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WITH THE TEMPERATURE in the 90s, Kansas City patrolman John Davis pauses to wipe the perspiration from his head beside a sign that says "No Parking Until Snow Is Removed." For want of a better warning, these signs, normally used in winter, were pressed into service along a street the city is resurfacing. (AP Wirephoto)

## Expert Takes Look At Jimmy's Rocket

By CHARLES KURALT  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The U. S. Army sent a Nike guided missile expert to look at 17-year-old Jimmy Blackmon's home-made rocket this afternoon.

Major G. L. Loring of the Charlotte Ordnance Missile Plant was asked to examine the rocket and to report his findings to the office of the Chief of Ordnance in Washington.

When his report is in, the Army will decide whether to fire the missile for Jimmy at a military base.

IN A HIZZY

The Charlotte youngster's six-foot piece of handwork sent the government in circles be-

fore the Army came through with its request to Maj. Loring.

As Jimmy sat at home looking over clippings of Associated Press stories and pictures of himself that broke into newspapers from coast to coast today, here's what went on.

The Pentagon in Washington referred the knotty question of where to shoot the youngster's rocket to Third Army Headquarters at Ft. Monmouth, N.J.

"We don't know anything about rockets," Third Army said. "We're calling Redstone Arsenal at Huntsville, Ala."

At Redstone, where the Army's research and development branch is located, offi-

### Sudden Awakening

## Hospital Entrance To Be Blocked By Health Center

By DICK YOUNG  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

City officials woke up with a start today when it dawned on them that the proposed \$600,000 Health Center will block Memorial

road.

And that raised a new puzzle in the long drawn out efforts to get a site for the health facility.

The Memorial Hospital authority recently agreed to donate the land lying in front of the hospital as the site but it was not until today that some city officials realized that the proposed building would be square in the middle of the entrance way.

**COUNCIL PROBLEM**

Site of the proposed health building, for months buffeted by divergent criticism, is scheduled for another "going over" at next Wednesday's session of the City Council.

Councilman James S. Smith, chairman of the council's special committee on the health center site, said the matter would be discussed then.

But Mr. Smith said the discussion will be centered on the wording of the conditions for a new entrance road and the necessity for a change in this wording as requested by hospital officials.

**WANT NEW STREET**

Because the proposed location will cut off the present entrance leading from South Ave. to the street of the hospital, the hospital is seeking an official commitment from the city to construct another street.

This proposed road would lead from the intersection at Romany Rd., Scott Ave. and Kenilworth Ave. up the hill to the northeast part of the hospital's front drive.

Feasibility of the location of this road was questioned because of the steep grade.

The proposed location has been questioned "by some of the voters" from an esthetic standpoint, and because the view from the front of the hospital would be cut off.

Mr. Smith said.

But it was explained that in the long range plan for development of the hospital's facilities, the present front entrance will be the rear, with the future front on the east side looking toward Kings Dr.

**CONDITIONS FIXED**

The Hospital Authority agreed to provide the front entrance site upon certain conditions, chief of which is a commitment from the city to construct a new entrance road.

When the council accepted this site, it was set for the road would be built if and when the traffic engineer found it was needed.

This is the wording objected to by hospital officials.

"Now that the realization has dawned upon municipal officials that the building will block the present entrance, the necessity for another road becomes evident," one municipal source said.

The new road will have to be built before any work is done on the health building.

## 'Farm Bandits Grab 30 Grand

WINAMCA, Ind. — Three men wearing overalls, straw hats and bandanna masks robbed the Peoples State Bank of Francesville of about \$30,000 today.

Three employees were forced to lie on the floor while the robbers escaped in a late model, light blue Cadillac believed carrying stolen license plates.

Bank President Ernest M. Thornhellen estimated the loss. He was not in the bank at the time of the robbery.

