

27-Day Steel Strike Comes To End



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Contract Terms Not Announced

NEW YORK (P)—A settlement of the 27-day nationwide steel strike was announced today but a formal end to the strike will not come until sometime early next week. David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers of America, announced at a news conference the settlement had been reached. John A. Stephens, chief industry negotiator, sat beside him nodding agreement.

McDonald said that it will take "several days," however, before individual contracts with the steel companies can be completed and signed.

He said a return to work of the 60,000 striking steelworkers must wait until the signing of those contracts.

No terms of the settlement were announced.

There have been uncontradicted reports for the past three days that the settlement embraces a three-year contract with approximately a seven-cent hourly increase spread over that period.

McDONALD STATEMENT

McDonald announced the settlement with the following brief statement:

"The eight negotiators on behalf of the United Steelworkers of America and the 12 basic steel companies at noon today reached a basis of settlement.

"Each individual company and the union negotiating group will now meet for the purpose of completing labor contracts. This will necessarily take several days."

"At the conclusion of the labor contracts the strike will terminate.

"This basis of settlement must be ratified by the international wage policy committee before it is a settlement as such. We intend to work day and night to conclude all the necessary documents."

Man Turns Policeman's Gun On Self

AUGUSTA, Ga. (P)—A 24-year-old New Yorker arrested on a minor traffic charge early today held a dagger to a policeman, then seized the officer's gun and shot himself to death.

The man, tentatively identified as Richard Ferris Smith of Waterbury, N. Y., died instantly of a pistol wound in the head after crying, "I've been waiting a long time for this," policeman R. G. Morgan reported.

Morgan gave this account of the arrest and shooting:

He arrested Smith for driving in a reckless manner and after Smith had challenged another motorist to race in the business section. They started to the police station in Morgan's car and Smith drew a long knife which had been overlooked in a routine search. He then took the officer's pistol.

Morgan asked for the return of the gun and quoted Smith as asking if he'd be shot if he did, adding "you've got plenty of reason to do so." Smith pointed the gun out indicating he would surrender it but suddenly turned it against his head and fired.

NOT NEEDLE BUT ANIMALS IN HAYSTACK

HARRODSBURG, Ky. (P)—It may not have been as difficult as finding a needle in a haystack but it took Owen Terhune too long to find his two cows in a straw stack.

The animals disappeared Sunday. They apparently pushed their way into the center of the stack and were unable to free themselves.

By the time Terhune found them yesterday, one had suffocated.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and rather hot through Saturday, widely scattered afternoon and evening thunder showers.

Low this morning..... 70
Low tomorrow morning..... 70
High today..... 85
High tomorrow..... 86
High yesterday..... 85
Sunset today 7:37 a.m.; sunrise today 7:30 p.m.

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Select FOREMOST Milk Products at your favorite store.—Adv.



Speaker Moore dozes as legislators drone on...



...And page Billy Taylor finds it dull, too.

In Bed 32 Months, Boy Keeps Chin Up

LEBANON, Conn. (P)—For the first time in 32 months, 61-year-old Alton M. Browning Jr. found no hospital walls around him when he awoke today.

He spent all that time recuperating from burns which cost him both his legs.

The plucky youngster, whose father said "he never lost courage," returned yesterday to the family's farm home.

He gets about in a wheelchair, but doctors say he can be fitted with artificial limbs in about a year. His legs were amputated below the knees.

BEFORE CHRISTMAS

It was two days before Christmas, 1933, that Alton, oldest of four children, was working in a

chicken coop on his father's farm. He dropped a kerosene lantern near a pile of hay. The fierce fire that followed burned 45 per cent of his body.

After two and a half years in William and Hartford hospitals, he spent two months at the Newton Home and Hospital for Crippled Children. He'll continue to make weekly visits there for physical therapy.

Alton hopes to return to Lebanon High School in September. If he can't, he will study with private tutors while he was during convalescence.

His medical expenses came to more than \$35,000. Various agencies and individuals helped the family meet the cost.

