

# Judges To Get Tough With Speeders, Racers

## Ambitious Program Proposed Beware Of These Men Stiff Jail Sentences Promised By Jurists

**By JULIAN SCHEER**  
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Nearly \$2 million worth of higher education facilities here, including buildings for Charlotte and Carver Colleges, will be proposed in Raleigh today.

A group of Charlotte businessmen and educators will discuss with the State Board of Higher Education at 2 p.m. preliminary plans which call for permanent two-year white and Negro community college buildings and day-time instruction.

**ASK STATE HELP**

No plans have been formulated on how the program will be financed, but the group seeks some state aid in its proposals.

The preliminary discussions will be held today and the State Board is expected to take the matter under advisement. On July 18 the State Advisory Budget Commission will come here to take a closer look at local needs.

The group, headed by President Simeon Moody of the Chamber of Commerce, and J. Murray Atkins, chairman of the Charlotte College advisory board, will ask for a \$1,750,000, 24-classroom structure for Charlotte College and a \$600,000, 14-classroom structure for Carver College.

They seek facilities aimed at 700-850 full time junior college students for Charlotte College in two years and 450 Negro students at Carver.

**PLANS OUTLINED**

Charlotte College facilities, in the early stages of planning, would include a 20-acre square foot building for a 20-acre location, no site determined, at a cost of about \$200,000. The site is expected to cost \$80,000. Equipment and furniture will cost an estimated \$250,000.

The Charlotte College building would include 24 classrooms totaling 36,000 square feet. Administrative offices cover 900 square feet, a library 4,000 square feet, cafeteria and assembly facilities 5,000 square feet, electrical and machine shops 600 square feet, four science labs at 10,000 square feet and a 16,000 square foot gymnasium.

The Carver College building is expected to cost about \$600,000 and would include 36,000 square feet. Equipment and furniture is estimated at \$100,000, a location at \$50,000.

The structure would embrace 14 classrooms totaling 21,000 square feet, administrative offices of 3,000 square feet, a 4,000 square foot library, 2,000 square feet of shop and 5,000 square feet of science laboratories.

The colleges have no plans for dormitories.

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## Beware Of These Men



JUDGE BOYD JUDGE ARMSTRONG

## Stiff Jail Sentences Promised By Jurists

**By ANN SAWYER and DONALD MACDONALD**  
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Two judges lashed out here today at violators of motor vehicle laws, promising stiff sentences for hit and run drivers and drag racers.

Superior Court Judge Frank Armstrong and City Recorder's Court Judge Basil M. Boyd handed down strongly worded statements.

A warning that hit-and-run drivers brought before him will serve time on the roads was issued by Judge Armstrong.

"I had just sentenced a 17-year-old Charlotte youth to 6 months at a first offender's camp. "I don't know what in the world is going to happen if we don't do something about this mangling and slaughter on the highway," the jurist said.

**COMMENDS JURY**

"One way is for a jury to do what this jury has done. "I juries will forget about being lenient and convict, we will soon stop it."

Judge Armstrong called the death and injury toll "among the first three problems we've got not only in North Carolina—but throughout the nation."

Meanwhile, Judge Boyd interpreted City Court to tell a News reporter that "drag racers" on streets and public highways need strict little mercy in his court.

**EXPECT NO MERCY**

"I wish you would tell your readers," said Judge Boyd, "that anyone brought into this court for racing on the streets and highways of the City of Charlotte need not expect mercy from me."

"Why, such a thing as I've heard is going on in some streets in this city is murder—purely and simply. They could hit your car or my car, and we wouldn't have a chance."

Solicitor J. E. Bill Walker echoed Judge Boyd's remarks and said he would vigorously prosecute persons charged with racing on streets and highways.

The youngster who caused Judge Armstrong to lash out at traffic offenders, the hit-and-run driver in particular, was John R. Eilers, 3120 Boyd St.

**\$75 DAMAGE**

Evidence was that on May 14 the teen-ager, entering Wilkinson Blvd., struck another car, but did not stop. Damage to both vehicles was estimated at \$75.

A few days after the accident, the driver of the car which was struck by Eilers, spotted the youngster at a local drive-in restaurant. He followed him for several blocks, finally overtook him and asked if he were not the person who had struck his car.

Eilers admitted that he was and accompanied the driver to the police station.