Cashier Roy Osburn, 35, and two women employees, Miss Carol Carrigan, 41, and Mrs. Lucille Clouse, found themselves looking into the muzzles of a shotgun and a pistol at 10:30 a.m.

The gunmen, clad like musical comedy farmers, quietly told the employees to lie down while they cleaned out the cash in the cages. Then Osburn was forced to get up and show where money was kept in the vault.

Francesville is in northwest Indiana.

# Board Deciding Fate Of 'Death March'



Gen. Puller charging toward witness stand. (AP)

## Recruit Says New Training 'Easier'

An 18-year-old Charlotte Marine who recently finished recruit training at Parris Island, S. C., said today recruits have "had it easy" since six were drowned in a night march in April.

Charles A. Chidester, son of Mr. and Mrs. David R. Chidester, 414 Norris Ave., said he didn't take a single night march during his 12 weeks at Parris Island.

He entered the Marines April 22, two weeks after Sgt. Matthew McKeon's platoon made its tragic trip into Ribicon Creek's tidal waters.

"I don't know what it was like before," he told The News today, "but we were told training was lots rougher before."

## Final Scene In Historic Case Begins

By BEM PRICE

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. — The fate of Marine S. Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon was submitted to a court-martial of six Marines and a Navy doctor at 12:37 p.m. today.

The trial of the 21-year-old former drill instructor, which has attracted nationwide attention, neared a close in its 19th day.

McKeon's fate will be decided in the closely guarded classroom of the white frame grammar school at this training center.

**SEVEN STARS**

In its course, the trial made Marine history when seven stars worth of general came to the defense of the four-stripe sergeant.

One general was the commandant of the island, Maj. F. Pace. The other was a crusty Marine hero, Lt. Gen. Lewis B. (Chesty) Puller, who was called out of retirement.

McKeon was charged with involuntary manslaughter, oppression of recruits and drinking on duty and in the presence of a recruit. If convicted on all counts, he could receive a maximum sentence of six years at hard labor and a dishonorable discharge.

The charges stemmed from a night disciplinary march, led by McKeon, of 74 recruits into the tide-swept Ribicon Creek marsh here April 8, where six drowned.

The trial judge, Navy Capt. Irving A. Klein of New York City, instructed the panel on points of law this morning.

### SHORT SUMMATIONS

The final summations were brief, requiring only 41 minutes.

Maj. Charles B. Sevier of Jacksonville, Ill., prosecutor, held that McKeon was "just mad" when he led the recruits into the water.

Defense attorney, Emile Zala Bernan of New York City argued that the tragedy was the "result of panic and not lawlessness."

In making his plea for acquittal, Bernan also contended McKeon would never have been brought to trial had it not been for the high places—yes, even the halls of Congress—and mistakes in handling this matter.

**OUTRY NOTED**

The thin, balding, hawk-nosed attorney referred to the outcry in Congress immediately after the April 8 tragedy for an investigation of Marine training methods and the statement by Gen. Randolph McCall Pate, Marine commandant, that the Marine Corps itself was at fault.

Both the defense and prosecution arguments required only 41 minutes.

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## Queen Declares Emergency In Touchy Suez Situation

LONDON — Queen Elizabeth II tonight declared a state of "great emergency" in Britain in a proclamation calling some army reservists to the colors for possible use in the Suez Canal crisis.

U.S. Secretary of State Dulles, British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau wound up a five-day Suez conference last night with a communique inviting 24 nations — including Egypt and Russia — to work out an international system for control of the great waterway.

Announcing this today, the White House said Dulles will be introduced for his 15-minute talk starting at 7 p.m. EDT, by President Eisenhower.

The Dulles address will be carried live by the CBS and ABC television networks. NBC will film and record the talk for TV use at 7:30 p.m. EDT.

all nations "can effectively enjoy the use of an international waterway upon which the economy, commerce and security of much of the world depends."

**NO REACTION**

There was no immediate official reaction from Moscow to the Big Three proposal. Moscow radio broadcast the Western declaration without comment.

