

Lowered Night Speed Limit Urged

WOULD CUT DEATH RATE, WHITLEY SAYS

11 Of 17 Traffic Deaths This Year Occurred After Dark

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County Police Chief Joe D. Whitley today called for legislative action on a new "night speed law" to cut down the rising toll of after-dark traffic accidents.

Chief Whitley's "definite recommendation" came after a weekend that saw Mecklenburg County's traffic fatality rate for this year equal and pass the number of deaths in all of 1955. One after-dark collision on Wilkinson Blvd. Saturday injured five persons, two seriously.

"These people are just running too fast in the dangerous after-dark hours," Chief Whitley said. "In case after case high speed is found the real cause of these night accidents."

Several states do lower speed limits at night, Chief Whitley pointed out. In the Southeast, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee have lower night speed limits.

FIVE TO TEN
Chief Whitley said he feels that a night speed limit "five to 10 miles an hour lower" than the daylight limit would "definitely help cut the accident rate."

Backing up Chief Whitley's remarks is the grim fact that 11 of Mecklenburg County's 17 traffic fatalities this year happened at night. And seven of these 11 occurred when drivers lost control at high speed and ran off the road and crashed or overturned.

FIVE IN MARCH
In March alone, five persons were killed in after dark accidents. One was an early morning wreck on Wilkinson Blvd. brought death to three young men as their car overturned.

And a night accident also caused an 18th "unofficial" death in the county. On Jan. 29 a 32-year-old Charlotte man was killed when the car in which he was riding smashed through two barriers and dived into a ditch off Wilmont Rd.

Since the barriers had officially closed the road to traffic, the accident occurred off the county roads and did not make the county statistics.

Low Income Worries Told
NAGS HEAD — Governor Hodges declared today the "most unbelievable growth of our nation" has brought corresponding demands for increased governmental services and "mounting financial deficits each year."

He reviewed some of the problems caused by an increasingly complex society in an address before the State Postmasters Assn. "I have talked about these problems repeatedly in my appearances and speeches across the state and shall continue to deal with them as long as I am governor," he stated.

He declared in his prepared address, "I am very much concerned about the low per capita income of our people. Our small farmers need help, assistance and advice."

He must somehow provide small local industries, expanded native industries or new industries to supplement their (farmers) income and to provide a new mainstay on their land and yet benefit from an industrial payroll."

He said, "All of us are also deeply concerned about the many problems which have been raised by recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court concerning segregation in our public schools."

The governor asserted, "North Carolina is also striving valiantly to recover from tremendous damages suffered as a result of the recent four hurricanes..."

"Public education itself, without regard to the segregation problems, is a tremendous responsibility and takes an increasing amount of tax funds to operate our school system. We are faced with a continuing and increasing flood of public school students. And so it goes," he said, "not to mention roads, government reorganization, water, highway safety," and so forth.

18 BANK BREAKS HELP FINANCE TRIP

NORMAN, Okla. — A high school girl broke into 18 banks to help finance a trip to Europe this summer.

However, 14-year-old Jeanne McClure had every right to "crack" the banks since she had stuffed them with pennies, nickels and dimes during the past 12 years. She opened the piggy banks this week and counted out \$132.

She and her mother will leave soon for the European tour.

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Dr. T. N. Hamer's panting pup, Brandy, knew it was hot . . .

Dulles Says Red Behavior 'Encouraging'

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Dulles said today there are encouraging developments in Soviet behavior. But he said it is hard to judge yet whether the Russian regime will become more responsible to the people or revert to the "evils" of Stalinism.

Dulles told a news conference that what he called the evil fruits of Stalin's rule as reported in the famous Khrushchev speech, were the product of a "system of dictatorship."

"We can hope," Dulles said, "that Khrushchev's revelations will mark the beginning of a change away from that system of dictatorship which, I fear, may not be his purpose."

"The purpose may be merely to persuade the subject people that the present dictatorship is good, because it condemns the past dictatorship."

GREATER FREEDOM
Under questioning, Dulles said he regarded as probably true reports that the present regime is giving Soviet workers greater freedom to choose their jobs. He said he had talked this over two weeks ago with President George C. Marshall.

He said many thought there were favorable developments on this point.

Such things as this, Dulles said, are encouraging developments which indicate a growing demand in the Soviet Union for a government more responsive to the legitimate desires of the governed.

But at the moment, he said, it is hard to judge which way the Soviet regime will go.

SAME ATTITUDE
On other questions, Dulles said: There is no difference between himself and President Eisenhower on the question of United States policy toward neutrality.

In a news conference last week the president made comments which were widely interpreted as a defense of the rights of some nations to be neutrally later, the White House issued a clarifying statement. Dulles last week asserted that neutrality outside of "exceptional circumstances" is "immoral."

Dulles said he had talked with the President and that his and the President's views were the same—but he declined to explain how they are the same or to detail his discussions with the President.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy, continued rather hot, today, tonight and tomorrow, with a few widely scattered afternoon or evening thundershowers.

Low tomorrow morning 64
High tomorrow morning 88
Low today 66
High today 85
High yesterday 86
High tomorrow 85
Sunrise today 5:08 a.m.
Sunset today 7:33 p.m.

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... But cool cat Jerry Clifton found Freedom Park a refuge.

Hot Days An Indication

Another 1954 Shaping Up?

Charlotte may be heading into another summer season as scorching as that of 1954 when the city experienced 73 days of a possible 92 with temperatures of 90 degrees or higher.

Today the city sweated under its fifth straight day of 90-plus temperature readings. A sixth day of the same is forecast for tomorrow by the Weather Bureau.

