

Cars 'Whiz' Through School Crossing

By CHARLES KURALT
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The cars are still whizzing down Old Sardis Rd. over the crosswalk where hundreds of children must walk to get to the new Cotswold school.

Two "School Crossing" signs are up, with little "35 m.p.h." signs under them.

The crosswalk has been painted on the highway—but it is on the crest of a hill and drivers can't see it from more than 30 feet away.

Few drivers hurrying to work this morning slowed down for the school crossing signs or even

so much as glanced at the crosswalk.

It took a U. S. Marine, a county patrolman and an embattled mother named Mrs. C. A. Jolley to stop them when there were children crossing the road.

Mrs. Jolley, her red battle flag in her hand, stood at the corner all morning shaking her finger at speeding motorists.

"I look at that sign," she said, "I know him. He didn't even look at the sign. He's not going any 35 miles an hour."

LOSING BATTLE

Mrs. Jolley is the school's

safety chairman. For the two weeks since school opened, she has been fighting a losing battle to make the crosswalk safe.

The County Police, who can spare a maximum of 12 men to oversee over 37 schools and 21,000 students, send a patrolman to the crosswalk whenever possible. Patrolman Hal L. Thompson.

The Charlotte Marine Reserve Center has promised to send a Marine to the spot for another week or so.

But what then?

Mrs. Jolley has called the County Board of Commissioners and the school board, the state highway

department, the County Police—everybody she can think of.

WANTS STOPLIGHT

"What I want," she said today, "is a stoplight. The highway people say that's out of the question. They won't even give us a big sign. They won't even paint 'SCHOOL' on the road. The city does it, but the state doesn't. They won't even paint the crosswalk yellow instead of white!"

"It's a dangerous spot, all right," Patrolman Thompson said. He motioned to a car to slow down.

"You might," he suggested,

"stand out here with a saved-off shotgun in the crook of your arm."

Mrs. Jolley would not be above it. She has a second grader and a fifth grader in school, and the safety of every Cotswold youngster is on her conscience.

"Well, a Richmond lady just passing through read about this in The News," she said, "and she called me up. She said they took their children out of school until the crossings were safe. Boy, I bet that would work."

"Somebody else suggested we get some mothers out here and just stand in a line across the street every morning."

The Cotswold problem is complicated by the school's split shifts. Youngsters use the walk from 7:45 a.m. until 6:30 a.m., and then from noon almost steadily until 4 p.m.

State highway officials have argued that if they spend money on the Cotswold crossing, they will have to do it for every crossing in the county.

"That's probably what they ought to do," Mrs. Jolley said. "I don't know what their rules are, but I do know we're going to make this school crossing safe."

Nobody who ever heard her say that would bet against it.



Patrolman Thompson and Mrs. Jolley at the Crossing.

Charlotte

By JULIAN SCHERER

Close-Up

Monday meanderings—

And there's the story of the Methodist preacher—a foreign delegate to the last meeting—at Lake Junaluska last week.

The gentlemen sought a men's room. He started following signs. Turned down one hall, sign pointed to MEN'S ROOM. The gentlemen turned back, sign pointed to MEN'S ROOM. Went down long hall, sign pointed to MEN'S ROOM. Finally turned last corner, faced a door. On it was written: BOARD OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Postscript: Noted two weeks ago that a local woman was supposed to have a baby early in June—doctor said June 8.

Happy to report it's here, doing fine, etc. Little people lost sleep over that note, it seems.

Really Ready: Charles Short of Guilford P. I. is really ready to go. Charlie was going to go to Iceland with J. A. Jones earlier in the year but the trip was cancelled because of a red tape ruckus.

Charlie was prepared for the weather. He purchased long winter underwear, shirts and pants a size larger to go over it, sweaters even larger to go over that, a parka even larger to go over all of that and to top it off a raincoat still larger to go over the parka. And all of this fitted on a 200-pound frame.

But the trip was called off.

Which leads Charlie to this comment: "If it gets down below zero in Charlotte this winter, I'll be the best dressed man in town!"

Wise Words: You can always tell when a man is enjoying himself at a party by watching his wife—Jack Air News.

Dilemma: Three workers who had been thrown into an East German prison were comparing notes.

"Why are you in jail?" the first one asked.

"For sabotage," he was five minutes late at the factory. And you?"

