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—TRUTH ABOUT PARKS—

# Where They Fall Short

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The City Council may get around to the park board situation tomorrow.

But the Council, in a go-slow attitude, appears inclined to let the commission try to get itself out of the current stew in which it finds itself.

Council members — those who have studied the matter carefully — have already discovered the situation is neither black nor white. There appears a gray line in between, a line which indicates many desirable and yet many undesirable aspects of the city's park program.

The News has studied the audits, examined the program, talked with officials, listened to arguments pro and con by park commission members and has studied the Allen Report, a recreation survey.

## Board Acts To Meet Some Needs

A conscientious park board did a little re-examination of its program and its future yesterday and decided to:

1. Study the Allen recreation report in light of its planned program and see what modifications could be taken to plan for the future. Specifically mentioned were parks and golf.
2. Decide whether one or more highly qualified workers should be brought into the program to assist in planning, since Supt. Diehl needs additional help.
3. Ask City Treasurer L. L. Ledbetter to take a more active part in planning the board's budget and in its financial affairs.
4. Select a liaison representative for with the planning board and school board.
5. Ask auditors to appear before the board once a year and explain audits.

is not a business man; and is burdened with too many minor duties.

Since 1949 and especially in more recent years—the commission has failed to do any serious thinking about the future.

A full investigation of the possibility of using indoor and outdoor school recreation facilities should be made.

Areas now outside the city should be represented in the thinking of the commission.

With an eye toward future planning and more efficient administration of the program, the need has grown for a top-flight parks director. This man would head the program and serve as a liaison agent between the commission and other agencies. He would have duties in his area similar to those of the city manager.

Diehl would be retained in virtually the same capacity he has now, with full responsibility for the day-by-day operation of the parks system.

2. Also badly needed is a metropolitan recreation commission.

# 'Vigorous' Campaign Seen

# HEAVY BATTLE IN 2ND TERM

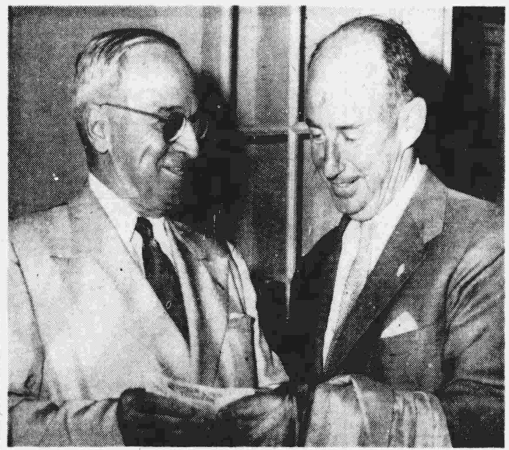
## How Local Politicos View News

Charlotte's political leaders received the news of President Eisenhower's decision to run again moments after it was released. Some heard it on radios, others grabbed early editions of The News. Several said their wives called them from home.

## Hodges Sees Decision As Boost For Nixon

Gov. Luther Hodges received the news and President Eisenhower would remain as the Republican presidential candidate a few minutes after the story broke this morning.

He said, "This time I am not surprised. It will help us tremendously. That's big time business. It takes a healthy man and



Truman, Stevenson: Not headline news. (AP)

## Truman Ho-Hums Announcement News 'Delights' Stevenson

CHICAGO (AP)—Adlai E. Stevenson, Democratic presidential candidacy aspirant, said today he is "delighted" Stevenson feels in good enough health to run again for the presidency.

Former President Harry S. Truman said with a smile that the disclosure Eisenhower is still a candidate for re-election "is not headline news to me."

In Albany, N. Y., Gov. Averell Harriman of New York commented: "Mr. Eisenhower announced last February that he was a candidate and I have assumed that his recent illness would not affect that decision."

Stevenson said in a statement, "The nation will benefit in the coming months from a searching and vigorous debate on our urgent problems."

Truman in Chicago for a luncheon of civic leaders and to accept a gift for the Truman Library at Independence, Mo., declined to discuss President Eisenhower's health during a news conference.

Asked if he believed President Eisenhower made up his own mind to seek a second term, Truman said: "Nobody can make that decision but the President himself. I know because I have had the experience."

Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) also an aspirant for the Democratic nomination, said: "I'm glad he feels well enough" but added: "I hope it's a decision he and Mrs. Eisenhower arrived at free of political pressures. By that I mean I hope he is not jeopardizing his health as a result of political pressures."

Gov. Averell Harriman of New York, another contender for the Democratic nomination, commented last February that he was a candidate and I have assumed that his recent illness would not affect that decision."

don't think he can be re-elected."

Other comment: Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala.): "What comment is there to make? He's been running all along."

Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.): "That's like Marx's announcing Christmas is coming."

## New Uproar Rises Over Health Center Location

By ANN SAWYER and ELIZABETH BLAIR PRINCE  
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County Commissioner Sam McNinch today predicted a split up of the City-County Health Dept. if the proposed Health Center is built at Memorial Hospital.

McNinch's stand met both favor and disfavor among his fellow commissioners.

But it immediately drew strong opposition from Councilman Herbert B. Baxter, a member of the committee that recommended Memorial at the site for the Health Center.

Commissioner McNinch said that if the project is carried out, it is his personal opinion that the County Commissioners will set up their own health department in the new building we intend to construct on E. 4th St.

"We will do this," he said, "because we feel that all units of government should be kept close to existing facilities which are more easily accessible to the public."

Building Committee, said his committee is "upset over the possibility that the new Health Center may be placed on property belonging to Memorial Hospital."

