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## BOARD BACKS SMITH FOR SCHOOL JOB

### Incumbents Take Issue With Charges Of Opponent Hood

Four members of the Mecklenburg County School Board today endorsed incumbent, Mr. Mason Smith in his race against Dan Hood, and took exceptions to statements by Mr. Hood published in The News last week.

Board members concluded their lengthy statement with: "Our long service with Mr. Smith convinces us that we can work harmoniously and progressively with him."

The statement was signed by Chairman W. B. McClintock, Lucy Ranson, J. Murray Atkins and Fred A. Cochran.

#### SECOND IN PRIMARY

Mr. Smith was second in the three-man Democratic primary for the County School Board nomination. The runner-up was Mr. Hood, who polled 7,833 votes, and Mr. Smith, who received 5,971 votes, is Saturday.

The statement follows: "A recent news article in the local press with reference to the Democratic primary on Saturday, June 24, between Mr. A. Mason Smith, present member of the board who is seeking re-election, and Mr. Dan Hood, containing certain statements made by Mr. Hood or his supporters brings into question the record of the Board of Education of Mecklenburg County. Some of these statements or charges are of such a nature that the Board of Education feels that they should not go unanswered.

"The present Board of Education of Mecklenburg County is composed of the following men, all of whom have served on the board for some years: Mr. W. B. McClintock, Mr. J. Murray Atkins, Mr. J. Mason Smith, Mr. Lucy Ranson, and Mr. Fred A. Cochran. This group has been successful in working in complete harmony and feels that it has rendered acceptable and satisfactory service to the citizens and children of Mecklenburg County.

#### "RAPID GROWTH"

"We desire to point out that during this period of time Mecklenburg County has known its most rapid growth in population and its most rapid increase in the number of school pupils in the county. This tremendous growth has necessitated a large expansion in school facilities, which program has been carried on

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possible for the House to take up the compromise measure before next week. The House is to act first.

#### SENATE CUT

The House voted for \$14,200,000 of additional taxes over 16 years to help finance the big roadbuilding program. The Senate cut 30 millions from this figure by easing a special levy on heavy trucks.

The conferees arrived at the \$22,900,000,000 figure—lower than those used by either the House or the Senate—by limiting to three years the bill's application to primary, secondary (farm to market) and urban road programs. The Senate's 37 billion dollar program had projected these for five years. The House, in counting 51 1/2 billions, had estimated a 13-year program.

But the federal money available for these three systems would be increased over the present 700 millions a year.



DR. TRUMAN — Traditional hair at a jaunty angle, former President Harry S. Truman grins happily at Britain's famed Oxford University during ceremonies at which he received an honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law yesterday. (AP Wirephoto).

## 'Wonderful Thing' Conferees Okay Road Compromise

By JOE HALL

WASHINGTON — Senate House conferees on construction features of the highway bill today completed their work on the compromise \$22,900,000,000 measure.

A final session was given over to polishing the language as to decisions previously reached.

Sen. Chavez (D-N.M.), leading the Senate delegation, headed the measure "the greatest public works program in the history of the world."

"It will be a wonderful thing for our economy and it will bring untold benefits to the American people," he said.

Meanwhile, a second set of conferees to work to try to compromise differences between the two branches over tax features of the bill.

Agreement was not expected to be difficult to reach, but Rep. Fallon (D-Md.), heading the House conferees on construction features, said he believed it would be.

## Lehman Protests Snooping

WASHINGTON — Senators investigating air power policies decided today to apologize to Sen. Lehman (D-N.Y.) because two Defense Department security agents checked his office yesterday for possible electronic snooping devices.

The Defense Dept. said it also would apologize.

Even so, Lehman sent word to newsmen he planned to take the Senate floor later to protest "methods used" in the unusual security check.

Mrs. Mildred Akins, one of the Senator's office clerks, was started yesterday when a Capitol policeman and two Defense Dept. agents asked to check a room of the office containing files and a refrigerator.

In an adjoining room, Sen. Symington (D-Mo.) has been conducting closed-door secret testimony by top military officials in the investigation of air power by a Senate armed services subcommittee.

#### SENATOR OBJECTS

Lehman protested by telephone to Symington the invasion of his office privacy. Symington called in the security agents and the Capitol policeman for an unusual public hearing today.

Lehman, after taking the sworn testimony, suggested that the subcommittee apologize to Lehman with an explanation that the defense agents "were merely doing their job."