"I am under suspicion of espionage. I arrived five minutes early."

"And I am here," said the third one, "because I was punctual. They concluded that I must have brought my watch in West Germany."—C.D.

Westinghouse Chief Visits

Gaillyn A. Price, president of the Westinghouse Electric Corp. was in the city today.

Mr. Price, who, associates said came to Charlotte for "purely social reasons," flew here yesterday in a Westinghouse plane and returned to company headquarters in Pittsburgh in mid-morning.

While here Mr. Price conferred with Westinghouse Carolina District manager John A. Hill and other company officials. He was also host of breakfast at the Barringer Hotel.

The Country Parson

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"It seems like every time we have a job for the men of our church we time it so it hits right in the middle of old J.B.'s busy season."

County Heads Agree Stenotypist Need

Classifications Director Will Send Out Call

By ANN SAWYER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Employment of a superior court reporter almost reached the showdown stage today in a long and heated session before County Commissioners.

"I talked with the commissioners voting 3 to 1 to lay the situation in the lap of job Classification Director Robert Lee.

The conflict is this:

Mrs. E. D. Blair, in charge of court reporters for Mecklenburg, wants to employ an experienced, well-trained stenotypist who take verbatim testimony for \$500 a month.

Mr. Lee objects to the proposed pay and says it will make Mecklenburg the highest in the state.

Mr. Lee proposed that the job vacancy be "can get good results."

Two weeks ago Mrs. Blair told commissioners that the matter would have to be in Mr. Lee's hands since she could not hire a qualified reporter at the job classification pay scale.

Commissioners told them that she is "curious to know why Mr. Lee has not gotten one."

OTHER COUNTIES

Figures from other counties were quoted by Mr. Lee to show that Mecklenburg would be out of line if it paid the salary recommended by Mrs. Blair. He said the Forsyth county pays reporters \$480 a month and has 51 court reporters. Guilford has 36 to 40 weeks of court and the pay is \$425, he said.

During a year, Mecklenburg will have about 90 weeks of civil and criminal superior court, not including the new Small Claims Division.

Talking to commissioners about the situation, Mrs. Blair said, "I know what we need. Mr. Lee does not. The state salary scale does not meet the need."

To Mr. Lee's contention that he could get experienced reporters for lower pay, Mrs. Blair told them, "Go ahead and get them."

ATTORNEYS PRESENT

Several attorneys attended today's meeting, and Joe Grier Jr., president of the 20th Judicial District Bar, pointed out the importance of having a verbatim reporter.

He said that a lawsuit can die in the hands of a stenotypist.

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Castleman Named Head Of U. A. Public Service

Samuel T. Castleman, vice president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., has been designated chairman of the United Appeal's Public Service Division.

P. M. Bealer Jr., vice chairman, and Stanford R. Brookshire, campaign chairman, made the announcement of his appointment.

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CHILD'S CASE FOUND TO BE NOT POLIO

Scratch off one of Mecklenburg's polio cases.

Dr. M. B. Bethel, city-county health officer, announced today that the illness of Virginia Vernon Lindley, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lindley, 501 Fenton Pl., which had been reported to the Health Dept. Friday as polio, has been determined as not infantile paralysis.

The erasure of this case reduces to one the number of cases of polio this season in Charlotte. Four other cases have been reported so far this year in Mecklenburg County beyond the city limits.

GRADY SIGNS—All kinds—South's Pioneer News. Since '77—adv.

He has served in the United Appeal previously as co-chairman of the Public Service Division of the City Club and Trinity Presbyterian Church, he, Mrs. Castleman and their four children reside at 2525 Sharon Rd.

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Becomes A Bread Winner

By HELEN PARKS
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A young Rumanian escapee, struggling with his English, today joined the ranks of Charlotte breadwinners.

This was Nikolai Munteanu's first day at his job in America. He is an electrician.

Back at 2, 522 Royal Court, his wife, Helena, was having a mutually hard time with her English, and their three-year-old daughter, Isabella, was practicing her first English words, "Hello and goodbye."

One-year-old Gabrielle was exploring their new apartment with the strange appliances and furniture.

Eight years ago today, Nikolai had no home, family or job.

He was sitting in a Rumanian jail, accused of anti-Communist activities.