He added that it "had been our plan to include ample facilities in the proposed new county building" for the health departments.

"This department is the nearest thing we have to consolidation," Mr. McNinch said. "Dr. M. B. Bethel serves as the head of both departments, and there are other high-ranking joint personnel."

Mr. Baxter said the health center site committee had worked with the City Board of Health "in an effort to properly locate the Health Center to serve the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County."

GUIDED BY TRENDS  
"Those of us interested in the health of the community have been guided by state and national trends to locate the Health Center on hospital grounds in an effort to build a medical center."

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## Decision Told To GOP Brass

GETTYSBURG (AP) — President Eisenhower is going to run for a second term.

Republican Senate Leader Knowland disclosed this at a dramatic news conference on the Gettysburg College campus today.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty stood by nodding.

Knowland said the President told a meeting of Republican Congressional leaders he feels in better shape than he did when he made his Feb. 29 announcement that he would seek re-election.

"We are looking forward to a very vigorous and active campaign under his leadership," Knowland said. "Are you telling us," a reporter asked, "that the President is going to keep his hat in the ring?"

"PRECISELY THAT!"

"I'm telling you precisely that," Knowland replied. He added that Eisenhower "let no doubt in anyone's mind" that he will run again despite his June 9 intestinal operation.

Eisenhower himself appeared before reporters and photographers before and after an hour and seven-minute strategy session with the Capitol Hill leaders.

He looked a little pale and obviously had low weight. The rough-textured sport shirt he wore was loose around his neck. But his color was better and his step was firmer than when he left Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington a week ago last Saturday.

Knowland was asked whether Eisenhower's comments today as a "continuation" of his Feb. 29 announcement that he would accept renomination.

No. Knowland replied, "but no. Knowland also was asked whether Eisenhower had authorized him to make the statement about second term plans.

He knew we were going to meet the press afterward and he knew we always try to make frank reports."

Eisenhower's second major illness had touched off a new worldwide outbreak of political speculation on whether the President would stay in the race for a second term. The first big round of speculation.

Generated when Eisenhower suffered his heart attack in Denver Sept. 24, 1955—had subsided only three months earlier when the President announced he would seek another term.

During the three weeks the President spent in Walter Reed recuperating from his major abdominal operation he dropped not a single public hint as to what his political course would be as he neared the White House.

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## Kidnap Hoaxers Face Prison Term Threats

WESTBURY, N. Y. (AP)—A longshoreman and a sometime bartender face up to 25 years in prison if convicted of tormenting Mrs. Beatrice Weinberger with a false claim they held her kidnapped baby boy.

The two young men, both unemployed, were to be arraigned today in Ridgewood Felony Court.

The blue-eyed baby was snatched from his carriage in the parlor of the Weinberger home here last Wednesday.

Meanwhile, there was no trace of 3-week-old Peter Weinberger or any solid evidence he is still alive.

The FBI plans to enter the case into the Admiring Under the Lindbergh law, the FBI can move into a kidnapping case after seven days or longer if the victim has been transported across state lines.

Arrested were Robert F. Giebler, 27, longshoreman, Jackson Heights, Queens, and Gordon T. Rowell, 24, ex-bartender, Sunnyside, Queens. Both are married and Giebler has three children.

The two allegedly made four telephone calls to the Weinberger home Sunday night and early yesterday. They told Mrs. Weinberger she would find her infant son in a Queens church if she paid the \$5,000 ransom, police said.

Twice the 32-year-old mother took a 500-gram drive off from her home in desperate hope of embracing her baby again.

Officers found a pack of cigarettes in his pocket and asked the boy if he smoked. "Not much," he said.

## Our Weather

Partly cloudy this afternoon and evening becoming somewhat cooler tonight; Wednesday mostly sunny with little change in temperature.

- Low this morning . . . 67
- Low tomorrow morning . . . 65
- High today . . . 88
- High yesterday . . . 85
- High tomorrow . . . 85
- Sunrise today 5:16 a.m. —
- More weather data on page 2A

## Papa, Son Are Separated

GREENSBORO — A Gastonia man started serving a 30-day vagrancy sentence today after local police found he was using his 11-year-old son as "bait" to beg pennies.

Forty-nine-year-old John B. Walker was separated from his son Buck by officers Sunday night after, policemen said, they had spent two days hitch-hiking rides from Gastonia to Washington and begging food and lodging along the way.

Buck was being returned to Gastonia today by local authorities.

## Panhandler's Income Source Cut Off

He had only 85 cents in his pocket—most of it in pennies. Police said he had collected it on streets and in cafes with the plea that his son was hungry.

When officers asked the boy if the father had used him as "bait" in his panhandling, young Buck said, "Yes, sir, I guess so."

He said, however, that most people had bought him food rather than give the money to the father. He said he was "plumb full" of hotdogs and hamburgers.

## Evening Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, we acknowledge our failure to seek strength and guidance in The Quaker spirit this day that we may serve Thee more efficiently. Take the fullness of our souls away from us and let us be renewed in Christ's name. Amen.

## News Bubbles Stock Market

NEW YORK (AP) — Prices improved somewhat and trading stepped up in the stock market today immediately after the news that President Eisenhower would run for a second term.

## Eyes Of Sports World Focused On All-Star Game

—What's Inside—

THERE IS ONLY one story of note today in the sports world, and the sportsmen of The Charlotte News hit it with full artillery, including clever Billy Caldwell cartoon on Page 6B.

ACCORDING TO a column visitor today, there is a growing shortage of date women in the West. The column belongs to Emery Wister, his visitor is Bob Wagner, and they converse on Page 9A.

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