reports said an epidemic of litters about coffee prices developed a few weeks ago in Brazil and now has spread over most of the world's coffee trade centers, especially New York.

These trade reports to Charlotte's supermarket operators and foodstuffs wholesalers told of price increases ranging from two to four cents a pound for most leading branded lines of

colleas on the American markets.

#### 20,000 POUNDS

Merchants here estimated that Charlotte's retail trade involves all east 20,000 pounds of coffee each week. A four-cent per pound increase in the wholesale price could result in a five-cent increase in retail prices, as was suggested in the grocery trade. That would indicate an increase of \$800 to \$1,000 per week in Charlotte's spending for coffee.

Financial and commercial newspapers, like the New York Journal of Commerce, through the past 10 days have published under wide headlines reports about the rather wild gyrations

in the coffee futures markets. These wide swings in prices, mostly upward, were described as reactions to reports that Brazil, dominant producer of coffee, was preparing to tighten its already strict regulation of export coffee prices. Consequently, market prices for other Central and South American producing nations' coffees were somewhat impressively strengthened.

#### REDUCED SPEED

SHELBYVILLE, Ky. — When State Policeman Morgan Elkins arrested a young motorist going 70 miles an hour near here, he found that the speeding car had been in second gear.



MR. HIGGINS

called it "the best ground-to-air missile today."

He brushed aside rumors that another missile, besides the Nike, will be made here.

"It's going to be Nike and no foolin'," he said. "Tests prove the Nike out. It is all we claim it to be. In my humble opinion, it is the best ground-to-air missile today."

Mr. Higgins, who spoke to reporters briefly when he stepped off a government plane at municipal airport, said the government has invested \$100 million in the

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### From Two Quarters

## Probes Promised In Service Fight

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two Senate committees plan separate investigations of the row among the armed services over their roles in the war.

Secretary of Defense Wilson sought to head off any such inquiry in a news conference yesterday at which he was flanked by the civilian and uniformed chiefs of the various services. All sought to play down the seriousness of the squabble.

But today, Sen. Chavez (D-NM) got in first with an announcement that the appropriations subcommittee which he heads will make a study of the disagreement over basic defense policy.

Then Sen. Symington (D-Mo) said his armed services subcommittee will go into the matter, which centers on guided missiles and air power.

POSITIONS SOUGHT  
Symington said the Army, Navy and Air Force will be called upon for testimony "as to their positions in the missile field." He added that the group also will go into the Navy's role in the field

of air power, including what he called "both its primary and secondary missions."

Symington, in broadening what started out as a study of the Air Force and its capabilities as compared to those of Russia, referred "to air problems currently in controversy among the three military services as to their respective roles and missions in the over-all field of air power."

MAJOR CONTROVERSIES  
Controversies within the armed services revolve principally around the roles of the Army and Air Force in ground-to-air and medium range missiles, and the air power roles of the Air Force.

Symington said his subcommittee already has received behind closed doors hundreds of pages of testimony as to the air power mission of the Air Force in the field of manned aircraft and guided missiles.

Further testimony, he said, will be taken on the position of the three services in the missile field.

### Majority Likes 'Rights' Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—A majority A House Judiciary Committee members endorsed the Eisenhower Administration's civil rights bill today as an effort toward "the great American ideal of equality under law."

But seven Southern committee members—six Democrats and one Virginia Republican—denounced the bill as "absolutely shocking." They said it posed a "Frankenstein" threat against state and local governments.

The majority and minority reports reflected deep differences over the volatile civil rights issue. The minority report was made public yesterday.

The bill, drawing more than usual attention this election year, was approved by the 22-man committee April 23. The vote count was not announced at the time.

The measure still awaits clearance by the House Rules Committee. Whether it will be sent to the House and win passage there remains to be seen, in any event, it is believed unlikely to pass the Senate, where Southern filibusters have blocked other civil rights measures in the past.

### Our Weather

Partly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow.  
Low this morning... 63  
Low tomorrow morning... 64  
High yesterday... 84  
High today... 86  
High tomorrow... 90  
Sunrise 5:15 a.m.; sunset 7:25 p.m.

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Select FORTMOST Milk Products at your favorite store.—Adv.



PATIENTLY WAITING for his young master to close the school books for the day and come on out for a romp is Laddie, who doesn't quite understand this school business anyway. Laddie's master, David Maurice, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Charles B. Furr of 2016 Weyland Ave., is somewhere inside Miss Dora Oates' fourth grade class at Ashley Park School hard at work over his books, but he's probably not waiting quite as patiently as Laddie appears to be.

ONE PUFF, THEN P-O-O-F

## Cigar Plus Gas Equals Boom

One cigar put a Charlotte man in the hospital and narrowly missed destroying a service station and a 1951 Cadillac last night.

The cigar was being smoked while the smoker's car was being refueled at a W. Morehead St. service station at 9:45 p.m. when a fire broke out.

S. E. McKenzie, 4200 Howie Cir., a bystander who tried to extinguish the flames, was rushed to Memorial Hospital after being overcome by extinguisher fumes. He was held at the

hospital for observation and treatment.

Firemen listed the cigar of Cristo LeChamp Henderson, also owner of the Cadillac, as apparent cause of the fire which occurred while attendant Alex Carroway, 545 Brookhill Rd., was pumping gas at Gentry Ess-Service. Both the Cadillac and the gas pump were damaged by the blaze.

Answering the alarm were men from engine company 5 and ladder company 5, Tuckaseegee Rd. Station; and men from engine company 12, W. 5th St. Station.