Natural Gas Makes Impact As Fuel For Carolinas

—What's Inside—
STRIKE A MATCH to gas and there's likely to be a "boom." The reverse is true in the Carolinas where a boom is needed to promote natural gas, illuminating evidence of the situation is available on Page 3B under the byline of J. A. Davl.

FOR PEOPLE ONE wouldn't want to touch with a 10-foot pole, there is a 15-footer available next month when strong backs pick up a king-sized tomato stake in athletic competition. Read of tossing the cork and other odd events on Page 2B.

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Hodges' School Plan Sails Through Senate

Proposals Now Up To NC Voters

By JULIAN SCHEER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

RALEIGH—Tar Heels got their answer to the Supreme Court's school desegregation decision today as the heralded Pearsall plan approved the last of eight bills sailed through the State Senate.

At 11:59 a.m., the upper house approved the last of eight bills making up Governor Hodges' school legislative program. The floor of Representatives had passed the bills just 12 hours before.

Passage in the Senate was quick and smooth despite a long and impassioned plea by the dean of Senate orators, Sen. John Kerr of Warren, who tried to stir up support for an interposition resolution instead of the milder resolution of protest recommended by Thomas Pearsall's Committee.

ADJOURNMENT DUE

After disposing of a couple of minor school bills—which are not given much of a chance—the first special session of the Legislature in 19 years is expected to adjourn this afternoon.

Making up the Pearsall plan are the following measures:

(1) A Constitutional amendment calling for a local option plan whereby schools may be closed in "intolerable" situations by a majority vote of the residents of a local school unit, and for education expense grants for children who wish to go to private schools rather than attend integrated schools.

(2) A bill setting an election for Sept. 8 so that the public may vote on the Constitutional amendment.

(3) A bill setting up the machinery for making education expense grants.

(4) A bill setting up the machinery for the local option plan.

(5) Changes in the compulsory school attendance act.

(6) A bill allocating of expense grant money.

(7) A bill making changes in the 1955 school assignment law.

(8) A joint resolution of protest against the U. S. Supreme Court's segregation decision.

The Pearsall Plan was beset at several points during the 5-day session by counter-proposals from conservative members of the House and Senate, but it was a

NOT SPRAYED RECENTLY
But this morning both the City and the U. S. Post Control Office here said the Freedom Park area has not been sprayed recently.

The fish are still dying. Yesterday's hundreds became today's thousands.

Two small boys, Joe Evans and Billy Bane of nearby Lockhart Dr., led forays into the lake to bring out the fish.

The boys brought the first victims out yesterday. Armed with nets they waded into the lake and brought out enough to fill a 25-gallon oil drum.

"This morning the lake surface was literally dotted with fish, and the boys organized brigades

of volunteers who waded out with nets bagging.

By noon time there was enough fish to fill several drums.

Mr. Barnett said he does not think the chemical will kill all the fish and that it will not be necessary to restock the lake at this time.

He recalled a similar occurrence of late July 1951. Chemicals seeped into the lake and killed all the fish.

"We never did discover the cause," said Mr. McDonald. "Not for certain. But we think spraying chemicals got into the water."

At that time some of the lake ducks also died. Mr. Barnett thinks they may have succumbed from eating too many poisoned fish.

So far this year no ducks have died. Several were observed bathing at dead fish yesterday, but did not consume them.

OXYGEN LACK?

Mr. Barnett theorized that the chemical may have destroyed oxygen in the lake as many fish were observed popping to the surface as though trying to get air.

But, again, what was the chemical? Was it DDT? The State Department of Conservation sprays lakes and bodies of water without killing fish. What then was the chemical and who sprayed it?

E. F. Warner, who heads the Government's Pest Control Branch here, said that although Freedom Park is under quarantine for the white fringed beetle no spraying has been done there nor anywhere else in the city limits this year.

Tom Bivens of the City's Health Dept. said city spraying crews have not been near this area.