At noon today the mercury had climbed to 91 degrees. Yesterday a 106 high of 96 degrees was recorded and the city's water department meters recorded 25,061,000 gallons of water pumped, highest daily pumpage recorded since June 30, 1954, when 27,838,000 gallons were pumped.

The peak pumping rate yesterday, in a 12-hour period from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., was reached at 3 p.m. Temperature at that time was 85 degrees. The high of 96 was recorded an hour later.

HOT, HOT, HOT
The torrid summer of 1954 produced 21 days in June, 20 in July and 24 in August with 90-plus temperatures, and one reading in June, three in July and four in August at 100 degrees or better. High in each month was June 103, July 102 and August 102.

Last year there were only eight June days with 90 degrees or better readings, 25 in July and 21 in August. No readings of 100 degrees came in any of the three months.

The current string of 90-plus days began Friday with a 90 reading, Saturday and Sunday showed 92. Monday hit the high of 96 and today has a predicted 95-degree tag. Tomorrow is expected to produce another 95.

RISKS AGAIN
The climb to yesterday's record-setting 96 for this year began at 5 p.m. with a 92 and the mercury fell all the way to 66 degrees before midnight.

Evening Prayer
O God, we pray that we may tarry in Thy presence until we receive power for our task. Teach us to be obedient to Thy will. Help us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord. Fill us with Thy Holy Spirit that with Thy power we may realize a new world in Christ's name. Amen.

Eisenhower Signs Papers, Is 'Feeling Fine'

'Staff Meeting' Lasts For Fifteen Minutes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower today signed three documents. And his press secretary said the chief executive is "feeling fine" on his fourth day after his intestinal operation.

This was the first time Eisenhower had signed an official paper since the emergency surgery Saturday. The President affixed his signatures while sitting up in a chair and holding the papers on his knee.

At the same time he received a report from his chief assistant, Sherman Adams, on this morning's bipartisan meeting at the White House on the foreign aid bill and asked Adams to talk personally all the senators who took part in the meeting.

REGULAR SESSION
Eisenhower held what amounted to a regular staff meeting. It lasted about 15 minutes. Besides Adams he conferred with Maj. Gen. Wilton B. Persons, his liaison man with Congress, and White House Staff Secretary Andrew J. Goodpaster.

The papers Eisenhower signed were: 1. An executive order approving a new design of the U. S. Army flag. One of the new flags, bearing the Army seal, will be presented to Secretary of the Army Brucker June 30.

2. The International Wheat Agreement for 1956. This became effective automatically unless the Senate disapproves it within 20 days.

3. Press Secretary James Hagerty told questions Eisenhower was wearing a silk maroon dressing gown but pajamas as he met with Adams and the other aides.

DOCUMENTS SHOWN
The documents were shown to lawmakers and the President's signature looked firm but perhaps slanted a little more to the right than usual.

"I think he feels very good," he described the documents signed today as routine in nature—about the same number as the President might normally sign in a morning at the White House.

Hagerty added in answer to a further question that Eisenhower does not yet have a telephone in the White House.

Hagerty's noon-day report followed a morning statement from the President's doctors that he passed his most critical night since the operation, his spirits are high and his morale good.

The 8:15 a.m. EDT medical bulletin was issued a few hours before Eisenhower, in Walter Reed Army Hospital, was to confer with his chief aide, Sherman Adams.

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WORMS WERE ON THE MENU for breakfast after Mary Munch of Decatur, Ill., found three baby robins in the back yard. That the breakfast was mighty appreciated is self-evident. (AP Wirephoto)

Bank President Kidnaped

Stocking-Masked Bandit Gets 65 Gs

SOUTHPORT, Ind. (AP) — A gunman masked with a stocking kidnaped a bank president and his wife from their home early today, held them in the Southport State Bank almost six hours, and escaped with about \$65,000 after the vault lock was released.

Six women employees reported for work while the robber was holding Mr. and Mrs. John A. Whalen and they were lined up together along one side of the bank by the revolver-waving gunman.

The robber escaped in Whalen's 1955 black Oldsmobile. The Whalens were accosted in their southeastern Indianapolis home about 2:30 a.m. Indianapolis is nine miles north of Southport.

The gunman, armed with a nickel-plated revolver, was described as 30 to 35 years old, 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighing about 150 pounds. He wore a brown coat over a black and white sport shirt.

State police sent planes into the air to look for the getaway car. All state police posts in central Indiana were alerted.

Whalen, 67, said the robber evidently broke into his home. He said the first he knew was a flashlight shining in his face.

The man forced the Whalens to dress and made them drive to the bank via back roads. "STEP INSIDE"

Whalen met the first employee to arrive, Mrs. Berina Riser, a teller, at the door and asked her to step into the vice president's office. The robber was waiting behind the door with his gun ready.

The five other employees arrived soon afterward and all were held quietly by the robber until the vault opened automatically at 9 a.m.

The robber looted the vault and handed the eight employees into it after handing \$50 in currency to the cashier, Mrs. Ruth Drake. "Open the bank with it," he said.

He discarded a \$2 bill and left his mask in a teller's cage. He carried the loot away in a white cloth bag. "The robber was not nervous and was softspoken," Whalen said.

The loot comprises with the \$96,000 taken from an Angola bank July 8, 1955, largest ever in an Indiana bank holdup. The Southport bank was last robbed on Feb. 26, 1926.

—What's Inside—
Water Those Parched Plants Or Lose 'Em, Warns Expert

PROPER WATERING means life or death to plants, points out News Garden Editor Cora Harris. Find out just when and for how long you should water those withering plants by reading her "Garden Timetable" column on page 4B.

BE IT CHARLOTTE OR CHICAGO people continue to be people. Writer Charles Kuralt explains this bit of double talk in his PEOPLE column on page 2B.

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