

NEWS LEAKS ANYWAY—

School Bill Talks Veiled In Secrecy

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While Piedmont area and Mecklenburg lawmakers were studying handy little maps showing a route to H. Cloyd Philpott's country cabin near Lexington, Gov. Luther Hodges today was getting his lumps over a shroud of secrecy concerning meetings with state legislators.

How Closed Meetings Were Called

Lawmakers from 32 central North Carolina counties have been invited to a closed meeting at the High Rock Lake home of Rep. Cloyd Philpott near Lexington tomorrow.

They will discuss, without interference from non-legislators, bills to be introduced in the special session of the General Assembly.

Here's how the legislators were informed:

PEARSCALL LETTER

On July 3, 1956, Thomas J. Pearsall, chairman of the N. C. Advisory Committee on Education, wrote to legislators in the area: "We have been working for the past several weeks on suggested legislative bills implementing our April 5, 1956 Report. These bills were prepared in an endeavor to give each member of the General Assembly a beginning point for considering proper legislation for the special session called for July 23."

HOW CLOSED

"Now that we have completed a tentative draft of these bills, we are desirous of obtaining your suggestions and comments. Thus, we have set up four regional meetings across the state and are inviting every member of the legislature to attend. The Governor and the Attorney General along with most of the members of our Committee will also be present at these meetings. Enclosed is a list of the counties from which we have invited the representatives of the General Assembly to this meeting."

"On Thursday, July 12, 1956, the third meeting will be held at Cloyd Philpott's lake home as per enclosed diagram. Cloyd Philpott's home. We will begin at 4:00 p.m. sharp and hope to conclude with a little food about 6:30. We will appreciate your advising on closed card whether you will be attending."

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Council Denies Request For R-2 Funeral Homes

The furor raised over a proposal which would amend the zoning ordinance to allow funeral homes to operate in residential zones quickly cooled today as Mayor Phil Van Every announced the City Council's decision to deny the request.

Loud applause greeted the mayor's announcement, which came at the opening of the 11 a. m. session of the council.

The Council then voted unanimously to deny the request with members of the audience again applauding.

ELQUENT SPEECH
Laughter greeted an announcement by attorney Paul Whitlock who told the Council, "I was here to make a vigorous and eloquent speech on this matter, but I guess it isn't necessary."

Councilman Herman Brown pointed out that individual funeral homes operators can bring petitions to the Planning Board for zoning changes to permit operation in residential areas.

"Each case will be decided on its individual merits," said Mr. Brown.

REVENUE CHANGED
Mr. Brown pointed out that zoning designations are constantly being changed. "We expect one day that all of Independence Blvd. will be zoned for business," he said, "and other sections are constantly changing."

A question brought by the manager of the Charlotte Laundry about his water bill caused some confusion among council members.

Mrs. Benoit pointed out that several laundries are affected by what she calls "a new policy" by the Water Dept.

The council decided to study his complaint and report on it at the next session.

Court Seizes Entire Train To Satisfy Debt Of \$202.50

HULL, Que. (AP)—The wealthy Canadian Pacific Railway had owed Raymond Foucault \$202.50 for five weeks and Foucault was tired of waiting. So he had the Ottawa-Maniwaki train — one locomotive, one tender, one baggage car and two passenger cars — seized and ordered sold for auction.

The railroad paid up in 24 hours.



Taylor Listens Intently As Jury Is Picked.

Health Building Council Approves Site For Center

By DICK YOUNG
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Formal approval of the location of the proposed \$600,000 Health Center on the grounds of Charlotte Memorial Hospital was given by the City Council today.

Recommendation of the council committee on the health center as submitted by Councilman James S. Smith was accepted.

And the council's approving action came in the wake of published criticism of the hospital ground location by County Commissioner Sam McMinch.

Mr. McMinch has maintained that the county health department should be withdrawn from the city health building if the health facilities are not included in the building project contemplated by the county commissioners on E. 4th St. at the rear of the Court house.

This complaint was ignored as councilmen readily accepted the proposal for locating the new Health Center on the entrance road of Scott Ave.

By approving the recommendations the council accepted certain conditions outlined by the hospital authority.