Sens. Saltonstall (R-Mass.) and Duff (R-Pa.) quickly agreed, and Mansfield (Sen. general counsel) for the Defense Dept. said that agency would do the same thing.

Adm. Arthur Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and his aides waited during the unusual testimony for a closed-door session at which they were to testify later.

"Of course every Senator wants to protect our national security and military secrets and is anxious to cooperate," Lehman told a reporter. "But I'm going to protest to the Senate against the methods used."

PHILADELPHIA — Medical science has developed a tiny microphone, smaller than a pin head, that is inserted into the heart so doctors can locate the exact spot and record the precise sound of the trouble.

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#### LIKE TELEPHONE

Dr. Lewis, 30-year-old assistant professor of physiology at Philadelphia's University of Pennsylvania and graduate hospitals, said the barium titanate when properly treated "has the capacity of converting sound energy into electrical energy."

He added that the sound thus converted while still inside the heart travels out through the catheter in much the same fashion that the human voice is able to travel telephone wires. The heart sounds are then tape-recorded and amplified.

Dr. Samuel Bellet, chief of the division of cardiology at Philadelphia General who has aided Dr. Lewis in his discovery, said "This is the first time we have been able to listen to the heart sounds direct."

#### USED ON SEVEN

"Always before we have had to listen with a stethoscope through the chest wall, the lungs and the heard muscle," he said.

Dr. Lewis has used the new instrument on seven patients, ranging in age from a four-year-old girl to a man of 59. It has been introduced only into the right side of the heart.

Dr. Lewis is trying to make the device even smaller so that it can be used in the left side of the heart.

## Apology Due Senator For Search Of Office

### Pop Not Hip To This Jive

## Cats Snatch Scratch; Pat Shakes Head

ATLANTA — A \$2,781 bank deposit robbery came about because an auto parts clerk was told to give talk, police said today.

Two teen-agers who snatched the money as the clerk headed into a branch bank were apprehended within minutes. One of them — a 16-year-old — still clutched \$103 of the loot. The remainder was found in a nearby bus area.

Detectives said the youths later told them it was "a snafu of the moment idea to snatch the money."

They said the clerk, R. G. "Pat" Patten, 36, wasn't updated on his jive.

Patten was being driven to the bank in a pickup truck by Bernard Sheppard, Negro.

As the truck passed the intersection on W. Peachtree St., one of them called out: "Hey, Cat, how about a lift?"

Patten said later "I thought they said 'Pat, how about a lift.' I figured if they knew there was no harm in giving them a lift."

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## Marilyn's Friend Testifies Never Under Reds, Playwright Claims

WASHINGTON — Playwright Arthur Miller told the House Committee on Un-American Activities today "I was never under Communist Party discipline."

"As for contributing to front groups I wouldn't deny that—I'm here to tell you the truth," Miller said.

Miller, whose name has been linked romantically with that of actress Marilyn Monroe, was questioned at length about his activities in 1947 when he received his first passport. The committee is inquiring into possible misuses of American passports to aid international Communism.

Miller said he does not recall most of the incidents about which he was questioned, but added: "I would not deny it."

"I would like to say I did sign a lot of things in those days," Miller said, but went on:

"At the present time I would not be doing it, that's all."

He said he did things in 1947 because "this suited the mood I was in." He said in those days he was not in an "investigating mood."

Miller also said "I would not now swear a cause dominated by Communists."

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## Youth Admits Two-Year-Old Rifle Killings

UPPER MERIBORO, Md. — A 16-year-old reform school inmate has confessed the year-long slaying and attempted slaying of two girls in a park near the University of Maryland. State's Attorney Blair N. Smith of Prince Georges County reported today.

Smith said the youth, committed to the Maryland Training School for boys several weeks ago for car theft, gave police investigators a detailed account of ambushing the girls in northwest branch park with a 22 caliber repeater rifle. The scene is a few miles outside Washington D. C.

Nancy Marie Shonette, 16, and Michael Ann Ryan, 14, were killed the morning of June 15, 1955, as they walked through suburban park to get Nancy's report card at North-western High School.

#### CHECKING STORY

"We are only checking out one or two inconsistencies before charging the boy, probably today," Smith said.

He did not name the youth, who first told his story to Claude F. Libbs, a supervisor at the training school. Smith quoted the youth as saying he did not know the girls.

Smith's announcement came 24 hours after Prince Georges County detectives, later joined by psychiatrists and state police, began questioning the slayer, a close-cropped blond youth.

