

School Crisis: Where To Put 'Em?

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When the county school bell rings next week for the last time, it will signal the beginning of a new school year. Some 19,500 students and 600 teachers. But for school officials, the ringing of the bell means nothing except the beginning of a new school year filled with problems and the beginning of another.

The main problem is this:

Too many students and too little space.

The 1956-57 school year which begins in September is causing county school officials "concern," but the 1957-58 year is one for real "worry."

CRISIS IN 1957

"If everybody will work with us," County School Supt. J. W. Wilson said, "we think we can house the children in September."

"But we don't know of any

way we can house the children who will come to us in September of 1957 with the buildings that are being planned now," he said.

He hopes that the problem can be licked in September with double sessions in schools that have a large walking student load, and by shifting some students to schools that may have vacant classrooms.

Mr. Wilson bases his optimism for housing children in

the next school year on the fact that "we've done it before."

SPACE FOUND

For the last two years the problem has appeared almost without exception. But with the co-operation of parents and children in utilizing empty classrooms wherever they were all children have had desks.

"The children haven't suffered," Mr. Wilson said, "and that is our main concern."

The most serious problem

of overcrowding is occurring in the white schools. About 500 white children are graduating this year, and approximately 2,000 new first-graders will be coming into the system in September.

"That's a net gain of 1,500 students without taking migration into consideration," Mr. Wilson said.

CHANGES NOTED

He added that there is a "slight decrease in the ele-

mentary school Negro population and a slight increase in the Negro high schools."

Negro schools will be crowded in September, out they will get some relief later in the year. Approximately 20 classrooms will be added by alterations and additions at Torrence-Lytle, Sterling, J. H. Gunn, and Woodland.

Two white elementary schools, Cotswold and Tuckasee Road, are under con-

struction now. Cotswold is expected to be completed for the next school year and Tuckasee Road may be finished by Christmas.

NOT SUFFICIENT

Contrasts on another white elementary school, which will be located on Nations Ford Rd. will be let May 29. It should be completed in the next school year. A white elementary school off Albemarle Rd. is in the planning stage.

Even with the addition of these white schools to the county system, Mr. Wilson said that his office is "reasonably sure" that the children cannot be housed in 1957.

"It is entirely possible that this may be true in elementary grades," he said, "but we are positive it will be true on junior and senior high school level."

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Light Vote Predicted For Primary

By JULIAN SCHERER
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There was nothing left but calm on the political front today.

All that is left is the voting in one of the duller primary campaign seasons — on both county and state levels — in history.

Tomorrow only a moderate vote is expected here and in most sections of the state. It will climax an uneventful, colorless political activity — or inactivity.

Voters have 12 hours in which to vote, starting at 6:30 a.m. and ending at 6:30 p.m. And the weatherman promises good weather. It will be partly cloudy and warmer — and rain is not forecast.

The only ripple on the political waters locally was a much heralded division within the Democratic party. However, the disharmony barely had time to seep into the various races for local offices.

The only other spark of interest has been in the race for the Superior Court judgeship, 26th Judicial District, where Gov. Hodges' appointee, Hugh Campbell, faces Arthur Good man.

JUDGESHIP TALK

This campaign, which brought charges of "muddling" by Goodman, stirred some talk.

With only two of four incumbents in the race, there has been little fireworks in the bid for seats in the State House of Representatives. Reps. Jack Love and James B. Vogley seek reelection. Others in the race include Frank Sepp Jr., A. G. Brown, Ernest Hicks and Mahlen Chandler.

A behind-the-scenes attempt to cut the vote of Rep. Love is evident here following his conquest of the Democratic party three weeks ago. Otherwise, there has been little interest in this institution.

On the Mecklenburg County Commission slate, J. Herbert Garrison, Sam McIninch and John M. McEwen seek reelection. They have been challenged by William Bradford, Ernest K. Brown, Carl Estess Jr., Oscar Harris, Harry Hoover, Harry Milner and B. S. Sherrill. Four are to be elected to the commission.

George Houston challenges Sid V. McAden for the chairmanship of the county commission. Joseph Woodruff tries to unseat John Renfrow in the office of register of deeds.

Constable, Long Creek township — Robert Blythe and E. T. Reid. Constable, Mallard Creek township — Sherman Keith, W. M. Lindsey, Roy McCall.

Constable, Paw Creek township — Theron O. Bridges and J. W. Gaddy.

Constable, Steele Creek township — G. P. Freeman and C. Maben Sharpe.

SANATORIUM VOTE

Another important ballot is the special election ballot on which hangs the future of the Mecklenburg County Tuberculosis Sanatorium. Citizens will vote for or against the continuation of the



THIS MAN IS STANDING in a pool spaded by tens of thousands of people. Can you identify him? Check your answer, turn to the front page of the second section.