However it was specified that the hospital requested road on the north and east, extending from Scott Ave. to Brunswick Ave., would be constructed by the city if and when such a road was deemed necessary by the city traffic engineer.

Young Marine Is Found Shot

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (AP)—Pvt. Sidney G. Zwiagenbaum, a 20-year-old Marine recruit who had been worried about qualifying on the rifle range, was found shot to death here early today.

Deput authorities said a preliminary investigation indicated suicide.

The senior drill instructor of Zwiagenbaum's platoon, Staff Sgt. William T. McNeil, said the youth "had not done well during preliminary fire" and was "apprehensive and worried about his prospects of qualifying on the rifle range" today.

Zwiagenbaum had been shot through the head. His body was found slumped in his barracks bed.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zwiagenbaum of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

It Plays Tune Southern Style, Made In Japan

BALTIMORE (AP)—A western key unlocked a small, minor eastern mystery yesterday, and north and south got into the story, too.

Mrs. Jean Steg, 23, brought the Japanese lacquerware box to northern police station here yesterday. A lacchumi had been unable to open the wedding anniversary gift from her husband, Airman 1C Richard J. Steg, in Manila. It seems the key was inside.

Lieut. Frank Schmidt had a key handy—for handcuts. This western device unlocked the musical box, which then played a southern tune.—O Susanna

Evening Prayer

Our Father, help us this day to be thankful for Thy many blessings and appreciate the things that we may enjoy.

—I am willing to put forth the effort. May we be truly grateful for life and the possibilities it affords, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rolling Cartwheels Corralled In Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—There were plenty of offers to help two deliveries when they dropped a box they were carrying.

The bag, destined for a downtown bank, contained 1,000 silver dollars.

The dollars scattered across the sidewalk and into a gutter. A bank official said most of them were recovered.

Puts Ticket On Own Car, Must Face Wife

PROVO, Utah (AP)—A police officer who gave his wife a parking ticket asked someone not to use his name because "things at home never hit me to be loud enough as it is." The officer said he spotted his car next to a time-spent meter. His wife had driven downtown to shop.

Charlie Adams Co., Roofing, Ph. FR 6-6365, Home ED 3-8823. adv.

Taylor Trial Near Climax

Witnesses Tell How Parker Died

Accounts Of Slaying Stories Conflict On Blacklisting

By ANN SAWYER
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Conflicting accounts of what happened at the Merila Grill parking lot the morning Thomas Taylor shot T. A. Parker were given today by two eyewitnesses.

The conflicting testimony centered around one question: Did the two men struggle over the combination rifle-shotgun before Parker was killed?

Miss Rena Johnson, state witness, said Taylor and Parker were never closer than eight or 10 feet.

"DID NOT SCUFFLE"
"I could see everything," she said under cross-examination. "They did not scuffle over the gun."

A defense witness, who was "discovered" by Taylor's attorneys during the last hours of a January trial, told the white all male jury from Lincoln County:

"These two fellows came scuffling across the parking lot," Mrs. Eva Gowen, 432 Seigle Ave., said that both men, who were in front of her car, had their hands on the gun.

City Police Officer P. R. Burgess said he had talked with Mrs. Gowen, Mrs. Louise Derocher, 225 Baldwin Ave., and D. L. Knotts, a Yellow Cab driver, who were together in Mrs. Gowen's car at the W. Trade St. grill lot.

Officer Burgess said he had information they could give him, but that all three said they did not see anything.

"NEW" WITNESSES
Both Mrs. Gowen and Mrs. Derocher were called "new" witnesses by the defense immediately after Taylor in January was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 30 years in prison.

The Supreme Court granted the 34-year-old construction worker and father of two a new trial because of questions and comments by Judge J. C. Rudisill.

The State rested its case at 11 a. m. today after hearing testimony from six witnesses.

After a 15-minute recess defense attorneys T. O. Stennett and Marvin H. Ritch called 13 witnesses to be sworn. Mrs. Gowen was the first to take the stand.