GOT CAUGHT

He plotted and executed his escape via Yugoslavia, was arrested at the border and imprisoned for two more years.

His second attempt at escape worked. Nikolai walked for 18 consecutive nights until he was over the mountainous border to freedom.

He took up his trade as an electrician, and soon married. Then his biggest chance came.

Through the joint efforts of Church World Service and the Woman's Service of Christian Service at First Methodist Church, the family sailed for America on a ship chartered by the 28th Annual governmental Committee for

European Migration.

The apartment was furnished and waiting for them—with food in the refrigerator—when they arrived last week, courtesy of the local church group.

The First Methodist WSCS will aid the family until Nikolai is settled in his job and his wife and children are part of the community.

Then they'll be on their own, and eventually the Munteanus will be just another Charlotte family.

I Remember Terry Joins Vets Authority

Announcement of the appointment of Clyde Terry as a member of the Veterans Recreation and College of Greensboro.

A representative of the college will be to discuss Lytle High School in Huntersville tomorrow at 7 p.m. to attend the classes. Further information may be obtained by calling FR47-3863 in Charlotte.

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Improvement Plans Speeded At Air Terminal

Work Will Cost 1-2 Million Dollars

Plans for half a million dollars worth of improvements to runways and taxiways at Charlotte's Municipal Airport were stepped up today.

Planned improvements include:

- Rebuilding 600 feet of the prevailing runway with CAA cooperation, \$120,000.
- Resurfacing of 3,000 feet of the main runway by the Air National Guard, \$240,000.
- Construction of a new taxiway by the Air National Guard, \$240,000.

L. P. Bobo, assistant city engineer, went to Atlanta last week and there received approval of the CAA district office for rebuilding a portion of the main runway.

Of the \$120,000 cost of this part of the project, the Charlotte city government will bear one-half and the CAA the other half.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Bobo, Al Quinn, airport manager, and Col. W. J. Payne, local Air National Guard commander, were in conference last week with Air National Guard officials regarding the local improvements. At that time they were informed that bids had already been taken for the resurfacing of the 3,000 feet of the main runway and that the City of Charlotte was the lowbidder.

Official Air National Guard approval was also given to the proposal to build a new taxiway extending the recently completed taxiway to the Air National Guard hangar at the airport.

The new taxiway will be approximately 1,800 feet long and will be 75 feet wide. Bids on both concrete and asphalt construction will be taken.

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Judge Takes Away License Of Bondsman

Professional bondsmen are allowed to charge ten per cent of the amount of any bond they put up to get a person out of jail while awaiting trial. They are allowed to charge a minimum of two dollars.

In the two cases in which Wednesday was found guilty, he was accused of charging \$7.50 on each of two \$30 bonds.

Weddingman was following the usual bondman's practice of charging \$7.50. Bell said most professional bondsmen charge a minimum of \$7.50.

Bell said Wednesday did not know the minimum charge was five dollars.

Judge Stokes ruled out ignorance of the law as an excuse in finding Weddingman guilty in both cases.

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Boxscore

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Messenger OF FALL HAS COOL WORDS

A messenger of fall, riding on the cool, fresh air of the northwind, sent glad tidings to the Carolinas today even as summer planned another assault on the parched, dry states.

The summer show, including a possible spectacular display of an evening thunderstorm, was scheduled for today and tonight. But tomorrow should be cooler.

It may be as much as 11 degrees cooler here. A 92 degree top today, and 86 tomorrow is forecast. Today's low of 64 will be bettered by an expected 65 in the morning, however.

But for the rest of the week, cooler weather is in prospect. The Weather Bureau says temperatures should average from two to five degrees below normal.

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'NATURE BOY' PLAYS TARZAN WITHOUT EVEN A FIG LEAF

County Police had a suspect tree this weekend. But the suspect escaped in a fast flight.

Officers Abernethy and Hall hurried out to the Salisbury Rd. area Sunday to investigate mysterious goings-on in a tree. Edward Weddington, professional bondsman, was sitting high up in a tree. What's more, he was in the process of getting a very complete suntan—free had no clothes on.

But the tree man spotted the police car, quickly swung to the ground and grabbed his clothes.

When last seen by officers the rman, half dressed and half dressing, was racing across a field.

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Traffic Toll

Weekend injuries 7
Injured this year 69
Fatalities this year 18