In passing sentence on the youngster, Judge Boyd said:

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**"FORAGE FOR YOURSELF, DEER."** Jo Anne Phillips, 15 months, is savine in effect. She started out with two milk bottles to feed twin fawns born two weeks ago on the Stone-wall, Ga., wildlife preserve of her father, Joe Phillips. But now, Jo Anne has surrendered to her own appetite and is swigging milk from one bottle, leaving the deer to graze along as best they can with the other. (AP Wirephoto)

## Park Figures Reveal Big Surpluses In Recent Years

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hefty surpluses have been shown in recent years by the Park and Recreation Commission, a check by a News reporter of audit reports back to 1951 showed to day.

The reports show year-end cash surpluses as high as \$242,774 and as low as \$9,213.76.

Meanwhile, Marion Diehl, superintendent of the Park and Recreation Commission, said efforts are being made to arrange a meeting of the park board tomorrow morning in the wake of a controversy over a slash in park board tax funds.

The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. if the financial statement he is working on can be completed in time.

**AUDIT REPORTS**

Audit reports by James E. Bevis, certified public accountant, show year-end surpluses as follows:

June 30, 1955, \$242,774.38; June 30, 1954, \$178,531.27; June 30, 1953, \$72,589.84; June 30, 1952, \$9,213.76.

The audit statement for 1951 showed that there was a deficit of \$4,253.96 at June 30, 1951.

For June 30, 1950 there was also reported a deficit of \$287.35.

Mr. Diehl said that the park board members should be commended and not criticized in their handling of budget matters to take care of heavy obligations during the summer.

Any surplus registered at the June 30 fiscal year-end always helps to carry the heavy financial expenses of an extended summer recreation program for July and August, he said.

This is necessary because taxes do not start coming in for the new fiscal year until September, he said.

Mr. Diehl's financial statement is being prepared in an effort to counteract a city Council charge of "push fund" in the upcoming budget.

As the result of a financial statement prepared by City Treasurer L. L. Ledbetter and submitted to the Council Tuesday night, two cents was lopped off the eight cent recreation levy.

program is \$1,500 for 16 weeks, a total of \$72,000.

Then there is the \$9,200 monthly payroll for full time operations to be met for these four summer months, totaling \$36,800 making a total for the summer \$108,800, Mr. Diehl said.

Mr. Diehl also pointed out that the insurance money for the destroyed Army aviator's plane, plus \$17,000 of extra funds totaling \$26,000 and was placed in the bank on certificates of deposit last January.

These certificates matured monthly and the amount of each certificate was placed in the general fund to be available for payment of construction bills. Mr. Diehl said.

This insurance money helped to swell the cash balance reflected in Mr. Ledbetter's May 31 statement, the park superintendent said.

**BILLS DUE**

But the balance shown did not reflect any surplus money because of the new Park Center have not been paid, Mr. Diehl explained.

In addition to the regular bills for contractors and architects there will be additional expenses such as draperies, furniture and sandpaper that still have to be paid, he added.

What effect the reduction of two cents in the recreation levy will have on the city's recreation program, Mr. Diehl could not say today.

## Handcuffed Prisoner Plays Good Samaritan

**FAYETTEVILLE (AP)**—A handcuffed Negro prisoner rendered first aid to an injured deputy sheriff yesterday after their automobile crashed into a tree near here.

State Highway Patrolman E. C. Inman of Reardon said Cumberland Dep. Sheriff Claude A. Dees, about 50, was bringing the prisoner, James Burton, 21, of Hope Mills to Fayetteville when the accident occurred on Highway 15A between Fayetteville and Reardon, just inside the Hoke County line.

Inman said Dees attempted to pass a truck during a rainstorm and the car skidded off the highway and into the tree. Burton, unseated and handcuffed, covered Dees with a blanket and did what he could for him until help arrived. Dees suffered a fractured left thigh and left ankle. His condition was reported as satisfactory.

Burton, who had been picked up in Winston-Salem, was wanted in Fayetteville on charges of false pretenses, officers said.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation in Charlotte has interviewed a South Carolina minister who was allegedly kidnaped and terrorized on a cross-country automobile ride and has found "no apparent violation of a Federal law over which the FBI has jurisdiction."

Ray J. Abbaticchio Jr., special agent in charge of the "Charlotte office," said today that the Rev. Frederick D. Wheeler, 33, of Kellon, S. C., has been interviewed by agents from his office.

Mr. Wheeler returned home from New Orleans today and told of being kidnaped and held by three young men on a cross-country trip from a

fishing spot on Water Pond near Great Falls to New Orleans. He said he was held for a week before being let out of a car bearing Oklahoma license plates six miles from New Orleans.