But a spokesman for the Western diplomats said the conference would be held whether or not Egypt and Russia attend. A high source who sat in on the talks said no decision was reached on what action to take if the Russians or the Egyptians refused to go along with the international body expected to emerge from the talks.

## He Gets A 'Pardon', But It Isn't Put In Writing

STILLWATER, Minn. (AP) — An inmate reporter for the Mirror, Stillwater Prison weekly, wrote of Gov. Orville Freeman's recent tour of the state penitentiary and of his brief interview with the governor.

He said he bumped the governor's elbow as they left the interview room.

"Pardon me," the reporter said.

"Certainly," replied the governor.

"But," added the inmate reporter, "we couldn't get it into writing."

## Fayetteville's Bandit Caught

FAYETTEVILLE — An Army corporal who admitted to Police Chief L. F. Worrell that he was Fayetteville's "Boulevard Bandit" was arrested last night.

Worrell said Cpl. Lawrence W. Stone, 24, a member of the 307th Airborne Medical Battalion at nearby Ft. Bragg, admitted 10 robberies during the past year. Police figure the loot totaled \$4,288.

The "Boulevard Bandit" is so-called because of a series of robberies concentrated in the area of Bragg Boulevard between here and the Army post, has held up eating places, theaters and other businesses.

Army authorities made up a composite picture of the bandit from descriptions given by victims. Copies of this picture, along with a description of his car, were circulated widely.

Stone was arrested in his automobile near a grocery by State Highway Patrolman D. T. Averett.

He lived at Spring Lake, near Ft. Bragg, with his wife and 6-month-old child.

Worrell said Stone told him that after he held up the Fayetteville city limits this week, taking \$118, he decided that was his last job. Stone told Worrell he threw away his weapon, a 9-mm. Belgian automatic pistol.

He is a native of Miami, Fla.

## Play Begins Cure Famed TV Drunk In Thirsty Shape

DUBLIN — Brendan Behan, the Irish playwright who scandalized Britain by being plastered on television, said today he has gone on the water wagon.

Among other reasons, he declared, he wants to see a performance of his hit play, "The Quare Fellow," now running in London.

"I have been to it," said Behan, "but I really haven't seen it yet. The next time I go I want to be cold sober."

Behan, who is 33 and weighs 235 pounds, spent eight years of his youth in British prisons for terrorist activity with the illegal Irish Republican Army. He said he also has averaged two bottles of whiskey—or the alcoholic equivalent—daily for the past decade. He is now in a hospital taking the cure.

"I am trying to get rid of a hangover to end all hangovers," the rumpied giant told a reporter. Gingerly raising a glass of milk from his bedside table, Behan regarded it with horror, shuddered, and added:

"The doctors tell me I must cut out serious drinking. Man, it's desperate. I might as well not live."

He said he hasn't touched a drop in six days.

## CLEO PLANS GOVERNOR'S RACE IN '60

HOLLYWOOD — Actress Cleo Moore, 27, says she is thinking of running for governor of her native Louisiana in 1960 and becoming "a political Florence Nightingale."

"Any great politician has to be a great actor," she said.

If she's elected, she said she will seek more rights for women. "But all my right-hand men will be women," she added.

## Treasury To Borrow Three Billion Dollars

WASHINGTON — The Treasury today announced plans to borrow three billion dollars this month to tide it over the period of lean tax collection from now until next spring.

## Special Assembly Session Summed Up For Readers

—What's Inside—

A CONCISE GUIDE to package the events and actions of North Carolina's special legislative assembly has been prepared by Julian Scheer. It's important reading on Page 6A.

**DON'T SHAKE** your head at the antics of entertainer Elvis Presley. His appearance may do the country a lot of good. See our view of columnist Hal Boyle, who writes today on Page 7A.

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## Evening Prayer

O God, our Father, we come asking for cleansing from sin. Fulfill in us the promise, Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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