STATE WITNESSES
State witnesses included Dr. W. M. Summerville, county coroner, who said Parker died from a "gunshot wound in the chest"; Mrs. J. C. Hipp, operator of a Rozzelle's Perry Rd. general store, who said she sold Taylor "around six" 410 shotgun shells Jan. 2, the day before the shooting; Miss Johnson, 402 Belmont Ave.; Mrs. Barbara Kendrick, 426 E. 18th St., a passenger in the car with Miss Johnson and two soldiers; Officers Burgess and M. C. Hullett.

"Miss Johnson said that she saw Taylor emerge from the trunk of the Taylor Ford and shoot Parker as he got out of the front seat of the Taylor car.

After shooting Parker, she said she saw Taylor get into the trunk of the Taylor car.

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Stories Conflict On Blacklisting

WASHINGTON (AP)—Arnold Forster, general counsel of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, told the House committee on Un-American Activities today "it is a dreadful thing" for the entertainment industry to blacklist performers accused of Communist associations without giving them a hearing.

"If this committee can come to a solution of this problem, it would be a tremendous thing," he said.

Forster testified under oath in the committee's investigation of a two-volume report on blacklisting published by he fund for the Republic.

Forster took vigorous exception to a statement by Chairman Walter D. Pate that no such thing as a "blacklist" exists, and that the Fund for the Republic report "isn't worth the paper it's written on."

Forster said there may be no formal list, but "I think there is such a thing as blacklisting."

He said it is blacklisting when there is "denial of employment for a man on grounds other than merit without first giving him an opportunity to be heard."

Forster said if the fund's report does nothing more than bring the problem into public discussion, "it would do a great public service."

"In this point Walter said he agreed with Forster.

Forster testified in connection with his identification by John Cogley, editor of the fund blacklisting report, as an otherwise unnamed "public relations expert" who had been able to clear accused performers by contacting "the right people."

Forster did not deny he had given a fund researcher extensive views on the subject, but testified "my concern with the quoted material is that it is far from complete."

"CLEARANCE MEN"
The report, on the basis of information given by Forster and others, had concluded that there were "clearance men" who could get accused performers off the blacklist.

Forster said he could recall "probably eight people" the Anti-Defamation League tried to help.

Kidnaping Probe Entered By FBI

WESTBURY, N.Y. (AP)—Powerful FBI forces tackle the baffling case of kidnaped Peter Weinberger today.

Under federal law the FBI had to hold off officially for seven days after the kidnaping. Government agents could have moved into the case earlier if they had evidence the victim was spirited across state borders. After seven days the law presumes such a crossing.

One week ago a bold kidnaper snatched the tiny boy from his carriage in the patio of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Weinberger's home here. Weinberger, 46, is a well-to-do wholesale drug salesman.

The kidnaper grabbed the 5-week-old child in the middle of the afternoon and in full view of five other houses in this fashionable Long Island community.

He left a neatly penciled note demanding \$2,000 ransom. Later a man believed to be the kidnaper telephoned the family and raised the demand to \$5,000.

Police have found no trace of kidnaper or child. There is no way of knowing whether the infant is still alive. He needed a special formula of milk and a vitamin compound to survive.

Meanwhile, cranks and crackpots have called the heartbroken mother and tormented her with reports that they have the child or know where he is. All such reports have proved false so far.

—What's Inside—

After 47 Years, Dallas Still Not Reconciled

DE-HARD DALLAS folks still have something to say. For they still talk of 1909 and the election that cost them the county seat. Read of ancient Gaston County troubles on Page 8A.

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The Estoril, 7,355 gross tons, of Panama, was en route to Baltimore. Originally she was scheduled to go to Philadelphia, but was diverted because of the steel strike.

The Coast Guard Cutter Casco, 117 miles away when the SOS was picked up, arrived at the scene at 9 a. m. She reported to Coast Guard headquarters in New York that the Marezella said she needed no assistance, and was headed for Halifax, N. S., under her own power.

The cutter said the Marezella declined to give any information as to the number of either ship's crew. No mention was made of any damage to the Italian ship.

A Coast Guard flying boat from Salem, Mass., also reached the crash scene and reported it had "no visual sight of the Dea Marezella, but could see her on radar," indicating log still was thick in the vicinity.

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