**NO PLANS**

In Kellon today Sheriff Rochelle Boyle said he plans no further investigation of the Methodist ministers story.

The case is closed," the sheriff said.

The Nabs was unable to reach Mr. Wheeler in Kellon today.

In nearby Jonesville his sister-in-law, Mrs. Wilbur Adkins, said he was resting at home in Kellon.

## Hospital Board Okays Center Site

**By ELIZABETH BLAIR PRINCE**  
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The city's proposed \$600,000 health center will probably be built on Memorial Hospital grounds.

The hospital's board of commissioners today approved a development plan protected by the city to locate the center on Scott Ave. near the hospital's present entrance.

Under the master development plan, the center and its parking facilities will be at the center of the new entrance.

Yet to go for final approval of the center is the action by the Health Dept.'s site committee and formal action by the City Council.

A letter mailed today from the hospital board to Councilman James S. Smith, chairman of the site committee, said "the desired location as expressed by your representatives has been approved."

Conditions to approval by the hospital's board concern additional land and parking facilities.

Mr. Smith said, "We appreciate the fact that the Board of Commissioners has come to an agreement to cooperate with us."

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## Elvis Has His Defenders, And Not All Teen-Agers

**ST. VITUS DANCE** patron Elvis Presley now has his defenders in addition to his critics. Two who have something good to say for the song flogger are Burl Ives and Steve Allen. Their words are waiting on page 7A.

**HIS REAL NAME** is Ernest, but to hundreds of Carolinians, he's "Hollo Bill" Starr. Charles Kuralt explains why in his popular PEOPLE column on page 2B.

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**Man Kidnaped By Three Thieves**

**BERKELEY, Calif.** — The home of Charles Russell Rose, a wealthy stockbroker, was invaded today by three men who took all available cash, and then fled, taking Rose with them.

The trio drove up in a car, possibly stolen, and abandoned it, escaping in Rose's car. "The men who robbed us took my husband away," Mrs. Rose told police.

**Evening Prayer**

Our Father, which are in heaven, submit myself to Thee anon. Fear is sin; therefore, take away fear and make me unafraid, strong in the power of Thy love. Amen.

**Our Weather**

Partly cloudy and not so hot today and tonight. Friday fair and somewhat cooler.

Low this morning—64  
Low tomorrow morning—65  
High today—93  
High yesterday—86  
High tomorrow—87  
Sunrise today 5:10 a.m.; sunset today 7:42 p.m.

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## Steel Industry Starts Banking Big Furnaces

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The nation's steel industry began banking its furnaces today after major companies and the United Steelworkers of America rejected each other's proposals to delay a Saturday midnight strike of 630,000 workers.

Negotiations were not broken off when the flurry of compromise proposals failed last night. But with the deadline nearing, fires began going out in plants across the country.

Workers at U.S. Steel's Gary, Ind., works, largest in the world, and at Bethlehem's Sparrows Point plant in Maryland, the next largest, began slowing down coke ovens and were scheduled to begin banking blast furnaces late today.

And, unless a sudden settlement is reached, open-hearth fires will get their last sizzling sometimes before the end of Saturday.

**TALKS RESUME**

Similar coolings-off operations were reported at dozens of smaller plants.

Talks were expected to resume today. Both sides worked frantically last night to avert a shutdown and each blamed the other when the efforts ended in stalemate.

Twelve major companies began the exchange of compromise proposals by suggesting in a letter to Union President David J. McDonald that the strike be postponed indefinitely and negotiations continued after the contract expires at midnight Saturday.

The letter suggested that during the negotiating the union give 72 hours advance written notice of a strike any time after the deadline.

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## Acute Alcoholism Cause Of Death

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Dr. Milton Halpern, chief medical examiner, reported today that an autopsy disclosed acute alcoholism caused the death of Mrs. Angie Lee, 44, of 113 Forest Dale Dr. in Greensboro, N.C., at her home last Saturday.

Mrs. Lee and her husband Carl, were vacationing here. Police said she complained of feeling ill last night. A hotel physician found her suffering from hypertension and administered a sedative.

Friday Saturday her husband awoke and found her breathing faintly. A doctor pronounced her dead 30 minutes later.



**ANXIOUS EYES FOLLOW THE DERRY CARS** down the Hawthorne Lane Exit track. They belong to three little Peppers—Steve (left), Terry (center) and Fran. (See Story on Page 1-B)