Memorial Hospital Grant Threatened

By EMERY WISTER
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Charlotte Memorial Hospital, which contained among its blessings a \$200,000 gift from the Ford Foundation last December, today is in danger of losing the grant.

Hospital Administrator R. Z. (Zach) Thomas Jr. said today that a "technicality" may cut the institution off from the funds.

Because the hospital was started as a project of the city, he said, it is listed as a city hospital. And the Ford Foundation does not make grants to hospitals which are related to government.

UNDER CONSIDERATION

In New York, a spokesman for the Ford Foundation said the Memorial Hospital grant was under consideration.

He said he did not know when decision would be reached on the matter, but that Mr. Thomas will be the first to know.

The Ford Foundation announced grants of 200 million dollars to voluntary, non-profit hospitals throughout the United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico last December.

Presbyterian Mercy, Good Samaritan and Carolina Spastics Hospitals were other institutions to which grants are made.

"We operate just as the other Charlotte hospitals," said Mr. Thomas, explaining that the mission of public service was the same. "But the other institutions were not affected by this technicality since they were not created in the same manner."

OPERATED BY BOARD

Memorial Hospital is operated by a board originally named by the Charlotte City Council and is self-perpetuating. The Catholic Sisters of Mercy operate Mercy Hospital, the Presbyterian Church operates Presbyterian and the Episcopal Church operates Good Samaritan. A non-profit lay board operates Spastics.

"The Ford Foundation knows we're not operated by the city," said Mr. Thomas. "But this technicality may cut us off from the money."

Memorial got the largest share of money originally allotted to Charlotte hospitals. Mercy was given \$149,700, Presbyterian \$152,300, Good Samaritan \$75,500 and Carolina Spastics \$163,300.

Today only Mercy and Spastics have received any of the money. Each institution has received a check for half the amount of the grant.

No Reason Given For Tragedy

LAKE WALES, Fla. (AP)—A woman described as a "model mother" killed her three daughters today, placed them carefully in their beds, then fired two pistol bullets into her own breast.

Mrs. Lorene Culbeck, in critical condition in a hospital, told Patrolman S. D. Betton that she killed her children, Shirley, 3, Pamela, 3, and Jan, 1. But doctors said she is not expected to live.

Police entered Mrs. Culbeck's trailer home at 1:30 a.m. and found the bodies of the children in their beds and the mother on the floor.

SUITCASE NOT FOUND

Mrs. Culbeck, who is in her late 20s, left a note to her husband, Mark Culbeck, of South Sea, Meade, Mich., telling him he would find her valuables and "a very important black Bible" in a suitcase under her bed. Police could not find a suitcase.

She did not explain her action to her husband.

Police chief Tom Petty said Mrs. Culbeck took the girls out in her car one at a time, stripped them except for their panties, killed them and brought the bodies back to the trailer.

She was shot four times, the others twice each.

"I did the shooting of the children by myself," Mrs. Culbeck said in a statement to Betton. "When he pressed her for an explanation, she cried, 'I don't want to talk about it any more!'"

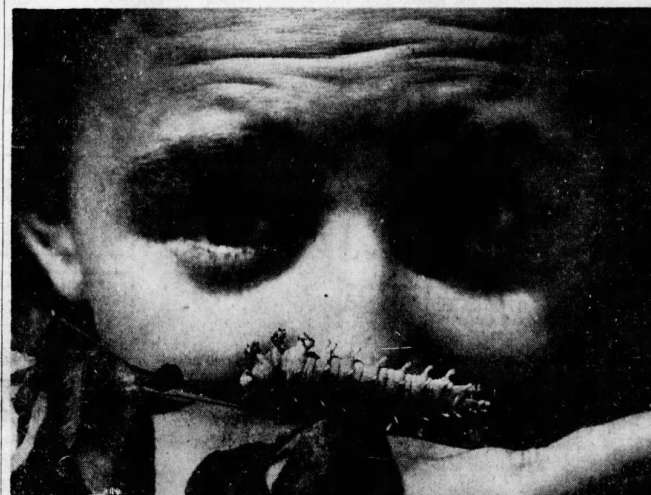
Neighbors in the trailer camp at the northern city limits of Lake Wales described Mrs. Culbeck as a "model mother" who devoted almost her entire time to care of her children.

Her trailer was a large late model and well furnished and neighbors said she apparently was "not in need of money."

She moved into the camp about three years ago and had lived there since except for a brief period last summer when she drove back to Michigan.

Neighbors said she corresponded regularly with her husband and when the children had birthdays they received gifts from their father.