#### GAVE STATEMENT

Smith said a 12-page statement received from the boy "indicated that he certainly had committed the crime." Smith said the boy gave police a reason for the killings, but the reported motive was not made public.

"If you put the whole statement together," Smith said, "you can put together some reason for the killing, but I am not going to delve into what his motive was. It is beyond me at this time."

Smith said the youth told police he threw the murder weapon into the Anacostia River. Godwin, who searched fruitfully for the rifle.



MILLER

#### Couple To Marry

WASHINGTON — Playwright Arthur Miller said today he is going to marry film star Marilyn Monroe before July 15.

Miller let the news out in talking with reporters at a short break in a hearing at which he was being questioned by the house committee on Un-American activities.

The 40-year-old playwright said he had been too busy recently to fix with Miss Monroe the exact date of their marriage, but "I hope to settle it all right soon."

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ROBINSON

## Precocious 'Little Dixie' Shows Old Dogs New Tricks

A CANINE COUNTERPART of a phenomenal baby appears today in Jack Kiser's outdoor column. Read of a floppy-footed pup that shows its heels to its elders in field form at the tender age of seven weeks. The point is held on Page 4B.

## Evening Prayer

Our Father, teach us to put the major emphasis upon those things which have survival value—God, Love, Faith, Beauty, Truth, Goodness, in Christ's name. Amen.

## Our Weather

Partly cloudy and warmer today, tonight and tomorrow. Few widely scattered showers or thundershowers this afternoon or evening.

Low this morning—63.  
Low tomorrow morning—69.  
High today—89.  
High yesterday—75.  
High tomorrow—88.  
Sunset today—5:08 a.m.; sunset today—7:41 p.m.

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## Actor's Son Jailed In Crash

WEST LOS ANGELES — Edward G. Robinson, 24, who was the stage and screen actor, was booked today on suspicion of drunk driving after a police said his sports car collided with four parked cars two blocks from his home.

Robinson was uninjured, officers reported, but attendants at Santa Monica Hospital said a passenger in his car, Martin Barth, 37, will lose the sight of his right eye.

Dr. John Gilmore said Barth's eye was injured "beyond repair." "It will have to come out," Dr. Gilmore added.

Police officers George Adams and Robert Sauter said Robinson's car apparently went out of control on a turn, careened off the parked cars and came to rest about a half block away.

Both Robinson and Barth were taken to Santa Monica Hospital where police said the actor's son flunked a sobriety test.

## Who Says Men Are Overworked?

By DICK BAYER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Are the chores of the home softening up "the average American male for a premature funeral?"

Charles, apparently don't think so. But ...

Mrs. Agnes Ferguson Murdoch, a 78-year-old mother of six, told newsmen this week in Levittown, Pa., that young wives are forcing their husbands to accept their deaths because of the strain of the housework.

Mrs. Murdoch added that the pity of the whole thing is that the modern trend by dish water and dust mop is doing things in the name of cooperation.

#### DIFFERENT HERE

The tide of opinion in some domestic circles seems to be falling against "Ma" Murdoch's theory. In Selwyn Village, a post-war subdivision that is the "old homeplace" for many young married couples, three wives and a husband defend the new-fangled way of doing things.

One red-haired wife, waiting for her husband by the front door, said, "My husband helps me around the house and I'm not ashamed of it."

Mrs. A. S. Blankenship Jr., 27, of 431 Wakefield Dr., heard on her squirming 13-month-old daughter Carol, "I'm sure my husband doesn't think helping me is slow death," she smiled.

She thought back over more than two years of married bliss and sighed "You know my husband never refuses to do anything for me, and it

## —CHARLOTTE PANEL DISAGREES—

Does give us more time together."

Another young wife apparently does not want to return to the days when men were men and women chopped the wood. Her first statement, "I can't complain."

## Finder Keeps 1,500 Bucks

WILSON — The case of the plumber who wanted to play finderskeepers with 180 hundred-dollar bills, found in a water heater was settled today for \$1,500.

A compromise settlement gave C. Louis Deans, 15, of the bills and also declared that his wife had hidden the money, and that she had not told him where it was. He said he knew the money was somewhere in the house. M. C. Godwin of Buckhorn kept the other 165.

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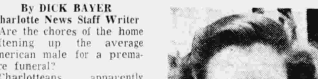
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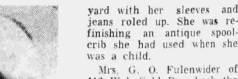
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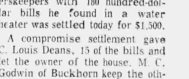
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