However, individual residents of the nearby area complained they had sprayed a chemical on the plants and some of that substance could have been carried to Dairy Branch by recent heavy rain.

It's Dairy Branch, and not Sugar Creek as many think, which brings water to the lake. The branch feeds into nearby Sugar Creek, but the creek does not empty into the branch.

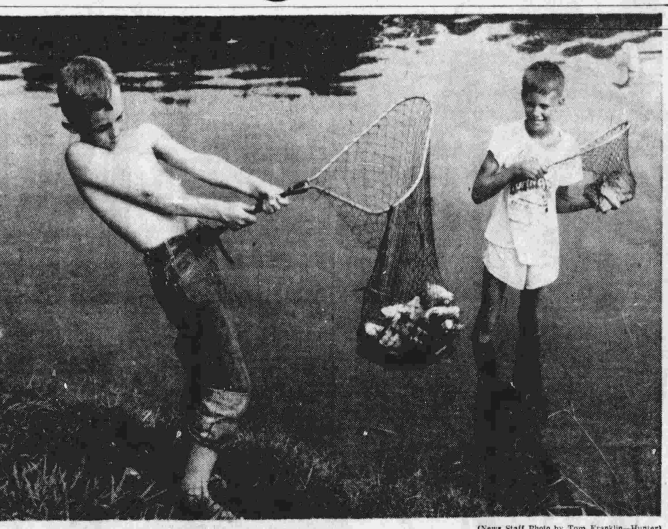
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Numerous small dead fish were noted in the branch waters yesterday, indicating that the chemical may have indeed been in the stream waters.

First reports of the death of the fish came yesterday afternoon about 2:30.

One of the most unfortunate aspects of the mass killing of the fish is that it has ended a summer sport for many small boys who enjoyed fishing in the lake.

For not all the fish that died were of minnow size. Some of 16 and 18 inches floated to the surface yesterday and today—Bass, crappie, bream and even here and there a catfish.



Joe Evans (left) and Billy Bane bring out dead fish from Freedom Park Lake.

Mystery Scourge Killing Park Fish By Thousands

3 Investigations Set On Collision

By EMERY WISTER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Fish are dying by the thousands in Freedom Park Lake, and what is killing them is a mystery.

There's little doubt that a chemical which has filtered into the lake waters is responsible. But how did it get there? And what type of chemical is it?

Quick to arrive on the scene after the first lifeless fish floated to the lake surface yesterday afternoon, Park Engineer R. L. (Monk) Barnett said a chemical is the killer and that DDT spraying of the area is probably responsible.

Planing probes were the Swedish and Italian consulates of New York.

In addition, the House Merchant Marine Committee announced it would ask the Coast Guard to make its own study.

APPROPRIATE?

Rep. Herbert C. Bonner (D-NC), chairman of the House committee, said the Coast Guard

probe was appropriate because so many Americans were passengers on the vessels.

Perhaps the foremost point in the man-made mystery was:

How could two such ships—each equipped with the finest navigational equipment including radar—fail to detect each other's presence in time?

But there were other great puzzles, too.

Was the Andrea Doria or The Stockholm off course?

Responsible officers of the two ships and their companies shed no immediate light on any of these matters.

UNOFFICIAL THEORIES

There were some unofficial theories on the accident.

Dr. David Atlas, director of the

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Hodges-Pearsall Backers Plan 'Win Election' Drive

By JULIAN SCHEER

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RALEIGH—On the day of a solid victory for the Hodges-Pearsall school proposals, more and more talk is going on in the inner circles of the Capital today on plans for an all-out campaign to win the special election in September.

When the bills clear the General Assembly, they'll be contingent upon a vote by the people for a constitutional amendment for a constitutional amendment.

No secret that the governor feels a first class, hard hitting campaign is a must. Talk is still in the preliminary stages, but some plans are being formulated.

NO NAME YET

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FIVE WEEKS

There will be only about five weeks of campaign time and

stiff opposition is forecasted.

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