Other Kills Three Tots, Shoots Herself



SHE'S JUST BUG-EYED over this little bug. This, in fact, is the zoo, of a lonely caterpillar. Yesterday dogs and elephants took over the headlines, but today it is a caterpillar who joins the zoo parade. First off, you ought to know that this young lady is Miss Johnnie Heyward of Charlotte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Heyward Jr. And the bug is crawling up her arm. As best we can make it out, here's the inside story of the lonely caterpillar. A Boston, Miss., television station sent 24 caterpillars here in April to hatch into moths. It was too cold for such doings in the Bean City, Well, hatch they did, living off of wild cherry leaves we have that Bostonians don't. Now they're scheduled for a television show called "Discovery" and will show the world just how nature works. All that is, except the youngsters. He likes it just fine at the Nature Museum and he's still here.

TOMORROW NOT THE DAY FOR WRITE-INS

Tomorrow is primary day, and it's time to repeat a warning.

If you know a man you think would do a better job than the candidates listed on the ballot, wait until the November general election to write his name in.

Don't write in any names on your ballot tomorrow. If you do, the ballot will be marked "defaced" and thrown out.

Don't write anything on the ballot. Write-ins are perfectly legal in November, but not in May.

London Stews Over Crazy, Mixed-Up Alphabet

It's Easy As A (For 'Orses), B (For Mutton), C (For Sane)

By HAL COOPER

LONDON (AP)—A severe skirmish is raging here over A for 'orses, B for mutton, G for chief of police, V for la France, X for breakfast (eggs for breakfast) and so on.

In the dizzy 30's Britons had all kinds of fun with it at cocktail parties and it even had a name of its own — the Surrealists' Alphabet.

It Died Quietly

In World War II it was taken up by bored British soldiers in signal units. Came the peace for cold war and it died a natural death.

So matters stood until, on a rainy day, The Times published an editorial spoofing the new international airline phonetic alphabet which goes A for alpha B for bravo, C for Charlie, etc.

The editorial writer thought the Surrealist version was much more amusing. In passing, he remarked that it was "evolved in the Western Desert by the signals squadron which served with the 22nd Armoured Brigade. A stream of disconcerting letters set in forthwith.

Reginald Bennett, a member of the House of Commons, said the alphabet was in fact "evolved" by the British comedy team of Flanagan and Allen in the early 1930's."

G. Newell Roberts of Exeter distinctly remembered it as the work of the American comedy team of Abbott and Costello in 1938.

Our Weather

Fair to partly cloudy with little change in temperature today and tonight. Sunday partly cloudy and warmer.

Low this morning — 54
Low tomorrow morning — 50
High yesterday — 73
High today — 77
High tomorrow — 83
Sunrise 5:13 a.m.; sunset 7:27 p.m.

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Spilled Virus Causes Furore

BALTIMORE (AP)—A container of five polio virus, apparently broken when an airport cargo handler dropped a crate, leaked out its contents in an airplane last night.

Some swift telephoning brought quick action to immunize all those endangered.

The plane was a Capital Air Lines DC4.

Reckless Driving Sentences Vary

By HARRY SHUFORD
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A reckless driving conviction in City Recorder's Court can bring a much stiffer sentence than the very same offense in County Court.

This conflict in interpretation of the Motor Vehicle laws in City and County Recorder's Courts was brought to light today.

If a driver is convicted of reckless driving in County Recorder's Court, Judge J. Ed Stukes said he is bound by the law to hold the maximum punishment to 60 days in prison and \$100 fine.

HARSHER VIEW

But on the same conviction in City Recorder's Court, Judge Basil Boyd holds that the law allows him to give the same maximum sentence as any other misdemeanor. It is generally accepted by courts in this state that a misdemeanor can be punished by up to two years in prison and/or \$1,000 fine.

On the face of it, either Judge Stukes or Judge Boyd is wrong and the other right.

But oddly enough, the Motor Vehicle Code appears to back up both judges.

The conflict arises from legislative action nine years ago. At that time the 1947 Legislature revised the punishment sections of the Motor Vehicle Code in this way:

"It did away with the \$500 and/or six months in prison punishment. In its place, it directed that violations of the code should be treated as misdemeanors.

Then, at the end of the list of various violations, it directed that any violation which did not have a specific punishment set out for it would carry a maximum of 60 days and/or \$100 fine. There was no specific punishment set out in the reckless driving section.

In light of this possible conflict in the law, Solicitor Ray Rankin in County Recorder's Court secured an opinion from the State Attorney General's office.

The opinion was that the 60 days and/or \$100 maximum was correct. But both Mr. Rankin and Judge Stukes said they know of no case in which that interpretation has been tested before the State Supreme Court.

SHORTEST NAME

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (AP)—The Air Force says it has enlisted a man with the shortest name of any recruit in Rhode Island. He is Gordon E. Ng, a naturalized Chinese.

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